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SOUTHEND SORCERERS OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

2020 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1st Nov Lecture – Mark Elsdon
6th Dec Xmas Fun Night on Zoom

2021 MEETINGS – SOME TBC

- 3rd Jan Lecture – Andrew Normansell
7th Feb Lecture – Steve Valentine
8th Mar Club Night
5th Apr AGM
2nd May Stage Competition
6th Jun Lecture (Paul Gordon TBC)
4th Jul TBC
1st Aug Club Night
5th Sep Close Up Competition
3rd Oct Lecture - TBC
7th Nov Props Auction
5th Dec Xmas Fun Night

2021 CLUB SHOWS

- 27th Feb Wentworth School, Maldon
w/c 16th Aug As If By Magic – Dixon Studio

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LAST MEETING – 4th OCTOBER – ZOOM LECTURE – TOM ELDERFIELD



Our October meeting was the latest in our super series of online lectures and dealer dems, this time from the brilliant Tom Elderfield. Tom is a very experienced performer, inventor, creator and magical consultant for a range of well known TV magic shows, including for several series of the Dynamo programmes.

Although the lecture was hosted on Zoom, Tom's enthusiasm and energy were clear to see, and the effects he presented were brilliantly thought out. The fact that he also showed us how to make a number of effective gimmicks was also brilliant!

The evening started with a gag effect – the appearing Curly Wurly (a snap band in a Curly Wurly wrapper!). This was quickly followed with one of the Dynamo TV effects - Listen Up – in which a set of ear buds were made to float in mid air. The judicious use of a disposable coffee cup and a magnet made this little miracle possible.

Then it was on to Tom's Mini Book Test. Instead of the text in a book, this has the spectator remember one word from a card box which the magician then divines. One word is circled on the box in Sharpie by the magician and this turns out to be the word being thought of. A clever gimmick was used to make this happen and Tom explained its construction in full – easy to make and use.

Cross Coffee was an effect where an 'X' on a coffee cup moved around the cup; and then it was on to Double Take – a clever idea using a lenticular printed playing card. In this routine, a spectator's selection is photographed in the spectator's hand, yet when the photo is reviewed, the card has changed to different one altogether! Lots of ideas for how that could be used in various routines!

Tom then demonstrated his linking coffee mugs effect, where two mugs end up linked by their handles. This used a latex mug called a Maric Cup – invented by Mr Maric apparently, but these seem hard to find these days.

Tab Nation came next. This super commercial effect allows you to vanish an entire deck leaving just the selected card behind in the box. It's a unique approach to the vanishing deck plot and Tom again taught us how to make the necessary gimmick.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the evening was Tom's session on how to create a Picasso gimmick. This allows you to visually change the back colour of a playing card from blue to red in a really mind blowing way. The gimmick isn't the easiest to build (it involves card splitting which Tom made look ridiculously easy!) but the effect, which was designed with Shin Lim, is more than worth the effort.

The final effect was Tom's Space Time routine, which allows you to move a punched hole around the surface of a playing card. This is a commercially available gimmick which costs around £15 and it works beautifully.

So the evening was a brilliant piece of entertainment and tuition from Tom, who is a really creative thinker and all round nice guy – we could all learn lots from his approach to magic.

The lecture was recorded, so if you missed it or want to watch it again you can find it on our website in the members' section here (the password is jimmy):

<https://www.southendsorcerers.com/zoom-recordings>

NEXT MEETING – 1st NOVEMBER – ZOOM LECTURE – MARK ELSDON

For our November meeting we're delighted to bring you another in our super series of lockdown lectures. This time we're really pleased to be able to bring Mark Elsdon to your Sorcerers screen.



For those that aren't familiar with his work, Mark Elsdon has been performing magic and mentalism professionally for 25 years. He has authored dozens of books and many, many more single-release tricks; and he's been a popular lecturer throughout Europe and the USA for the last 15 years. He focuses his creativity on devising powerful and memorable material that is designed to end up in your repertoire, not in your junk drawer. More recently he has been writing magic for TV too.

Mark is always in high demand and this is your opportunity to learn from one of the very best, so don't miss it! If you were hoping to maybe miss the meeting and watch it later on our website, I'm sorry to say that **this lecture is not being recorded**, so the only way you can take advantage of Mark's expertise is by tuning in at 7.30 pm this Sunday 1st November. Hope to see you there for what I know will be a fantastic evening! Here are the dial in details:

Time: Nov 1, 2020 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 825 496 8023

Passcode: sorcerers

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

As you know, we have no shows in the diary at present due to the difficult Covid situation, but we do however still have a show booked for **27th February 2021 at the Wentworth School** in Maldon. This is a repeat booking and is currently still scheduled to go ahead as far as we know so please provisionally book the date in your diary if you'd be keen to help out.

NEWS ABOUT 'AS IF BY MAGIC' 2021



We've just received news from the Palace Theatre that, all being well, our 10th anniversary shows for 'As If By Magic' at the Dixon Studio will be running during week commencing 16th August 2021!

