



### JUNE 2017 EDITION

#### GENERAL.

Greetings everyone, just a few notes and dates for your diary to pass away the hot summer days we are all hoping for.

Magic appears to be well represented throughout showbusiness at present with Magic shows and acts running at venues throughout the land.

Shows of note perhaps closest to us is at Blackpool where Mark James and Michael Jorden of "High Jinx" are doing a summer Season.

Mark is presenting a family show which includes, comedy, juggling, escapology and magic. Michael will be presenting his illusion show whilst also presenting his circus skills. Again a wonderful show for the whole family.

Our congratulation go to Isse Simpson for her success in BGT, it's great to see such youngsters hitting the heights with magic. There has been a number of Magic acts recently having success on BGT, it can only be good for the profession.

#### DMC.

The DMC has a full programme of events throughout the year. Often not open to our Patron membership. However, one event of note which is open to us all, is a visit to our club room at Breadsall Community Hall of The Mercian Mystics , the Magic Society at Stoke. The event is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June starting prompt at 19-30 hrs, is free and all Patron and friends are invited. It will be an ideal opportunity to see new acts and different magic from another Magic Circle. Please put this Event in your diary.

## **JAMES CARL, MAGICIAN.**

For those Patrons who attended Eddie Dawes presentation a couple of years ago, will perhaps recall him talking about the Derby Magician, James Carl.

James, who`s real name was James Wakefield, lived at 100 Chester Green Road, Derby. was born in June 1875 and died 1955 aged 79yrs.

James was a Town Councillor and performed general magic and was also a ventriloquist.

During the First world War he entertained the troops in hospital close to the front line.

One of his high lights of his career was his appearance at the Maskelyne Theatre, St Georges Hall, London.

It appears that James Carl is not a well known performer to the general public of Derby and his fame as a magician has been forgotten and lost in the realms of history of derby.

However there are moves a foot to commemorate his life as a person of note in Derby by an historical plaque. If this comes about, it will be a wonderful addition to the magical history of Derby. When and if further information becomes available I will let you know.

## **DATES FOR YOR DIARY.**

23<sup>RD</sup> August 2017 Is the Close-Up Competition at Breadsall, starting at 19-30hrs. It is free and all is welcome. Come and give your support to the competitors for their hard work.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September is our Night of Magic at the Spot Social Club, 19-30hrs for 20-00hrs. We are trying a new format to include more platform magic, showing a type of magic not often seen now a days. Again come along and support the hard working members. Your attendance is always needed.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 is our Presidents night at the Spot.

Allan is well on the way to organising a memorable night with a number of surprise to entertain the guests. Put this in your diary and more details will be given later.

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