



*Southend Sorcerers Society*

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## **SOUTHEND SORCERERS DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **2022 MEETINGS**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	Lecture - Paul Gordon	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	TBC
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Lecture – Mark Traversoni & Mark Infiniti	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	Club Night
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Club Night	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	Close Up Competition
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	Annual General Meeting	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Lecture - TBC
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Annual stage competition	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Props Auction
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Lecture - TBC	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Xmas Fun Night

### **CLUB SHOWS**

<b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb 22</b>	Wentworth School, Maldon
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Mar 22</b>	Stambridge Primary School
<b>w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 22</b>	As If By Magic – Dixon Studio

### **CLUB WEBSITE**

[www.southendsorcerers.com](http://www.southendsorcerers.com)

Members' area password - jimmy

### **ONLINE NOW.....**

All our lockdown lecture series is now available in the members' section of the website, including the latest events from Nikolas Mavresis and Vinny Sagoo!

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

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## LAST MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT



Our annual Christmas fun night was held on 5th December at the Ekco Club as usual, and although we decided to scale the evening back a little in terms of the fun and games on offer, due to the ongoing pandemic problems, we still had a series of table top quizzes for people to enjoy.

We had a reasonable turn out and it was lovely to see so many members with their guests at the get together. Tommy and Barbara Edwin even turned up in full Russian Dickensian costumes having come straight from their annual event in Rochester.

There were prizes as usual for the best performing quiz teams and this year the honours went to Dave Taylor who had teamed up with Simon and Robin Shapero. Well done to everyone that took part though - there were some tough rounds.

This month, for those holding New Year's Eve gatherings, I've attached a couple of the quizzes from the evening instead of the usual look at new magic effects available - feel free to use them for a bit of fun if the occasion presents itself!

We hope you managed to have a super Christmas over the festive period with your family and friends, and here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022 for all of us. Talking of which.....here are the details for our first meeting of the New Year!

## NEXT MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – LECTURE, PAUL GORDON

**PLEASE NOTE.....THE EKCO CLUB IS CLOSED THIS SUNDAY, SO OUR MEETING IS NOW BEING HELD AT OLIVER TABOR'S RED BRICK BARN INSTEAD.**

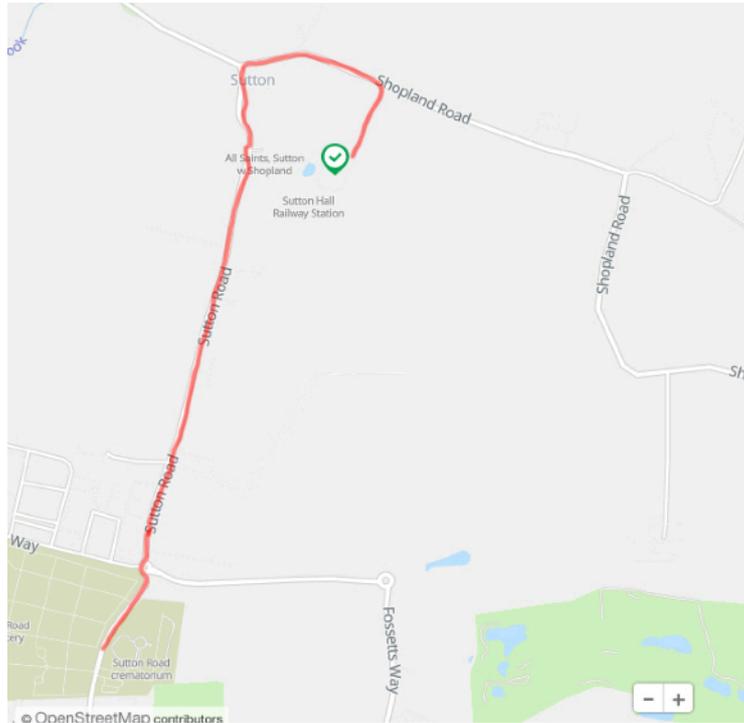


Our first meeting of the new year is the long awaited lecture from our old friend Paul Gordon. This lecture has been postponed a couple of times so it's especially pleasing to finally get Paul to Southend for our first live lecture in around two years.

For those that love card magic, Paul is definitely the go to creator of a host of magic routines and effects - I guarantee that you'll leave the evening with thoughts of including at least one of his effects in your arsenal. Paul's work is entirely card based so bring a deck with you so that you can follow along. He has authored several books, DVDs and packet routines and is regularly to be seen in the Blackpool dealers' hall, as well as at the major magic conventions and prestigious events around the world.