Let's all keep fingers crossed that this is a date that can go ahead – but in the meantime, please note the date in your diary and be ready to get involved!

We're really looking forward to getting back to this brilliant project after having to miss the shows this year – hopefully it'll be an amazing week for all of us!!

MAGIC NEWS

Magic at the Barn – 30th October

This Halloween you can witness an online interactive virtual experience, suitable for all the family...so why not join Magic at the Barn if you dare!



Featuring a collection of scary stories, mythical magic, and unexplained goings on filmed live at the spooky 17th century Red Brick Barn and in the grounds of an old farm house dating back to the Doomsday book.

You'll hear of the countless spooky tales and legends from the local area, filmed from various ancient locations during a ghost walk, guided by Tracy Wise, an experienced storyteller and magician.

Then enjoy (if that's the word) a tour of a ghost hunter's lair featuring demonstrations of travelling spirits and how to catch them - plus eerie displays of floating objects.



You can watch this creepy compilation of magical mysteries from the comfort of your own home this Halloween, featuring interactive tricks (or should that be treats) through the screen that all the family can get involved in.

Tickets are just £5 per household. A viewing link will be emailed on the stroke of midnight on 30th October 2020. This will be an exclusively pre-recorded video and we please ask that you don't share the link. It will be available to watch for 60 hours until the stroke of midday on 1st November 2020.

You can buy your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halloween-magic-show-and-ghost-walk-tickets-125517154187>

Tracy Wise – Royal Hotel, Southend

Tracy returns to the Royal Hotel with a series of her chilling shows:

Saturday 31st October – Tales from the Shadows

Spine chilling stories of ghosts, murder and mystery mixed with dark magic by award winning magician Tracy Wise. Immerse yourself in the dark side of history and mystery to discover what hides in the shadows. Not for those of a nervous disposition.



Wednesday 23rd December – Tales from the Shadows – a Merry Hauntmas Special

Tales from the Shadows brings you a very special festive show resurrecting the Victorian tradition of Christmas ghost stories. Not those of joy and light as Disney would have us believe, but tales of the harshness of winter and life; of ghosts, of beasts, or horned gods and...well...shadowy tales.

A Victorian Christmas would not be complete without a scary story of two...so welcome to a haunted Yule.

Thursday 19th November & Thursday 17th December – Crime Scene Illusion

Appearing for the first time at Brighton Fringe Festival, Crime Scene Illusion is an exploration of crime scene investigation through the use of storytelling and magic.

Written and presented by Tracy Wise, Crime Scene Illusion presents magic in an innovative way creating an engaging, entertaining and interactive show.

Tickets for all Tracy's shows are £15 and you can get more information from the Royal Hotel website, here: <https://www.royalhotelsouthend.com/what-s-on>

Penn and Teller's First Final UK Tour 2021

Comic Magicians, or Evil Geniuses as described by David Letterman, Penn & Teller are celebrating their 45th Anniversary as 'The Kings of Magic'. Penn & Teller's 'The First Final UK Tour' in June will see them start in Manchester at The Apollo on June 13th 2021, then in Birmingham at The Alexandra on June 17th and then the London run starts at London's Eventim Apollo, Hammersmith on Tuesday 22nd June through to the 27th.



These shows will feature Penn & Teller's classic magic performed live with their unique brand of humour and audience participation and will feature never before seen tricks in the UK. For over 45 years as magic's most outrageous and innovative team, Penn & Teller are Emmy award-winning TV stars, best-selling authors and Las Vegas icons.

Penn says "We've been working together 45 years and are now coming out of the longest break we've ever had from working together. We are so excited to start touring in the UK playing our favourite theatres. Is this our last UK tour? We don't know, but you're welcome to buy tickets and hope for that, while we'll be hoping for more final tours than the Stones and Cher put together." Don't miss your chance to see the funniest and most unique magicians in the world in this brand new show.

13th, 14th June - O2 Apollo Manchester

17th, 18th June - New Alexander Theatre, Birmingham

22nd to 27th June Eventim Apollo, London

www.ticketmaster.co.uk

FINALLY, AS USUAL, SOME NEW MAGIC TO CHECK OUT

Mentalism

OUTSTANDING by Marc Oberon



Here is the latest miracle from Marc Oberon, the inventor who brought us Bang On amongst other amazing effects.

Outstanding is a bit of a game-changer. It is the most incredible '52 outs' method on the market today. No wallets, and only ONE Pocket used, yet it's possible to have the spectator name any card and then reveal it as a prediction written on paper in an envelope in that single pocket. You can even show the spectator the envelope in your pocket before

they name their card.

Outstanding provides the performer with the greatest amount of Outs ever via a Single Pocket. Playing Cards, American States, Football Teams, Makes of Car - Anything you can imagine with 52 possible outcomes, you can predict.

