



*Southend Sorcerers Society*

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## SOUTHEND SORCERERS JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

### 2021 MEETINGS – SOME TBC

- 4<sup>th</sup> Jul** Lecture - Paul Gordon (Postponed) – Social mix and mingle plus teach in  
**15<sup>th</sup> Jul** EXTRA MEETING – Lecture from Nikolas Mavresis  
**1<sup>st</sup> Aug** Club Night  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sep** Close Up Competition  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** Lecture – Vinny Sagoo  
**7<sup>th</sup> Nov** Props Auction  
**5<sup>th</sup> Dec** Xmas Fun Night

### 2022 CLUB SHOWS

- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 22** Wentworth School, Maldon  
**Aug 22** As If By Magic – Dixon Studio (TBC)

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## LAST MEETING – 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE – ALAKAZAM/LEO SMETSERS WORLD TOUR



Our June meeting was a super lecture/dealer dem led by Peter Nardi at Alakazam Magic and Dutch magician Leo Smetsers. The two of them are collaborating on a virtual world tour and it was great of them to include Southend on their digital travels.

Leo and Pete took it in turns to show us some of their latest creations and products and it was great to see a few things that were hot off the press as pre-release items. Leo kicked off with a 4 ace card routine where the spectator cuts to the four aces – it used a clever card control. He followed this with ‘Zoltar’s Opener’ a brainwave type of card effect.

Pete came next with ‘ID’, a chosen card to wallet routine by Steve Cook.

Leo is well known for his work with cups and balls and three shells, and he has created some superb props for use with those plots. One of these is his ‘Leo’s Nuts’ which is a creative version of the three shell game using nuts and bolts. The main bolt is also a bill tube so can be used as an impossible location for a spectator’s written billet.



Peter and Harry Nardi’s own effect ‘Contactless’ came next. This is a three way out ‘spectator selects an item’ routine where the spectator gets to freely choose one of three credit cards etc. You can immediately show that you knew which they would choose.



This was followed by ‘Executive Suite’ a nice effect involving a set of room keys from hotels around the world. As a mentalism item this works really well, and although the spectator has a free selection from 6 or 7 options, you show that their final choice matches a prediction which has been on display from the outset.

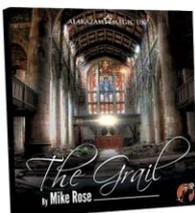
Leo then showed us his take on the PK ring. The clever thing about Leo’s version is that it’s only magnetic on one side of the ring, so by simply twisting the ring on your finger you can effectively turn it on and off! He demonstrated it using a routine with a lovely set of magnetic poker chips.

He also showed us his new final loads for cups and balls. Styled as miniature baseballs, these are made of covered spherical steel and will stick to the PK ring perfectly. It opens us all sorts of new moves for cups and balls (and chop cup of course) and is a nice piece of thinking from Leo.

‘What Happens in Vegas’ is a nice mentalism routine from ex Southend Sorcerer Liam Montier. A spectator has a free selection from a deck where the cards are from different Vegas casinos. Their selection (the card back and the value of the card) perfectly matches a printed casino chip which was in the card box all along.



We also saw ‘The Collector’ from Nikolas Mavresis. This is a bizarre styled effect surrounding a series of London murders where the spectator ‘psychically’ identifies the killer and is proved to be correct. Nikolas is actually lecturing for us on 15<sup>th</sup> July as an extra lecture so make a note in your diary!



There were a few other card based routines shown as well, and the evening was rounded off with a performance of ‘The Grail’ – this is a superb ‘predicted card at any number’ routine. I’ve performed this myself many times and the reactions it gets are outstanding. It truly seems to be an impossible outcome and works every time using a really clever principal.

It ended up being a superb evening and we were all offered a 20% 24 hour discount at Alakazam so I hope some of you managed to take advantage of the generous offer.

We were allowed to record the meeting, so if you'd like to refresh your memory of some of these items, or if you couldn't make it on the night, you'll find the video in the members' section of our website here (the password is jimmy):

<https://www.southendsorcerers.com/members-only>

### **NEXT MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY – PAUL GORDON LECTURE POSTPONED - SOCIAL**

Our next meeting was due to be a lecture from renowned card man Paul Gordon and we were hoping to be back at our usual meeting venue, The Ekco Club.



However, as you know, the easing of lockdown restrictions has now been postponed until 19<sup>th</sup> July, so we won't be able to get together in person until our August meeting. It's a great shame, but there's nothing to be done about it.

Unfortunately, Paul is not comfortable with Zoom lectures so we've had to postpone his visit until another date, yet to be confirmed. This means that our July meeting will now be more of a social get together over Zoom where we can discuss magic effects, talk about the return to gigs from lockdown and show each other some of our favourite magic routines. There'll be some teaching involved too – Adrian will teach a few self working card effects and a version of the famous Anniversary Waltz plot. For anyone who would like help or guidance with their magic, you just have to ask and we'll do our best to help.

Hope to see you there on screen!

