



# Shell Game

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## January's meeting

The January meeting was held just before the "storm of storms" hit our city, so hats off to the brave souls who took some risk to come out and show us their "*Newest Trick*".

**Andy Parr** opened the night by having a spectator shoot a fully loaded Nerf gun at a board covered with playing cards, eventually selecting one (a very cool way to "pick a card"! ) – which also happened to be the only card reversed in his deck!

**Mark Hogan** did two **Craig Petty** effects from this year's *Penguin Magic Holiday Spectacular*: A different take on a "Card to Wallet" using a Misdirection card; and some "sleight of hand" performed by a photocopy of his own hand! He also performed **Christian Grace's** *Paradox*, where a selection is shuffled into a packet, and cards added to the packet by the spectator until the packet contains the entire deck, except the selection!

**Andrew Olmstead** showed us a very nice "Ring and String" effect that he had not performed in years, adding a terrific reveal of the ring at the end using **Nicholas Einhorn's** "*Nest of Wallets*" he recently received. Later he used his winning item from our "*Pass The Deck*" contest to find a spectator's selection by spelling items we all had for lunch!

**Sam General** performed **Ollie Mealing's** *Discarded*, had a spectator select a card and shuffle it into the pack, and with Sam discarding clumps of cards he didn't like, he eventually found the selection!

### Next Meeting:

**Date: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Topic: IT'S OUT OF YOUR HANDS!**

**Location: Beal Secondary School  
525 Dundas Street, London  
Room 253**

And **Harvey Poole** showed us one object can fit holes shaped in a square, circle, and a triangle! He also did some of his favourite rubber band effects, and also used questions submitted to an “*AI deck*” to find a spectator’s selection!

Thanks to everyone who came out to have some fun showing us their newest tricks!

Mark Hogan

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## *February’s meeting*

**DATE: Wednesday, February 11**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

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## **TOPIC: *IT’S OUT OF YOUR HANDS!***

Magicians do a lot of work performing an effect. This month, why not *perform a trick where the magician does nothing (or next to nothing, or it appears like you do nothing!)*.

Perhaps it’s a trick that uses a gimmick that does all the work for you. Perhaps it’s a self-working card trick, maybe done in the spectator’s hands. Or maybe a mentalism or other type of effect where it looks like you do nothing ... but the sneaky stuff is well hidden!

Hope to see you on **Wednesday, February 11!**

<p><b>We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!</b></p>
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<p>Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:</p>
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## News Of Interest



### Club exchange with Hamilton's Ring 49

(Ring49magic.com)

The *London Magicians Guild* has accepted an invitation from the Hamilton magic club (*I.B.M Ring 49 – the Doug Henning Magic Wand Club*) to do an **exchange** this spring.

As in the past, members of the Hamilton club would visit London on our regular meeting and perform/lecture for us, and members of the London club would return the favour on one of the Hamilton club's regular meetings to do the same.

Tentative dates are for the Hamilton magicians to come to London on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. London magicians would then visit Hamilton on **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

*We are looking for London magicians (that's us!) who would like to travel to Hamilton to perform/lecture on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>. We would figure out carpooling arrangements once we know who is interested.*

Please consider joining us in a trip to Hamilton. More information will be available as the date approaches.



### Lucy Darling performing in Toronto in March

(Ticketmaster)

**Carisa Hendrix** (aka the captivating **Lucy Darling**) will be performing in Toronto for one day only at the **Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre** on

**Friday March 13.**

Two shows are scheduled – **6:00pm** and **9:00pm**.

Comedian, magician, and variety artist **Carisa Hendrix** is a 15-time award-winning entertainer featured in the *Guinness Book of World Records* and *Ripley's Believe It or Not*. Hendrix has received the prestigious *Allan Slaight Award* and was crowned *Stage Magician of the Year* at the world-famous *Magic Castle* for two consecutive years.

She has appeared on the covers of prominent magic magazines such as *Genii*, *Vanish Magazine*, and *Penguin Monthly* and on television shows, including *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* and *Masters of Illusion*.

For tickets, visit Ticketmaster:  
<https://www.ticketmaster.ca/lucy-darling-tickets/artist/3675399?venueId=131082>

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## Dream comes true for “Britain’s Got Talent” winner with a skydive act

(BBC.com)



A magician who has been crowned *Britain's Got Talent* winner after including a skydive in his final act has said it is "*a dream come true*" to come out on top.

**Harry Moulding** from Blackpool won the public vote after showing his card trick that included jumping out of a plane.

The 24-year-old admitted he was "*terrified of heights*" and "*I couldn't think of anything crazier*" than sky diving during the magic trick.

He "couldn't wait" to perform in front of King Charles at the Royal Variety Performance and he hoped to involve him when he took to the stage at the Royal Albert Hall in November.

He said the King was also a member of the Magic Circle, a British society for magicians, adding: "I'd absolutely love the opportunity to create some magic with him."

Moulding, who described his hometown of Blackpool as "*an entertainment capital*", also won a cash prize of £250,000 which he described as "*surreal*" and "*life-changing*"

He told *BBC Radio Lancashire* it had been a "*whirlwind*" since he was named the *2025 Britain's Got Talent* winner in the *Hammersmith Apollo* in London.

He said he had had "*no expectations*" of winning and had just focused on his magic tricks.

"*I just wanted to go there and enjoy every moment and just do my best*," he said.

"*All my focus was put into making the act as big as possible and try and make it the best performance of my life.*"

He said he was "*so grateful to everyone who got behind me and believed in me*" and he was "*overwhelmed with the support and positivity.*"

"*I could never imagine I would be in this position - it really is a dream come true,*" he added.

In his semi-final show Moulding was fast-tracked into the final after guest judge **KSI** pressed the golden buzzer for his show-stopping performance which ended with an audience member proposing to his girlfriend.

As well as his win, **Moulding** is looking forward to celebrating **Harry** and **Jess's** wedding.

"They have sent me an invite. That is the best result ever."

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