



THE SOUTH LONDON MAGIC SOCIETY



**March 2015 - Balloon Twisting
with Ine Dries**





Gary opened the meeting reminding members that next month will be the AGM followed by a social with food. Bring some along to add to the feast. He invited members to bring constructive criticism or suggestions. He then introduced our lecturer new member Ine Dries.



Ine introduced herself with a little history. She started performing magic about ten years ago but was first introduced to balloon twisting three years ago and was instantly hooked. She began by introducing simple models to her children's magic act. She then started busking, she soon found that adding a story and jokes as she twisted increased her tips. As busking is effectively a very short show this gave her plenty of opportunity for experiment.

**Ine talked about her equipment, pumps, cutters, sharpies, Edding 750
Opens for white and bags and aprons . She buys most of these from
Twist them up.**

**Ine showed several of her most popular
models showing how
she performs for an audience and then
demonstrating the twisting.
She showed a sword that doesn't come
apart, she then showed a
tiger which can be transformed into a
lion or adapted into a cat.**



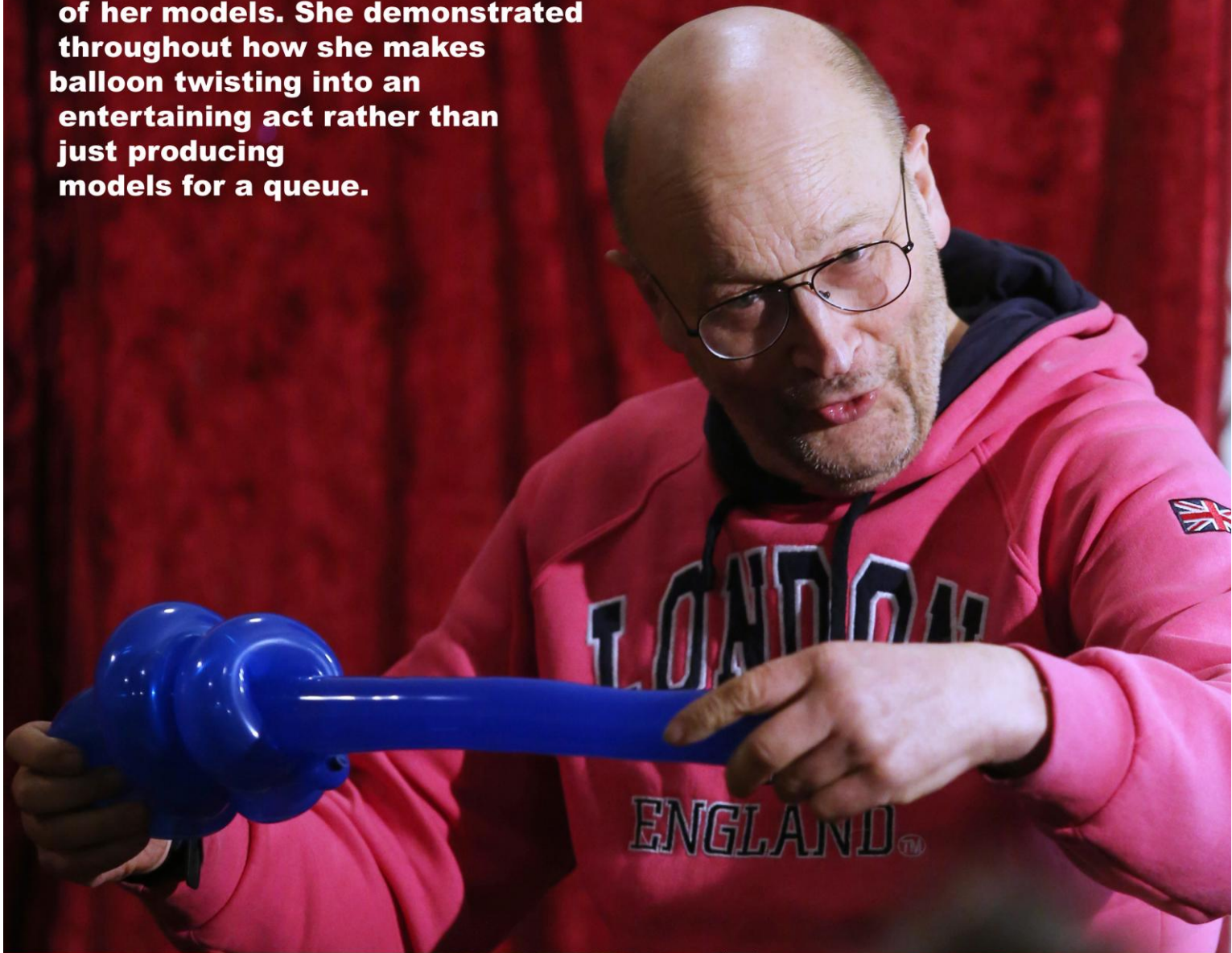
Given the obsession of most children at the moment with the film Frozen she then showed two of the most popular characters, a snowman and Elsa which can be turned into any princess for the party girl.