The meeting starts at 7.30 as usual and here are the Zoom dial in details:

Topic: Sorcerers Social get together

Time: July 04, 2021 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8254968023?pwd=MFRZVVZZcloyNVBnUFNlNmmtaHphdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 496 8023

Passcode: sorcerers

### **ADDITIONAL MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> JULY – NIKOLAS MAVRESIS LECTURE**



As our lecture from Paul Gordon has been postponed, we thought it only fair that we try to provide you with an alternative. As a result, we've now managed to arrange a lecture from Nikolas Mavresis on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30.

For those unfamiliar with his work, Nikolas is the man behind such hits as CineMental, Zener Match and The Collector and he is one of the most creative people in our field. He constantly delivers commercial routines, with simple, yet effective methods. Best known for his work in mentalism, Nikolas will be sharing some of his favourite material with us and you can expect to learn effects such as:

*Ultimate Cluedo* - a super fun routine using 14 suspects and 1 killer.

*Anger Management* - a two-phase routine where the mentalist reveals what emotions the participant is feeling at the moment. The last phase will leave you speechless.

*Russian Bank Night* - the bank night plot combined with a Russian roulette twist.

*Spellebrity* - two spectators shuffle half the deck genuinely. Each of them selects a card from the corresponding pile, one of them physically and the other mentally. Then the spectator who mentally selected the card spells the card in mind and deals each card on the table. Both selections are found in a stunning manner.

*Dinner with me* - you predict what food, drink, and dessert the spectator is thinking of.

*Happy Hour* - the psychometry plot with cocktails plus a sneaky twist at the end.

*Triple Movie Prediction* - this is an impossible 3-movie prediction routine using the CineMental deck that has not been taught on the DVD. So if you own CineMental, you are in for a treat. Three spectators choose a movie each from a movie deck. Without any peeking, you instantly know what movie they are thinking of.

It's going to be a super night, so do join us if you can!

As usual, the meeting will start at 7.30 on Zoom, and the dial-in details are - as usual:

Topic: Sorcerers Nikolas Mavresis Lecture  
Time: Thursday July 15, 2021 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8254968023?pwd=MFRZVVZZclozNVBnUFNlNmmtaHphdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 496 8023  
Passcode: sorcerers

### **FUTURE MEETINGS – GETTING BACK TOGETHER?!**

We were planning to get back to our home at the Ekco Club for the July meeting, but as mentioned above, with the lockdown easing postponed until 19<sup>th</sup> July, we can't actually do that until the August meeting now at the earliest.



This means that from August onwards we'll hopefully be able to meet in person again rather than via Zoom. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we can go ahead with this plan.

Our first meeting is scheduled to be a simple get together in the form of a club night – it'll be a nice easy way to get us back into meeting up in person.

We'll keep you up to date with developments as soon as we know what's happening for sure!

### **CLUB SHOWS**



If you'd like to perform at any of our future shows, either with close-up magic or as a stage act, then please contact Richard Graham on 01268 783202. Rick will also provide details of venue addresses, times and directions as required.

### **CURRENT SHOW BOOKINGS**

Nothing new to report this month unfortunately, but with lockdown easing, let's hope we can get back to booking some shows soon!

At present our only next show is as follows:

### **26<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Wentworth School in Maldon**

Final date still to be confirmed! Please keep this one in mind and let's all hope that we can get our performing shoes on and get out to show them some of our best magic!

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

### **Membership Subs 2021/22**

As you know, we decided not to charge membership subs for this year until we were certain about the future of our meetings going forward. At the time we announced that we would look at collecting subs in October for half a year to take us all through to April 2022.

Now that lockdown is likely to ease and we'll be back at the Ekco Club with effect from August (and therefore having to pay for the room), it looks likely that we will be asking for a 6 month subscription for the second half of the year in October as planned.

This is likely to be just £12.50 which, given the amount of work we've put in to keep the club running during lockdown, we hope you'll agree is more than fair. As usual you'll be able to pay via BACS if you prefer and we'll remind you of the bank details a little nearer to the time.

Thanks for your continued support.

## **MAGIC NEWS**

### **Tracy Wise – Nursery Crimes – Royal Hotel - 12<sup>th</sup> June**



Tracy is due to be back at the Royal Hotel with her Nursery Crimes show on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July and tickets are available now. It's a fascinating show which explores the dark origins of our most beloved nursery rhymes and fairy tales. It's an evening of spine chilling stories of ghosts, murder and mystery mixed with dark magic.

For more details, email Tracy at [tracywise@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tracywise@hotmail.co.uk) or give her a ring on 07544 150208.

## **FINALLY, AS USUAL, SOME NEW MAGIC TO CHECK OUT**

### **Levitation**

Unseen Force is a new type of levitation device.

The soul of this levitation gimmick lies in where it is "hidden". Once the audience suspects the existence of a thread during a performance, the magical atmosphere is gone, no matter how good the performance is. Unseen Force is a brand new way of levitation and is 100% mechanical.

It has a new concept and system with which you can do many powerful effects using borrowed objects (Playing Cards / Rings / Cigarettes / Bills...etc). The all-new unique hook-up system and position greatly minimises the possibility of the IT getting caught on other objects on your body.

