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The Magic of Magic!!

By Michael King - Magician

How to get into magic?



I was fortunate to grow up (still growing up I think) during the sixties, missing the Jurassic period and Dinosaurs, but pre - mobile phones, computers, iPads, discs, CDs, and downloads, etc.!!

One of my uncles, an architect by profession, entertained our family with magic tricks at family parties and could always be relied upon to produce a coin from behind the ear or cause playing cards to do the impossible. So, from the age of around five I was appreciating and enjoying the trickery and entertaining power of magic, a sense of wonder that has stayed with me for the ensuing half century.

Not being a natural or accomplished sportsman, the hobby of magic gave me a keen interest to follow and a skill to develop all of my own choosing. At that time the entry route alongside the fellowship of other tricksters was to learn from books and from watching the greats of the time on television, such as David Nixon and Paul Daniels, being in my view, the best of British in that period and through that medium.

At Marlborough, the Masters' wife would take three of us 'entertainers' to show off our musical & magical skills at senior citizens clubs, hospitals, etc. which gave us a free pass out of marching up and down the parade ground on a Wednesday afternoon with a wooden rifle in all weathers!!



During college holidays, local Cricket, and Rotary clubs and similar would request a booking, payment was forthcoming and then more magic books and props were purchased; the circle widened and progressed. After leaving school, training in London for a hotel management career provided the opportunity to see and appreciate much more magic and the chance to join magic clubs and eventually the Magic Circle presented themselves.



Today any keen magician or hobbyist of any age can find an amazing amount of knowledge and help online including tricks and props, books, DVDs, tutorials, a wealth of information. (Local libraries also usually have a stock of magic books and details of local magic societies or would assist someone to find them from another library stock). There are also Magic magazines available on subscription for anyone to get a monthly fix of magic news and reviews, see advertising for new tricks or profiles of fellow performers.



Magic societies – there are usually several in each county – are often helpful in bringing on board new members or interested newcomers, and the likelihood is that you would be welcomed to visit on a club evening or open meeting.

Were you to type in the words ‘Magic Tricks’ or similar to your computer or laptop a veritable wave of information would come flooding your way. Whilst you will see advertisements and videos for impressive looking effects from eBay, Magic Dealers and Private Vendors, you should be aware that a certain skill level will be needed to gain real benefit from your investment, and you would need to have the confidence and practise discipline to present effects well, and in an entertaining manner.

Remember the old adage ‘All that glitters is not Gold’. Many items you see advertised might be shown in a carefully edited format and not suitable to your own style of presentation. The best route is to see something performed by a magician or demonstrator at a magic shop or a store that includes magic in the product ranges (Hamleys, Harrods & others). Physical Magic shops that you could attend in person to enquire would be found online – there are a few in London and others scattered about in various locations both nationally and internationally.



The most practical idea is to start with learning from books or screen, learn to perform magic well without any need to invest in special tricks or props, find a style that suits your own personality and gives you performing confidence.

I am a full-time professional magician, and whilst I do provide paid tutorials would always be happy to give free advice and encourage someone in the right direction.



Should you have a genuine interest and passion for the world of magic, it is very likely that you would find someone to mentor you or to help you find mentoring in this particular field. You may be interested to learn that our future King, Charles, Prince of Wales is an honorary member of The Magic Circle, and that the Prince’s Trust were involved with the popular modern magician Dynamo.

Tutorial at the Pavilion with Michael King fill out the ‘Expression of Interest Form’.

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Community Work



North Baddesley is lucky to have volunteers who give of their spare time to help with groups and activities, but more are needed.

For example, the **Projects Clubs** Junior (9 to 11 inc) and Senior (12 to 17 inc) sections need more support. The 2 sections have been meeting every Wednesday evening from 5.30pm to 9pm since 2013. The Club is a bit more than a perceived traditional Youth Club and includes reading support, apprenticeships and careers guidance, Forums and discussions and interview techniques. Of course, it has its fun elements too, including, sports and games, music and so forth. The odd Disco has been known to break out also.

A raft of professional Trades Workers are needed to help out with Carpentry, cookery and other workshops as well as music instructor and those interested and or qualified in theatre work, etc.

This Club is not a place to 'hang out', it is a place to learn grow and progress. If you would like to help young people achieve and blossom, send in the '**Expression of Interest**' form.



Environmental Work



It has long been envisioned that Mountbatten Park and The Recreation Ground would become focal points for environmental studies and work, looking at woodcraft such as wattling, rustic furniture, outdoor camping, cooking, outdoor art, nature studies and photography and orienteering etc.

If you have an interest in heading up this work or just interested in joining the group, send in the '**Expression of Interest**' form.



Musical Theatre



We are lucky to have secured a grant for this project and found a qualified Musical Theatre Instructor to grow with it, now it needs those who might be interested in this activity to fill out an '**Expression of Interest**' form.