Spiderman followed, again a very popular subject then a snake and turtle and ladybird balloon bracelets.



Ine encouraged members to join in making their own versions of her models. She demonstrated throughout how she makes balloon twisting into an entertaining act rather than just producing models for a queue.



She offered lecture notes in downloadable form including instruction videos or a DVD which many people seemed interested in. It was a very enjoyable and secular lecture.



Robbie's Ramblings.

It was a pleasure to meet my old friends in magic after about two years in Kolkata (Calcutta), India when I was there for some weeks to visit my family.

While over there a fair of small publications, from dailies to annuals, magazines and various periodicals was going on for some days.

There were exactly four hundred of such small scale publishers at the fair with all their publications on display. I was invited at the fair, by my friend Arun Bonerjee on 14th Jan 15 to meet a number of these publishers, who were also interested in magic and such allied arts. I never knew there was such a surprise waiting for me. Obviously this was all planned and was arranged by Arun. A meeting was arranged and I was honoured with a "Lifetime Achievement Award", presented by Dr. A. N. Bardhan, editor and publisher of a literary magazine called "Janasamudra" which literally means "ocean of human life." apart from being an editor he is also a principal of a government college. It was most humbling to be honoured like this and I wondered, did I really deserve it.



ARUN BONERJEE - ON THE LEFT
14-01-2015
DR. BARDHAN PRESENTING ME
(ROBBIE DUTTA) WITH THE 'LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT
Award

I also attended a magical meeting on 17th January 15. This was held in the residence of Mr. Guha Thakurata, another magic lover and enthusiast. The meeting was attended by a dozen or so magicians. The meeting is very informal and takes place every month. Everyone is encouraged to participate in all discussions and perform in front of others. There is no membership and any magician / magic lover is welcome. The idea I thought GREAT! In addition to magic the host the Guha Thakurata family, also provides the gathering with hot food and drinks, absolutely great!!

At the meeting I met magician, Gora Datta, I met him before on other occasions, last time it was nearly two years ago. He is a creator and writer of magic. You will find his name and many of his tricks in the old Club 71 magazine, published by Geoff Maltby, but now defunct, and also in the Abracadabra which has also gone out of publication for some years. Mr Datta, by profession he was a bank manager with a big reputable bank and just retired. We all had an opportunity to see him perform some of his own magic and also watched a great routine, Cut and Restored Rope on the video, which he performed at his retirement do!



Mr Dutta presented me with one of his marketed items, a Three Card Monte / Find the Lady trick, using a different adaptation of the gimmicked card. The adaptation is very deceiving and unlike the ones we have come to know. Arun also presented me with a trick, again it is his own creation. This s now a marketed item called "Pick your Drink". Some years ago the trick was published in the Abracadabra.

My many thanks go to all those who made my days full of happy memories, which will last with me for all time to come.

I will try to perform the above two tricks at the club meeting when the next opportunity arises.

Until next time,

Robbie Dutta. 3/3/15