



THE SOUTH LONDON MAGIC SOCIETY



April 2014 - The AGM





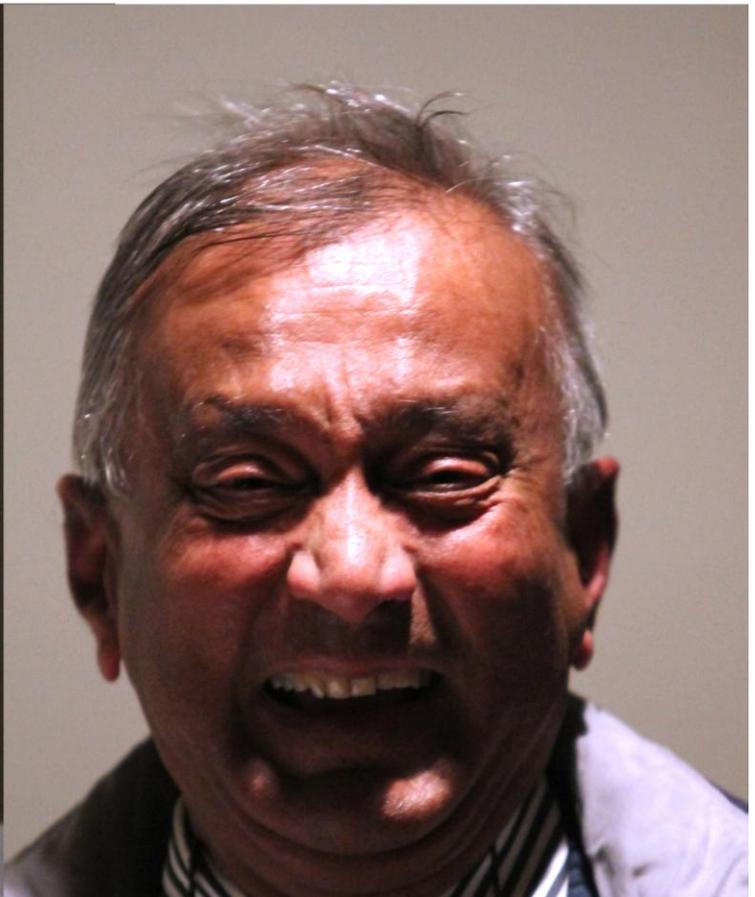
Election of Committee

Mike resigned as President and Gary as Treasurer

**Gary agreed to stand as President and was proposed by Chippy and seconded by Mike.
Sarah agreed to serve as Treasurer.**

Stuart Saunders agreed to continue as Secretary.

**Lay members of the committee will be Kevin, Mark ,
Michael Pearce and Michael Pearce.**



The April meeting was the AGM which was very poorly attended. We only just managed to be quorate. Stuart Sanders read us his notes of the minutes from last years meeting. These mentioned the change of venue and day both of which have happened and the new constitution which Stuart is still working on. In April last year we had 34 members on the books. The date for Subs was changed to the 1st of February and a fine of £5 was introduced for late payment. Thanks had been given to Stuart Kelly for his work on the website and to Mark and Sarah for the Newsletter and photos. Ray had suggested getting a proper professional show together with him as producer but had not had any interest. In April 2013 we had £2600 in the bank.

Presidents Report.

Mike said that he had now served the two years he had intended to as President and was now standing down. He felt that he had fulfilled his aim of two non member lectures p.a. He was pleased that he move of premises had saved us so much money. He listed various continuing issues. The mentoring workshops have a disappointingly low level of interest. The newsletter needs to be sent out more promptly, there are still people having problems logging into the website. The first stage competition was a great success and was won by Chippy. We had planned a stage show for the CIU but as they had wanted a Saturday in December this wasn't possible as so many people would have been working. This show may now take place in the summer with Chippy as headline. An alternative is to pay a headliner such as Scott Penrose and to cover their costs by charging for entry. Mike talked about disappointment with member commitment shown by only 13 attending the AGM. He announced that next months meeting would be Danny Orleans on 7/5/14.

Treasurers Report

We had £2631 in 4/13 and have £2428 in 4/14. Considering our lowered membership this is a huge achievement. All of this year's lectures have nearly paid for themselves by bringing in paying visitors. Gary suggested a link for Wayne Fox on our website in thanks for his generosity in donating 4 DVDs to the club for raffle at his lecture. As we no longer have to pay rent our costs fro the year were..