If you are looking for a practical multiple out system with almost infinite mentalism and magic applications, then "Outstanding" is for you.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

52 papers pre written with playing cards.
Plenty of blank papers for your own presentation.
40 minutes of in depth video instructions.
The 'Outstanding' envelopes.

This isn't cheap at around £90, but it looks so clean and fair – see it for yourself here:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/outstanding-by-marc-oberon.html>

Mentalism

THE COLLECTOR by Nikolas Mavresis

In 1908, 20 year after Jack the Ripper terrorized the streets of London, a new killer was on the loose. This time the killer preyed on the wealthy. Nicknamed by the press as 'The Collector' because each time a murder was committed a personal item was taken from the victim. 'The Collector' was the first documented case of a serial killer taking what we know today as trophies from their victims.



The collector was also the first case to employ the service of a psychic investigator. The Police had narrowed the suspect list down to ten people all of whom themselves were wealthy and mixed in the same circles as their victims.

It's now down to your spectator to become the Psychic investigator, solve the crime and catch 'The Collector'!

The Collector is a self-working effect that combines beautiful props, a chilling storyline and an unbelievably impactful and clean reveal.

There are
No Duplicates
No double envelopes
No R & S or sticky
Everything may be examined

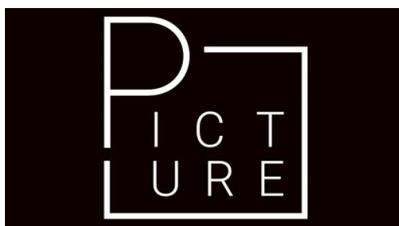
The Collector comes with everything you need to perform the effect. Available in both Poker and Pro size, and perfect for online performances.

The Collector is available from Alakazam and costs £34.99 for the pro size version:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/the-collector-by-nikolas-mavresis-pro-size.html>

Cards

PICTURE by Julio Montoro



An impossible change, right under their eyes

With Picture you can clearly show a card to your spectators, fold it and place it at your fingertips to instantly unfold it and show that the card has changed.

A card can change to another, a blank card can become printed...
the possibilities are endless and not only applicable to cards!

Imagine showing a card to a spectator, just before putting it folded in his pocket. When you desire, just ask him to take it out and open it... the card has changed.

Having Picture on you allow you to perform a variation of the famous French Kiss trick (popularized by Wayne Houchin) where you can show the card to your spectator just before putting in between her teeth, hands empty. Can you find a better convincer?

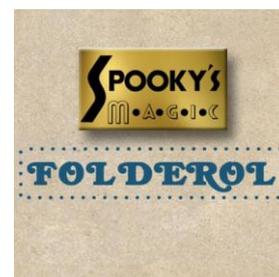
Picture is easy to do, and resets in seconds. It's easy to carry, includes instructions on how to make extra gimmicks and comes with one ready-to-use gimmick.

Picture costs around £28 and is available from your favourite magic dealer, but you can see it here: <https://www.alakazam.co.uk/picture-by-julio-montoro-and-gentlemens-magic.html>

Cards

FOLDEROL by Spooky's Magic

Here's a simple, fun, self working piece of magic that's different! A card is picked, and a doodle, in view from the beginning, magically transforms into the face of a cartoon assistant, and then transforms ONCE MORE into a drawing of the selected card!



Inspired by the work of Sid Lorraine, Folderol utilises basic origami folds to reveal the spectator's card in a fun, memorable way.

Folderol comes with 50 sheets which can be reused, recycled, or given away as a unique gift.

There's an easy to follow instructional video, teaching you the basic folds, followed by a simple way to personalise the trick with a custom message of your own.

It's a simple effect and costs just £11.99. You can see the Folderol routine at Alakazam, here: <https://www.alakazam.co.uk/folderol-by-spookys-magic.html>

Phone Apps

SOCIAL ASSISTANT by Calix and Vincent



Social Assistant is an app based mentalist's tool that allows you to force items, words, pictures etc on your spectator's phone screen.

You use your spectator's cell phone in customizable mentalism effects. Their phone screen is never hidden, it remains visible. With Social Assistant, you can make divinations, predictions, or manipulate chance. It's great for ACAAN, book test, or star sign effects.

The main points:

You can force items on a spectator's phone without hiding the screen.

It can be used on a borrowed phone.

It can be used with and without a network.

There's the ability to force up to 5 Instagram posts.

You can customise the pictures, likes, and comments for the 5 forced items.

There are no traces on the spectator's phone at the end.

Your own phone is not part of the routine.

It works with both Android and IOS.

5 tags are provided with Social Assistant that allow you to force a huge list of things. In app purchases can also be made to add specific tags. The languages supported are: Spanish, Italian, English, French, Hebrew, Portuguese, German, Russian, Romanian.

Social Assistant is priced at £42 and you can watch the trailer here:

<https://www.saturnmagic.co.uk/saturn-magic-shop/social-assistant-by-calix-and-vincent--trick.html>

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