As you may know Theatre has been around for many years and sports a wide variety of aspects from singing, music, acting, script writing, set building, costume design, lighting, sound and sewing, and so on, so there is a spot for anyone who has an interest in the theatre.



Become a Communitier and make a difference!!

Sports Development



Whilst Covid has restricted a lot of face-to-face sports it has not prohibited the building of funds or planning to run programmes and projects, when the wretched virus allows. Just recently a Youth Recovery Grant for sports was won by Recreation Ground Charity for £15k. This grant will see a sports development programme running from April '22 to March '23, featuring multiple sports, as shown below.

Basketball:

This programme will start right after the Easter break and is to be run by SportSkool. If you wish to find out more about Basketball and its history, please go the Parish Council website and open up the Community heading for back issues of the Bulletins. Basketball of course is for all age groups, male and female, and all abilities. With SportSkool's and others help it is hoped to grow this sport and all sports for fun, exercise, and competitions, as well as skills work and getting local Coaches and Officials qualified.

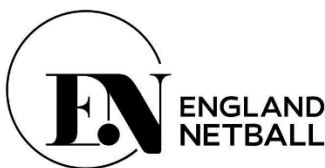
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxgdtZhvn4A>

<https://www.sportskool.co.uk/>

<https://www.northbaddesley-pc.gov.uk/youth-community-club/>



Netball:



It is also hoped to start a Netball programme in the 3rd week of April also. We are very lucky to have Netball England Coaches running this project, which will feature skills



work, tactics, and the opportunity for local residents to gain qualifications as officials and Coaches as well as opportunities for Sports Leaders to support their community and build their CVs.

This programme is open to all age groups male and female and abilities. Planned is Netball purely for fun and exercise, or if wished the development of competitions, local and inter – village.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qJ4rfUTt_I

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/>



Handball:



Believe it or not this Sport has been around for many years, introduced in the UK in 1968, it is a prominent Olympic Sport. It is hoped that this aspect of the overall sports development programme will start from the 3rd week in April '22, possibly run by our great friends at SportSkool. A grass court will be marked out for play.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d02UICgXRH8>

<https://www.englandhandball.com/>



Volleyball:



This sport, also a feature of the overall sports development programme planned from the 3rd week in April '22, got started in the UK in 1955, it is also a prominent Olympic sport and played by most countries around the world. The North Baddesley programme at the Recreation Ground will see a grass court marked out (easier on the knees).

Again, it is likely that this sport will be run by the sports development team from SportSkool or a Coach from Volleyball England.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvI4YD1klEM>

<https://www.volleyballengland.org/>

Hockey.



Another grass short court will be marked out for this sport, and it is hoped our friends from England Hockey will come along for a coaching session or two, or that a local Coach can be persuaded to join the programme.

Hockey started in the mid-1800s in the UK and has been going strong ever since.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKpkpv5XBF0>

<https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/>

Softball:



Softball has been around in England since 1968, is well organised and has been an Olympic sport just since 1966. This is also a feature of the overall sports development programme. A diamond will be marked out on the grass from April '22 onwards.

We are currently looking for a Coach for this sport and are speaking with The British Softball Federation for support and guidance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOnkVcX7sck>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC_fefm3Qz8

<https://www.britishsoftball.org/>



Whilst not a direct part of this development programme you can also access just about any sport you wish locally, including, Cricket, Archery, Tennis, Golf, BMX, Skateboarding and Football etc.

Just a sampling then of the adult sports programme being developed, your suggestions for others are most welcome.

Whichever sport interests you fill out the '**Expression of Interest**' form on the last page.

It does not require a handwritten signature as it is not an official registration form. The form can be copied and pasted via the Parish Council Website in the community column.

Your name will go on a list and once a certain activity is possible you will be sent a Registration Form.

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If you coach or teach a sport and have time to give, please let us know.

Better With Music.



Recently North Baddesley has been able to secure the services of top music professional **Luiza Staniec - Moir**, with the aim of developing the fullest music programme for all age groups and abilities. Luiza is a top performer, having had a number 1 hit in Poland; she writes, records, and performs. She also teaches general music to an array of groups and supports abused women and girls through her work.

Luiza

<https://www.soundlikewomen.com/>

<https://www.soundlikewomen.com/music-production-studio>

A Lottery grant has been won in order to put on 20 'free' sessions from April 2022.3.

Learn to play an instrument, form a band or singing group or learn how to write music and create songs!



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General Expression of Interest Form

(You should be able to copy and paste this form from the Parish Council website - Community Bulletins).

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Name: _____ Age _____

I am interested in: _____

Parents Signature: _____ Parent's Email: _____

*** A typed signature will suffice as this is not an official registration form.

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