



*Southend Sorcerers Society*

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## SOUTHEND SORCERERS DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### 2021 MEETINGS – SOME TBC

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

### 2021 CLUB SHOWS

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

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## LAST MEETING – 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – ZOOM CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT



Our Christmas meeting took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, and while we weren't able to host our usual fun night format, we held a similar evening where five rounds of quiz questions were presented over Zoom for everyone to have a go at. We also asked members to submit a short video of themselves performing a favourite magic effect, and in the end we had five pre-recorded entries and a live performance to enjoy. There was a mystery prize for the most enjoyable performance as voted for by the members attending the meeting.

So we started with the video performances from Don, Lewis, Clive, Simon and Derek – a range of different effects including an ESP routine from Simon and a self working card effect from Clive. Nathan showed us a really nice card routine live too - and then it was down to the voting. Once everyone had registered their preference, Nathan turned out to be the winner, claiming the prize of a £20 gift voucher to spend at Alakazam. Well done Nathan – it was a lovely routine.

On to the quiz rounds next, which included a set of Catchphrases, a round all about strange US laws, and a really tricky cryptic maths quiz.

In the end it was nice round off to the year's activities and we hope that everyone who dialled in had an enjoyable evening. Let's hope we can try and get back to some sort of normal for next year!

## NEXT MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY – ANDREW NORMANSELL LECTURE



Our first meeting of the new year will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and will be a lecture from the highly acclaimed magician, entertainer and comedian Andrew Normansell.

For those not familiar with Andrew's work, he combines mentalism, commercial close up, stand up and bizarre magic in his repertoire, and you can see a wide range of effects in these categories available in the shop on his website here: <http://www.andrewnormansell.co.uk/>

He's been well established as an entertainer for over 25 years and has worked extensively in the UK and abroad. His lecture will include something for everyone – including aspects of highly commercial close up and stand up magic, not to mention a touch of the bizarre and weird. He has a background as a creator, as well as working in the corporate and hospitality magic world, and is sure to present something which will be useful to all of us.

There's no doubt that Andrew's lecture will be hugely entertaining and interesting, so it's definitely one not to miss!

The meeting will start at 7.30 on Zoom as usual, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – here are the details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8254968023?pwd=MFRZVVZZclozNVBnUFNLNmttaHphdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 496 8023

Passcode: sorcerers

Look forward to seeing you there – don't be late, it should be a great night!

## 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 **27<sup>th</sup> 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



All being well, our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary shows for 'As If By Magic' at the Dixon Studio will be running during week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> 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! Start thinking about the magic you want to perform at this brilliant week of magic now!

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

## MAGIC NEWS

As the New Year approaches, there are plans for several magic shows to take to the stage in 2021 and although it's impossible to predict how the whole Covid situation will progress, all being well, there'll be plenty of opportunities to visit a theatre near you and see some live magic again. Here are some of the shows planned for the New Year. (You can find all the details for these in the 'what's on' section at [www.magicweek.co.uk](http://www.magicweek.co.uk))

## Richard Jones – Escape 2021 Tour

Richard Jones was the winner of Britain's Got Talent and is a British Army soldier. Having recently had audiences on *Britain's Got Talent: The Champions* completely captivated, Richard is extending his sell-out tour of the UK with new dates in 2021.



The mesmerising Lance Corporal will confirm exactly what made him the stand out act to win Britain's top talent show in 2016...

And he's still the only magician to have won the show. On his extended tour of 'Escape', Richard endeavours to break the boundaries of the mind with his 'magic with meaning', debuting a further twist on some of his newest, awe-inspiring magic.

See [www.richardjonesmagic.co.uk/tour-dates](http://www.richardjonesmagic.co.uk/tour-dates) for venues and dates..

### **Ben Hart – Wonder 2021 Tour**



Lee Martin for Gag Reflex presents *Ben Hart: Wonder 2021*. Ben is a Britain's Got Talent 2019 finalist, West End star and multi award-winning magician. Expect his most mind-blowing and exciting magic in a show that shines a light on magic, life, the universe and the darkest corners of your imaginations. With the simplest of props, using the objects and minds of the audience, Ben Hart conjures an altogether new kind of magic. February - July 2021.

See [www.benhartmagic.com](http://www.benhartmagic.com) for venues, dates and updates.

### **Derren Brow – Showman**

Derren Brown returns to the stage with 'Showman', his brand new live show for 2021. "We were all ready to open Showman when the tour had to be postponed.

