

OUT OF THE HAT

South London Magic Society Newsletter

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- *Robbie's Ramblings*
- *New Editor's Statement of Good Faith*
- *Chinese Magic*

AGM



The First of March heralded our AGM but it appears we were a month early! Oh well, never mind, we had it anyway. Gary is stepping down but as penance he's agreed to run next month's meeting - It's on Chinese Magic and he's expecting as many of us to bring something along as possible.

The Society is solvent. There is approximately £3000 in the account and thanks to a last minute donation, last years books balanced exactly. I'll endeavour to include a copy of the balance sheet with this, my first newsletter. Sarah and Mark have agreed to continue with their respective roles of

treasurer and secretary and Stuart Kelly has agreed to continue with the web site: I will include the password in this newsletter. We shall be putting the newsletters on line, as it'll serve as a useful reminder. I'm taking the burden of the newsletter from Sarah. In life, there are givers and takers and I'm wanting to ensure this 'giver' is supported. Future meetings will be a little more ad-hoc but Simon Roselli has agreed to assume the Presidential coordinating responsibilities in order to keep our club going. And talking of going. Going, going, gone. We have left the Social Club and have formally adopted the Methodist



School hall as our new home. I'll be publishing the address and Sat Nav location elsewhere in the newsletter and, of course, details will appear on-line. For the moment all you need to remember is that it'll be a formal 20:00 hours (that's 8 o'clock) kick-off and we are going Tea Total. The AGM took longer than envisaged but I reckon that just means we all care. Afterwards we had a bring and buy sale. About four or five tables, DVD's props and gags. I hope you got a bargain. The people who bought from me certainly did! We had an important announcement, more of that in Robbie's Ramblings.

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ALL CHANGE ! THE NEW EDITOR'S STATEMENT OF GOOD FAITH.

Sarah has been carrying the burden of being both treasurer and newsletter provider—she's a giver and I for one say thank god for givers... A heartfelt thank you to Sarah and Mark. Not that Mark is relinquishing his duties... far from it! If manners maketh man and misdirection maketh a magician, then images

maketh a newsletter. This is not the first newsletter I've ever produced but is the first where I shall declare an editorial policy and actually attempt to stick to it. So here goes!

1. I shall respect all contributor's efforts.
2. I shall try to present any

contribution in the best way possible, for all concerned.

3. If called upon to publish something un-amended, I shall do so. Unless it will cause offense or is offensive.
4. I shall faithfully attempt to report any meetings

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THE NEW EDITOR'S STATEMENT OF 'GOOD FAITH' (CONTINUED).

in the most accurate and comprehensive a fashion as possible.

5. Contributors will always been given the opportunity to comment before going to press but the publication will be my responsibility and mine alone.
6. I shall preserve secrets and methods where-ever possible but I must accept this is a magician's newsletter.

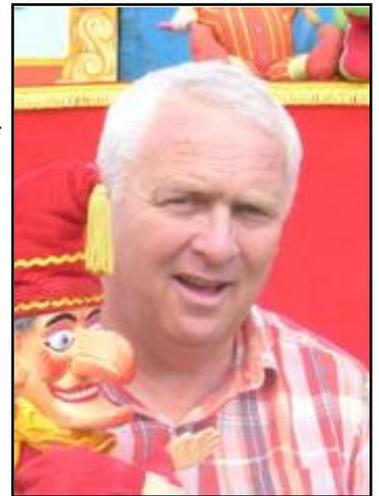
There! The list may expand but these are my guiding principles. Why, I hear you ask do I need to say this, after all Sarah and presumably others, didn't? Well, as you will see, I'm intent on expanding on the idea of a newsletter and including Members ramblings / input/ reviews / thoughts/ suggestions/ findings/ do's and don'ts for all to share. Gary has made great play on the fact that the strength of a club lies in its Member's input. And

I, for one, applaud this philosophy, so... here it is. I'll add my four-penneth worth and if I see something that I fancy or if I spot something of interest, I'll pop it in the newsletter. I'm real hopeful, you will want to, too.

Now to try and get some pictures in!

Paul Jackson.

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WEBSITE PASSWORD



A number of members were concerned to learn of the website's password. For the moment it means —

The first tuesday of every month.

See , it's clever!

Hacking is an ever growing problem and there are people out there who have nothing better to do than go in and wreck others legitimate efforts. See if you can access

the website and see if you can remember the password. If we get problems, I'm sure good sense will prevail. In the meantime it's another resource that is being lovingly tended, improvements mooted and if you think of anything that would benefit us all — shout, I'm sure we'll hear you.

Password:
1toem1947

ROBBIE'S RAMBLINGS.

Wow!

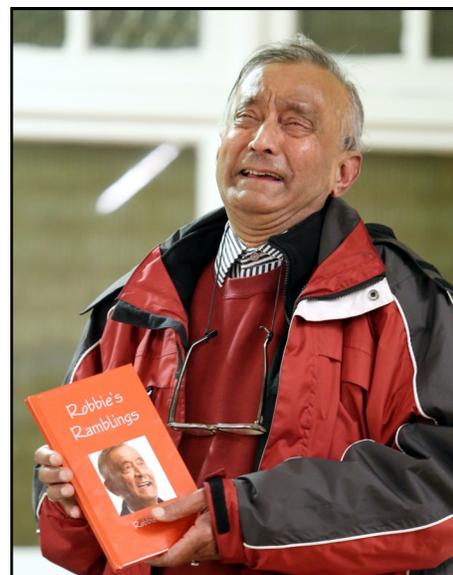
Our Robbie's works have been collated, copied and committed to book form. Sarah, Stuart (Kelly) and Mark took the book to David Weeks of the Magic Circle and offered it to the Magic World as demonstration of the regard Robbie is held in and with a request it forms the basis of an application for membership.