Lectures. £700 Stationery £30 Christmas party £50.

We have had a reduction in members, we currently have 26 paid up member sand 18 still to pay. Three years ago we had 44 members so we need to look at ways to recruit new members.

Marcus commented that Stuart Kelly has done a very good job on the website but that the membership is not using it. Several people commented that it was too difficult to access. Marcus suggested that it should be simpler with fewer purposes and that it should be used to help to target new members. Marcus offered to take over the running of the website.

The next AGM will be on 7/4/15

Mike talked about his work with False Impressions. He is performing at the After Dark Magic Theatre at Baron's Court Theatre from 22/4/14-26/4/14 from 8.00-9.15 tickets cost £12.

He is also performing in Late Night Magic at Jermyn Street. Information from www.falseimpressions.co.uk

Mike is also performing an evening of Wayne Dobson's magic at Baron's Court.

Gary has, since, produced a calendar of events for the next year.

6/5/14 7.00-7.45 Card School 1 (basic card control) by Gary

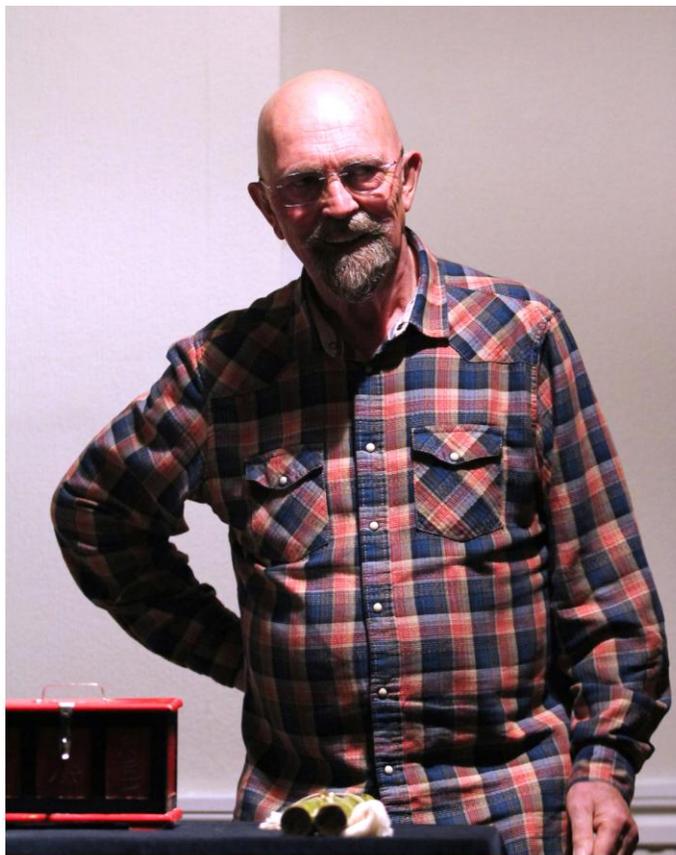
8.00 Danny Orleans lecture. Danny is a top trade show performer and magical educator from US

3/6/14 7.00-7.15 Card School 2 by Gary

8.00 Card Capers -Gary Props will be provided.

- 1/7/14 7.00-7.45 Card School 3 by Gary
8pm Stage Competition
- 5/8/14 Coin School (basic coin control) by Kevin
8.00 Punch and Judy, History and show by Paul Jackson and Chippy Wood
- 2/9/14 7.00-7.45 Coin School (coin tricks) by Kevin
8.00 Close up Competition. Maximum of 10. First come first served. Please contact Gary at
lyndaandgaryo@gmail.com
- 7/10/14 7.00-7.45 Rope School by Gary - Professors nightmare. Props will be provided
8.00 Spooky magic. Halloween/scary tricks
- 4/11/14 7.00-7.45 Rope School 2 by Gary - Cut and restore
8.00 Pickpocket lecture TBC
- 2/12/14 7.00-7.45 Balloon School by Gary - Basic dog/flower/sword
8.00 SLMS Christmas Party
First half 4 acts, second half mix and mingle magic.
Family and friends welcome.
- 6/1/15 8.00 what tricks you got for Christmas
Club night, come and perform
- 3/2/15 Lecture TBC

Gary is also planning a club outing to Wimbledon Dog Track and a Christmas Dinner in November.