Now, after sitting around in my pants for months I am so, so eager to get this show on the road. I'm hugely grateful to everyone who bought tickets and then were told they had to wait. Let's get together and have a hug and a party."



According to Empire magazine, Derren is "The closest our Galaxy can boast to a Jedi Master" He's appearing at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend w/c 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### **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](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk)

### **Jamie Raven – Illusion : Impossible**

Featuring our own Oliver Tabor, this is a new UK tour for next year. It's a 30 date magic tour also featuring Jamie Raven, BGT finalists James and Dylan Piper, and world speed illusionist Kayden Black. Along with Vicky Butterfly, Oliver appears as himself and as part of their double act, The Glamourists.



Collectively these performers have been seen by hundreds of thousands of people around the world and with over 500 million YouTube views between them, this production showcases their incredible talents together live on stage.

Illusion: Impossible features exclusive tricks never seen before.

With a non-stop show packed with breathtaking magic and illusions from Appearing Superbikes, Impossible Predictions, Double Levitations with an EXPLOSIVE finale!

You can check dates and venues at [www.illusionimpossible.co.uk](http://www.illusionimpossible.co.uk)

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

A couple of people have been in touch to offer items for sale and I wondered if there might be more of our members who would like to offer magic related things for sale too? If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, just drop Adrian a line with details of what you have for sale and how much you'd like for it – we'll be very happy to include it in future newsletters free of charge (of course!)



In the meantime, ex member Leon Rye has a prop for sale. It's an item by Pangu called **Magic Sands of Time**. Basically this is a large hourglass and you can stop the flow of sand at any time you want, and then restart it again as required. It comes boxed as originally and normally costs £180 – this is now a difficult item to find.

Leon's has a small chip in the glass near the top of the prop, but this doesn't affect the working in any way – he's looking for £75. There's a full description at Penguin Magic here: <https://www.penguinmagic.com/p/S15354>

If this is of interest to you, you can call Leon to discuss it on 07785 391090

Next, a neat **card dispenser** has been made by Nathan's dad as part of his Christmas gift. Nathan is delighted with it and wonders if it would be of interest to any other members?

You'd need to discuss it with Nathan and his dad as a price would need to be agreed, and Nathan's has a customised logo on the front glass too. But if you're looking for a way to store multiple decks neatly, this might be just what you need. You can call Nathan on 01702 580700.



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

### Cards/Mentalism

### MY LUCK IS YOURS by John Carey



John lectured for us back in January last year – hard to believe that it's a whole year ago! Anyway, he's created a new intuition style presentation which works extremely well and involves an element of cold reading using a deck of cards.

Using nothing but a regular **spectator shuffled** borrowed deck you will be able to perform a miracle on demand. Based on the theme of intuition and fortune telling, a random three digit total is thought of and called out by your participant. The sum of those digits is added together to form your spectators lucky number.

The performer then removes a mystery card from another deck from their pocket. The cards are then dealt from the shuffled deck to your spectator's lucky number. Incredibly that card perfectly matches your mystery card! It's just so clean and very deceptive.

Points to note: It's self working, extremely practical and easy to do. The numbers are not forced. They can be any numbers. Watch and enjoy the trailer - you won't be disappointed. John and Peter Nardi from Alakazam have a very detailed discussion about the method and concepts used and Peter also tips a brilliant alternative presentation where any card freely named appears at their lucky number!

This is a true worker and the best news is that it's an instant download from Alakazam costing just £7.99.

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/your-luck-is-mine-by-john-carey-instant-download.html>

### Bizarre

### ZENER MURDERS by Jamie Dawes

#### THE UNSOLVED MYSTERY.....

In 1935, the Institute of Parapsychology at Duke University was the centre of a series of horrendous and haunting murders. Known as the 'Zener Murders', the killer would allow the victim one chance to prove their psychic ability was real. If they failed, they would be murdered where they stood. If they proved they were psychic, they would live to see another day.



The murders are still unsolved but one of the only pieces of evidence is now in your possession. Some people thought it was Dr Zener's wife who killed the psychics. During the experiments, Zener and his wife split due to his obsession with his work. Zener's wife thought that if she could destroy his work (the psychics) then they would get back together.

Some believe it was the other members of the United Psychic's Guild who felt as though their organisation had been made a laughing stock. These 10 people were found to NOT have psychic ability whereas they believed theirs was a real ability. Some thought it was Dr Rhine and during his pursuit to prove psychics weren't real, he, in-fact discovered they were. It drove him insane and he killed them. I guess, we will never know...