As mentioned above, the meeting will be held at Oliver's Red Brick Barn in Rochford as the Ekco Club is closed this week. It starts at 7.30pm and we hope to see as many of you there as possible for our first gathering of 2022.

To reach the Barn, simply drive towards Rochford on Sutton Road, go past Scott's Nursery and All Saints church on the right, then take a right turn into Shopland Road. The entrance to Tabor Farms is around 500 yards down the road on the right. Turn in and follow the drive, turn right at the barns and you'll come to an open courtyard which is where the Red Brick Barn can be found.



Huge thanks go to Oliver for allowing us to use the Barn at such short notice. **Please remember that there won't be a bar available so feel free to bring any drinks you'd like to keep you going through the evening.**

This should be a superb lecture - Paul is always great value for money!

Look forward to seeing you on Sunday evening.

## 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.

## NEXT SHOW BOOKINGS

Here are the current details of our next club shows:

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

We have another show in the diary, a carryover from pre-Covid, which will be on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 at Wentworth school in Maldon – we have performed for Wentworth before and it should be a great night all being well!

### 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Stambridge Primary School

Another show booking has also come in – this one is for Stambridge Primary School on 19<sup>th</sup> March. We've performed here before too and they'd like us back so please do note this one in your diary too.

Please do let Rick know about your availability ASAP – it's great that we're getting show requests again but we need to know if you're keen to come along and help out!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Membership Subs 2021/22



Now that we're back at the Ekco Club and therefore having to pay for the room, we're asking for a 6 month subscription for the second half of the year as planned.

**Could you therefore please pay your subs now so that we can continue to enjoy our meetings and lectures going forward?**

The amount due is just £10 for individuals and £12.50 for juniors and family membership 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 can pay via BACS if you prefer – here are the bank details:

**Sort Code: 30-65-22    Account no: 79204460**

Please make sure that you include a reference consisting of your name and 'Subs21' when you make the payment. That way we'll know that you've paid. And of course, cash and cheques are still very welcome payment methods at our next meeting too.

For new members who have never paid a subscription before, please remember that there is an additional one-off £10 joining fee as well.

Quite a few have already paid (many thanks!), but there are a large number who haven't as yet and we do rely on your subs to keep the club going financially, so please make it your new year resolution to let us have your renewal as soon as possible.

## 2022 DIXON STUDIO SHOWS – AS IF BY MAGIC

To remind you, we now have confirmed dates for our Dixon Studio shows in 2022 and we'll be back in the theatre during the week of 15th August. That means that our shows will run from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. I need to start planning for them now though and part of that is to look at who will be featured in the shows.

Last month I asked for anyone interested in performing to drop me a short line so that I can at least get an early look at who might want to be involved. Sadly I received only one reply from one of our close up magicians - thanks for coming back to me Matt, it's much appreciated.

**So - if you would like to take part in the shows please let me know** so that I can at least begin putting things together. With 8 months to prepare it sounds like we have plenty of time, but it will fly by and I have a lot of work to do to make it happen. We can only run the shows with your support so please do get in touch if you would like to be involved. I'm hoping that those of you that performed last time will be keen to put an act together for the new show.

For stage, you ideally need two 10 minute acts – and of course our close uppers will get an opportunity too as we run close up magic in the theatre foyer for an hour each night before the main show starts.



Again, at this stage, I just need to try and get an idea of numbers, especially for the stage shows. So if you'd like to take part please just drop me a line to let me know – content can be confirmed later.

We try to stage a different show every night and in the past a lot of our members have performed so I'm hoping that we can repeat the successes of the past. This will be our tenth anniversary of running the show, so let's try and make it the best yet!

Thanks for your help with this project – it's the biggest event in the club calendar so please do get involved if you can.

## **MAGIC NEWS**

### **The Session 14th - 16th January**

For those that have tickets to The Session event due to be staged on 14th - 16th January by Vanishing Inc, please note that **the convention has now been postponed**. This is of course due to the anticipated change to UK regulations in January. The event has been postponed until later in 2022 and Vanishing Inc say they'll be confirming new dates sometime in early January.

## **FINALLY, SOME OF THE FUN NIGHT QUIZZES FOR YOU TO USE**

No new magic to review this month. A number of members at the Christmas Fun Night asked if they could have copies of the quizzes we used on the night. Always happy to oblige, so in case you're getting together with friends or family for New Year, on the next few pages there are a couple of the quizzes for you to print out and use. I've even included the answers! Enjoy!

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

# SPOT THE DOG

				
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# BRITISH TV SITCOMS

Name the TV shows from the pictures

			
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## CRYPTIC TOWNS AND CITIES

The following clues provide the names of towns and cities within the UK.

