



Paisley & District U3A Press Release: No embargo: 00.00 Thursday 23 December 2021

It's a kind of magic for Paisley u3a

To beat the January blues, Paisley & District u3a members can watch live magic. Guest artist and Magic Circle member, Billy Reid will perform amazing card, cash and coin tricks guaranteed to wow the audience. This free jaw dropping session starts at 2pm in the Salvation Army Hall in Mill Street, Paisley- doors open 1.30pm.



U3a chair, Kathy O'Donnell remarked: 'We may want to figure out how tricks work but mostly we love the sheer wonder of magic. There's genuine delight even as people are trying to understand how an item managed to appear or disappear in front of their eyes. As Billy Reid begins his act, we'll be surprised and intrigued to see just how he does it. I'm not sure he will share the secrets of his trade but we'll still ask him after the show!'

Magician Billy Reid said: 'As we grow up, much of the world loses that sense of childlike wonder and intrigue. Being able to bring that back to people using magic, sleight-of-hand and storytelling is just wonderful, and is the main reason I love doing what I do!'

Details of local u3a activities and groups at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/paisley/welcome>

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Notes to the Editor

1. **Photo:** Scottish Champion of Magic, Billy Reid. He's the guest speaker at Paisley & District's monthly meeting on Thursday 6 January 2022. **Copyright of Billy Reid.** To interview Billy or for any other PR information, please contact **Allana Parker**, M: **07483 820027**, email: alexandallana@btinternet.com

2. Paisley & District u3a is Scotland's 50th self-help learning co-operative for people who are not in full time work. u3as, run by local volunteers who share their learning, are part of a UK-wide and international educational movement. Its motto is 'Learn, laugh, live.' Scotland has around 10,000 members in 53 u3as who enjoy the social side of taking up new activities, interests and hobbies.
3. Billy Reid is a professional magician. He has developed his skills over 20 years and is now a member of the Magic Circle. He has twice won the Scottish Close –Up Magician of the Year. Billy Reid invents as well as performs magic pieces and these can be seen at: <https://www.reidmagic.com/>