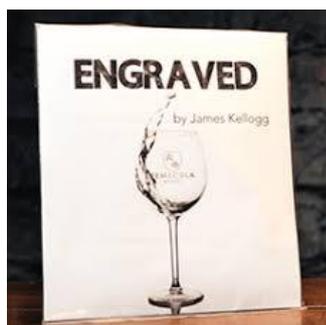
The Zener Murderer would give everyone the same chance before he killed them. If they could prove they were really psychic, he would let them live. If not, he would kill them instantly.

Give your spectators the same chance the Zener Murderer gave his victims and let them see if they would have lived or died. Then, when they think it is all over, hit them with a chilling kicker and leave them questioning their own abilities. This is a pack small, plays huge piece of bizarre magic that is direct, clean and baffling! The props have been custom designed to Jamie's original specification, meaning this is show-stopping spooky piece of bizarre magic.

The Zener Murders is available from Alakazam priced at £27.99 – you can see the trailer here: <https://www.alakazam.co.uk/zener-murders.html>

## Utilities

## ENGRAVED by James Kellogg



I love it when something comes out that isn't magic in itself, but which will enhance an existing effect – and Engraved is exactly that kind of thing.

Engraved is a one of a kind utility that allows you to engrave ANY prediction on ANY glass without the need of any tools or machinery. With Engraved, you will receive enough materials to make multiple engraved glasses. Using the Engraved method, it is truly engraved into the glass, non removable and permanent.

With this purchase, you will receive 2 sets of templates for your chosen glass style (one standard logo and the other is the card reveal). Although you receive pre-made templates, anything you can write, you can engrave. The possibilities are endless.

NOTE: Glasses are not included with this purchase. Provided are the utilities to DIY this magic trick using whatever glasses you may have or may purchase.

This could set off some amazing ideas – imagine what you could have engraved in a glass as a prediction – playing cards, numbers, holiday destinations, celeb names, the list is endless! Combine it with something like Digital Force Bag and you can really increase the power of your mentalism effects.

Engraved is available at Saturn Magic and costs £14. You can see it here:

<https://www.saturnmagic.co.uk/saturn-magic-shop/engraved--coca-cola-ac-gimmick-and-online-instructions--by-james-kellogg--trick.html>

## Phone Apps

## CONTACTUM by Magic Pro Ideas

Contactum is not a simple trick; it's an amazing magic app with which you will have total control of the contact list on any iPhone or Android in seconds. You can force, guess or predict one or many numbers on the spectator's phone.



You do not even need your own phone as you will do everything with the spectator's phone, very easily and without complicated techniques. With a little imagination, you can create powerful routines for close-up, parlour, or stage, involving one or many spectators.

### IMPORTANT POINTS

Multi language, 20 languages and growing constantly.

Set it up in seconds and have it ready to perform it always.

Very easy to perform.

Instructional videos and performance inside the app.  
Contactum automatically detects the spectator's phone!

With the great idea that no spectator knows what another spectator's contacts list looks like, Contactum will take advantage of this and give you a contacts list on the spectator's phone, detecting whether it is iPhone or Android, and giving you access to the corresponding contacts list, without the need to install anything on their phones.

Please note:

IOS: Requires iOS 11.0 or later. Compatible with iPhone and iPad.

Android: Requires Android 5.0 or later. Compatible with Android Phones and Tablets. (Not available for Huawei Phones without Playstore from factory).

Contactum is available from your favourite dealer but you can see it at Saturn Magic, where it's priced at £37.45

<https://www.saturnmagic.co.uk/saturn-magic-shop/contactum-by-magic-pro-ideas--trick.html>

## Cards

## D DECK by Dominic Duvivier



Dominic has come up with a brilliant and versatile gaffed deck which combines the best qualities of a 'Nudist Deck' ('Mental Photography') with the power of a 'Brainwave Deck'.

The magician thinks of a card, the spectator thinks of one as well. The spectator's choice is completely free. Both cards are removed from the deck. However, when the magician shows the rest of the deck, all the other cards are completely blank!

All the cards turn out to be blank, except for the two thought of cards!

Strong points:

No roughing fluid. Easy to do. Several routines explained. Bicycle Rider Back cards printed by USPCC. Online video instructions.

If you like this type of deck, then here's one to add to your collection – the effects look amazing!

You'll find D Deck at Saturn Magic where it can be yours for £28.

<https://www.saturnmagic.co.uk/saturn-magic-shop/d--deck--gimmicks-and-online-instructions--by-dominique-duvivier--trick.html>

## AND FINALLY.....



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