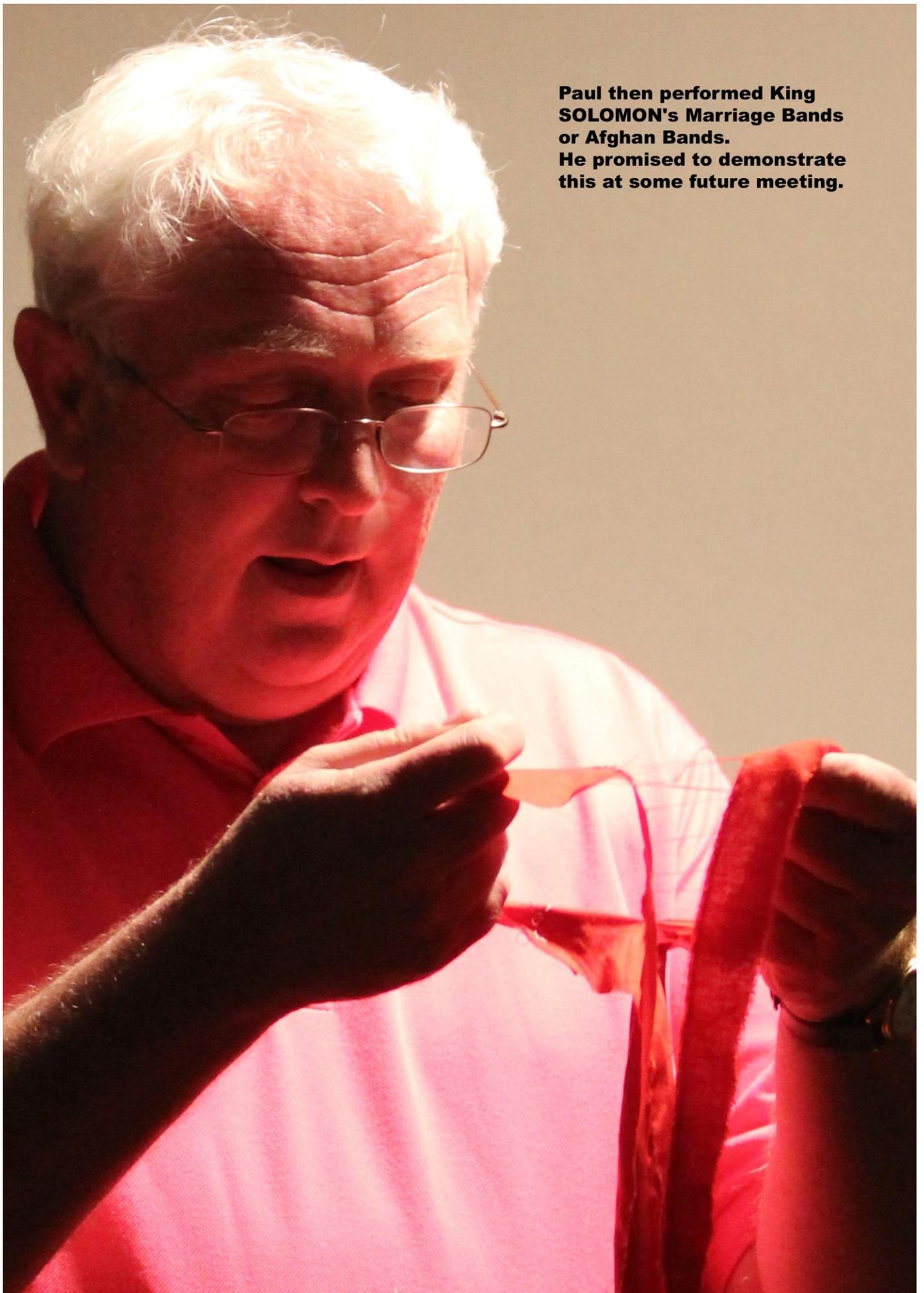


After the break Chippy entertained with the 10 minute set he is planning to use in a competition at the Zodiac. He performed Chinese Sticks Gypsy Thread and Cups and Balls. All expertly as we have come to expect.





Paul then performed King SOLOMON's Marriage Bands or Afghan Bands. He promised to demonstrate this at some future meeting.



Gary showed us his business cards printed by Alan Astra who is now printing packs of cards with photos on them.

These can be printed for special events such as weddings and would make wonderful souvenirs for customers.

They cost £10-£12 for half a pack.