The Circle duly obliged and

Robbie now is MMC.

Congratulations Robbie The Society is very proud of you. As a mark of his gratitude Robbie has made a substantial donation to the Society's funds.

I for one, hope it will be marked in some permanent way but that is for others to decide.





CHINESE MAGIC— 5TH APRIL, 2016.

Gary's holding a Chinese Night. This'll be April's meeting and he invites you all to participate. I wondered what constituted Chinese magic and apart from linking lings and pom poms, all I can come up with is the production of a goldfish bowl from flowing and somewhat voluminous robes. In 'A Gift From The Gods'—The Story of Chung Ling Soo, we have a description of his act. It includes: Silks, coins, cards, knots, vases, rice bowls, finger

choppers, finger rings, production items, aerial fishing, dove pans, flowers, Twentieth Century Silks, knot -off, oh and there's something called 'The Bullet Catch'. Now, if I hear of any magician fatally wounding themselves during rehearsals, well I shall see that they are sounding ticked off! So there.

P.S. look in Tarbell's if you are running short of ideas!

P.P.S. If anyone's interested, mines Crispy Duck and Egg

Fried Rice... just if you are asking.

P.P.P.S. In honour of Gary's 'last' night, we'll be drinking Lapsang Souchong Tea — (No we won't, it's truly awful!)

MEET THE MEMBERS—SIMON ROSELLI

Likes:

Nature
A good book
Riding
Walking the dogs
Skiing
Holidays
Doing things for others



Dislikes:

Children winding
each other up
Whingers and Whiners
Selfish People
Poor Magic acts

101 Tricks to See Before You die...
101- *Blindfold Treasure Hunt.*
100—*Homing Card*
99—*Florescent Light tube Penetration*
98—*Buzz saw*
97 — *Slebit's Blocks*
96—*Sightless Vision*
95—*Girl In Light bulb.*
94—*Coins Through Table*
93—*Magical Ventriloquism*
92—*Gardo*
91—*Coin Routine—Goshman*
90—*Laughing Card Trick*
89—*Paper Tree Suspension*
88—*Magic Square*
87—*Miser's Dream*
86—*Paper Balls To Hat*
85—*Vanishing Elephant*
84—*Magic Bar*
83—*Chase The Ace*
82—*Coins Across*
81—*Any Card At Any Number*
80—*Nest of Boxes*
79—*Cut and Restored Rope*
78—*Black & White Illusion*
77—*Eleven Bill Trick*
76—*Laser Card Deal*

MEET THE MEMBERS—GARY OUNSWORTH

Likes:

Cold beer
E-Type Jags
and life





Where's Walt ?

At one time he was everywhere
but with Abra's sad demise,
he's vanished from our screens.
Mind, someone did say they'd seen
him in Blackpool but ever the
purple pumpernickel, he's since
disappeared... again, so...
Where's Walt?

THE SOUTH LONDON MAGIC SOCIETY

Meets the first Tuesday of every
month:

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JUST SAY 'YES'

I was horrified recently to see a launch of a book that promised to deliver all the spectator audience put-downs you could ever wish to have. That's all we need more negative quips... One of my favourite books : Scripting Magic—Pete McCabe carries a chapter about a similar audience interaction and goes something like this!

Magician: "I put two balls in my hand and I put the third one in my pocket. Now, how many do I have in my hand?"

Spectator: "Two."

Magician: "Wrong!"(shows three balls) "You're not paying attention."

Caring about your magic means caring about your spectators, all that telling somebody they are wrong achieves, when evidently they could never be right, is a sure fire way to inhibit their positive reaction to your magic.

But worse! It completely undermines the effect you've worked so hard to create, of magic.

There is a simple answer. The spectator is always right—here's what you do....

Magician: "I put two balls in my hand and I put the third one in my pocket. Now, how many do I have in my hand?"

Spectator: "Two."

Magician: "Right. Now watch."

Magician waves his hand over his fist.

Magician: "That's all it takes."

He opens his fist revealing three balls.

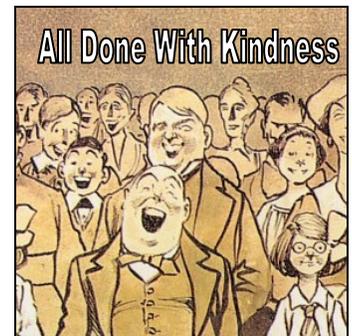
Magician: "Now there's three."

The one lie (misdirection?) people will always believe is: "you're right".

The chapter goes on to show how this scripted approach can be applied to the Three Card Monte in an equally life enhancing approach.

I always call to mind Devant's mantra, standing behind the curtain waiting for it to rise he repeated to himself: "I love my audience... I love my audience".

There'll be more from this book, anon....



Power
To
You!



THE SOUTH LONDON MAGIC SOCIETY



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