Once it is set up, the gimmick stays inconspicuous, secure, and out of the way when not in use. Nevertheless, you are ready to perform at any moment. The position of the hook up allows you to obtain the gimmick in an easy manner using a completely natural action.

### **UNSEEN FORCE by TCC**



Unseen Force allows you to perform in a short-sleeved Polo T-shirt, without a jacket. You can perform in the majority of conditions, whether strolling, working close-up, or in a parlour setting. It takes up no pocket space, and it has no plastic clips that could break or come loose.

It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have no prior experience with thread work. Unseen Force comes with a 1 hour-long expertly-shot tutorial video that clearly explains the concepts and effects. With some practice and familiarisation, you will be performing miracles in no time.

This isn't a cheap gimmick at around £60, but from the look of it, it could be the answer to why a lot of people steer clear of thread reels!

You can see it here:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/unseen-force-by-tcc-trick-unseenforce.html>

### **Card to Impossible Location**

### **ALIBI by Kaan Akdogan & Mark Mason**



Imagine a Mystery Box that's not a box.

Imagine a prop that goes everywhere your mobile phone goes.

Imagine a gimmick that looks nothing like a gimmick

Alibi is a custom-made gimmick that slots right in amongst your personal credit cards, driver's license, business cards, etc. Even though your Alibi gimmick sits in full view it's never seen.

Any card is selected and signed, then lost in the deck. In the blink of an eye, you magically find their signed card. You pick up your mobile phone, which has been in full view all the time, and hanging from the credit card holder on the back of your phone is a small folded card. The card is removed and handed to the spectator. They unfold the card, it's their signed card!

Comes complete with:

Alibi gimmick, Lycra credit card holder, full online teaching video

Video includes:

Mark Mason's Ambitious card routine

Mark's super easy card fold (learn in 10 minutes)

Force or no force routines

Extra ideas & tips

It works with any phone and comes in red or blue.

Alibi costs around £33 and you can see it here:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/alibi-blue-with-gimmicks-and-online-instructions-by-kaan-akdogan-and-mark-mason.html>

### **Psychic Demonstrations**

### **BLIND AS A BAT by Ian Maltby**

Ian Maltby's Blind as a Bat is a fantastic Mentalism routine where you apparently display your remote viewing abilities to find a marked coin sealed within an envelope, mixed with other envelopes and completely blindfolded!

This routine is easy to do, everything can be borrowed and the whole effect performed whilst wearing a blindfold!



The spectator loans you 4 coins of the same denomination. You wear a blindfold while they sign one of the coins. Then, while still genuinely blindfolded, you place each coin into one of four envelopes. When the blindfold comes off, you can immediately use your psychic powers to find the envelope with the signed coin inside.

Blind as a Bat is a download and costs just £4.99

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/blind-as-a-bat-by-ian-maltby.html>

## **Mentalism**

### **MENTAL DICE ESP CUBE by Mark Traversoni**



If you already own Anverdi's Mental Dice, this is a nice add on.

Basically it's a box to house one of your dice which is decorated with ESP symbols. Once inside the box, your die works in the normal way in the ESP housing so you can now do ESP symbol reveals rather than just numbers.

All versions of Mental Dice have taken the magic world by storm and this is an accessory that will enable you to expand the routines you can do with your existing die.

The internal measurement is approx 23mm so it is more than big enough to house the current range of die available on the market. The online video instructions show you how to put your die in the Cube so it does not rattle inside and Mark will explain a routine you can perform with it.

You are supplied with 1 Mental Die ESP Cube and online instructions. The special die to put in the cube is not included, but various versions are available if you don't own one.

The ESP Cube costs around £25 and is available from Saturn Magic.

<https://www.saturnmagic.co.uk/saturn-magic-shop/mental-dice-esp-cube-by-mark-traversoni.html>

## **Cards**

### **PETROLEUM by Max Lukian**

"Petroleum" allows you have a playing card chosen, signed and lost in the deck. You then take the deck and shuffle it face up into face down, clearly showing your audience how its mixed on both sides.



Then, without any funny or suspicious moves, the deck is spread out on the table. Your audience's jaws will drop when they see that all of the cards are now facing the same way except one—which is revealed to be their signed card!

The classic Triumph plot has never been this clean or practical. But, "Petroleum" is also so much more than that. This specially-crafted gimmick enables you to also do a squeaky clean Oil & Water effect that starts with just a few red and black cards separating from each other before ending with a stunning full deck finale.

You'll learn how to use "Petroleum" to your full advantage, including multiple handlings for each routine. Each set comes with one Petroleum gimmick in a Red Bicycle Maiden Back design. You'll learn how to use it quickly and it is destined to become the most powerful card trick in your whole repertoire.

Petroleum is available at Vanishing Inc and costs around £26.

<https://www.vanishingincmagic.com/card-magic/petroleum/>

**That's about it for this month everyone – stay safe and send any articles for next month's newsletter to Adrian for publishing.**