



Shell Game

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December's meeting

On what was traditionally a slow night due to the upcoming holidays, the December meeting had the largest attendance we'd seen in years! Our current room couldn't hold the people – we had to move to the auditorium. And with it being "Tricky Boxes" night, a large box was found in the middle of the auditorium. It looked empty – but then the lights mysteriously went out, and out of the box came **David Copperfield**. Really!

OK – not really. It was a small group. And no one brought a "tricky box" (except **Mark Hogan's** lame attempt by bringing a kid's magic set with a cardboard production box.) But the part about having too many people in the room WAS true! There was a dance recital that night, and the room was being used.

After a few minutes of getting bored with the "effects" that were in the kid's magic set, the few of us decided to pack it in. But then ... we had our own "Christmas miracle". A guest showed up! **Lliam Buckley** appeared from nowhere and wanted to check out the club. And a second miracle – a janitor came by and offered us another room! Someone was telling us to have a meeting – so we did!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 8

Time: 7:30 PM

Topic: NEW ROUTINE WORKSHOP NIGHT!

**Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253**

Everyone contributed something: **Jon The Magic Guy** performed an impressive coins across routine and demonstrated some moves he had been working on, as well as a Cannibal Cards effect with a killer ending; **Mark Hogan** did an Out of this world variation with the spectator doing all the shuffling; and **Brandon Kidd** and **Jesse Davidson** presented some card effects and manipulation. Even our guest came prepared: **Liam** did a very nice Three Card Monte routine where the money card vanished and was found reversed in the middle of the deck!

It wasn't what was planned. It wasn't what anyone expected. But what appeared to be a Grinch of a meeting turned into something pretty darn good. Perhaps those who came out could consider this night an early Christmas present!

Mark Hogan

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Need some help with a routine you're working on? Want some guidance with an effect that you're working with? Just want to see how a favorite trick you have can play even better? Show us what you've got – and let the rest of us help fill in the blanks!

Bring any routines you are working on, or ones you do now that you would like to change up or get ideas on doing differently. As a group we'll provide ideas to help take the routine to the next level!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!
Please send any original reviews, magic
tricks or routines to:
magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest

Magicians entertain Prince Charles at Christmas party

(Kent Online)

A former punk turned professional magician was rubbing shoulders with Prince Charles at his Christmas party.

French illusionist [Etienne Pradier](#), who lives in Wye, was invited to entertain at St James's Palace for the annual bash.

The Magician of 26 years was accompanied by fellow comedian [Laura London](#), who he appeared with on the ITV television show Penn and Teller - Fool Us.

The pair entertained guests of the Prince and staff of the palace with their unique styles of magic at the glitzy party in London last Wednesday.

Mr. Pradier, 48, was first introduced to Prince Charles 12 years ago, after meeting his personal assistant at a party held by **Peter** and **Catherine Kuhfeld**, both well known-painters from Wye.

He said: "Laura and I were both punks in the 80s, and we were joking that we would never have thought we would be at a party with royalty back then.

"But I've done it so many times now that I know a few of the people, and I always have a good time."

Mr. Pradier, who has twice won the Magic Circle award, describes his approach as that of a crazy Frenchman, and that he likes to make sure that he leaves his audiences with a smile on their faces.

Laura London is one of the UK's top female magicians, who particularly specialises in slight of hand card tricks.

To see Etienne Pradier's performance on the Penn & Tenner show, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=GNDV6QtD7b0



Paul Daniels escape driving ban

(BBC News England)

Magician and entertainer **Paul Daniels** has escaped a driving ban after arguing he needs his license in order to care for his elderly mother.

Mr. Daniels, of Wargrave, Berkshire, admitted driving above 40mph on London Road, Earley, near Reading on 23 July.

He received three points for the offence, taking his total to 12, but was excused from disqualification by Oxford magistrates.

The 75-year-old, whose real name is **Newton Edward Daniels**, was fined £625.

He was also ordered to pay a £62 victim surcharge and £65 costs.

Paul Daniels' television career began on ITV before he made the move to the BBC.

As well as numerous appearances on magic shows, he has presented game shows including Wipe Out and Odd One Out.

In 2010, he appeared as a contestant on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

He is married to radio presenter and fellow entertainer **Debbie McGee**.

Las Vegas magician visits patients on Christmas Day

(MyNews3.com)

Celebrity Magician **Murray Sawchuck** entertained pediatric patients who are in the hospital for the holidays with his quick wit and funny skits to help our patients feel just a little bit better.

In the pediatric unit at the university medical center several children are getting a magical visit this Christmas.

Anthony Aulicino, 9, was rushed here yesterday after having an asthma attack. Today he's all smiles as Magician Murray Sawchuck shows him some

tricks.

"What's so great with magic is you can actually take people out of the real world for a few minutes and make them forget about their pain or their problems and have a good time." Murray said. "If I can do that, that's the least I can do on Christmas Day for somebody."

To see part of Murray's visit to the hospital, visit:
<http://www.mynews3.com/content/news/local/story/Celebrity-Magician-visits-patients-on-Christmas/YmRQ1usP9ka4XMw8was5Qg.csp?rss=3269>

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