1.	<b>Tub full of water</b>		
2.	<b>Spread before morning</b>		
3.	<b>Has a letter to spare</b>		
4.	<b>Crank Miss Rantzen</b>		
5.	<b>Half a score is alongside</b>		
6.	<b>Cranium stuck in rabbit hole</b>		
7.	<b>Professor of rollers</b>		
8.	<b>A chocolate bar without for instance</b>		
9.	<b>Nearly the colonel's twelve inches</b>		
10.	<b>A person who is leaving</b>		
11.	<b>People's rock</b>		
12.	<b>A complete bacon</b>		
13.	<b>Calligraphy with an "H"</b>		
14.	<b>Home of Sale of the Century</b>		
15.	<b>Shipsmen</b>		
16.	<b>Tying meat</b>		
17.	<b>Latest fortified wine</b>		
18.	<b>Religious skull</b>		
19.	<b>Tend fire</b>		
20.	<b>Is this Piggott's town?</b>		
21.	<b>There are no ends to a hairdryer</b>		
22.	<b>Pushed down heavyweight</b>		
23.	<b>Where the steer(of the bovine family) crossed the river</b>		
24.	<b>One of the three R's</b>		
25.	<b>Almost speechless in front of the French chips</b>		
26.	<b>Mother's garden entrance</b>		
27.	<b>Witches attempt to meet</b>		
28.	<b>Sounds like a vehicle is followed by a Scottish golfer</b>		
29.	<b>A male,part of the torso with some hesitation</b>		
30.	<b>Arran or Holy in the middle of one's wages</b>		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

# ANSWERS

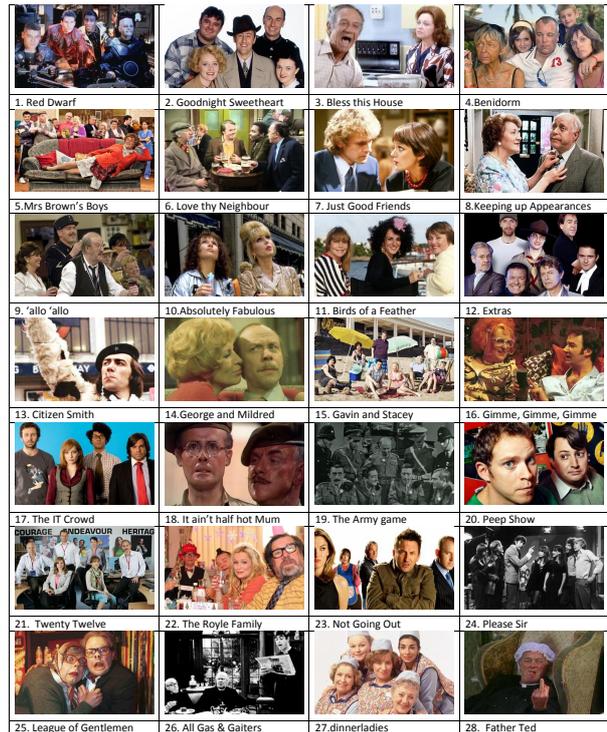
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2.	Spread before morning	MARGAM
3.	Has a letter to spare	DOVER
4.	Crank Miss Rantzen	WINCHESTER
5.	Half a score is alongside	TENBY
6.	Cranium stuck in rabbit hole	EDINBURGH
7.	Professor of rollers	DONCASTER
8.	A chocolate bar without for instance	YORK
9.	Nearly the colonel's twelve inches	SAUNDERSFOOT
10.	A person who is leaving	EXETER
11.	People's rock	FOLKESTONE
12.	A complete bacon	FULHAM
13.	Calligraphy with an "H"	PENARTH
14.	Home of Sale of the Century	NORWICH
15.	Shipsmen	CREWE
16.	Tying meat	NOTTINGHAM
17.	Latest fortified wine	NEWPORT
18.	Religious skull	HOLYHEAD
19.	Tend fire	STOKE
20.	Is this Piggott's town?	LEICESTER
21.	There are no ends to a hairdryer	AIRDRIE
22.	Pushed down heavyweight	PRESTON
23.	Where the steer(of the bovine family) crossed the river	OXFORD
24.	One of the three R's	READING
25.	Almost speechless in front of the French chips	DUMFRIES
26.	Mother's garden entrance	MARGATE
27.	Witches attempt to meet	COVENTRY
28.	Sounds like a vehicle is followed by a Scottish golfer	CARLISLE
29.	A male, part of the torso with some hesitation	MANCHESTER
30.	Arran or Holy in the middle of one's wages	PAISLEY
		<b>TOTAL</b>