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Master: Paul Bostock BA DPhil

### Card Backs & Master's Ace of Spades

The card backs feature elements of Test Card F which was shown on BBC television while no programmes were being broadcast. It has become an iconic British image regularly subject to parody.

The Master's Ace features Paul Bostock who has Chaired the WCMPC Playing Card Committee for six years. He has had a life-long interest in collecting playing cards and he is a Council Member of the International Playing Card Society and an Officer of the American collectors' club, 52 Plus Joker. His card collection centres around the history of the standard English pattern and can be seen at [www.plainbacks.com](http://www.plainbacks.com)

Before retiring in 2009, Paul was Managing Director of GMO UK, the London office of Fund Management Partnership Grantham Mayo Van Otterloo LLC. Paul was educated at Oxford University where he gained a D.Phil (particle physics) and a BA.

He has been a City of London resident for many years and has interests in mathematics, music, and playing piano. He enjoys visiting Jamaica where he and his wife have family and friends.



### The Kings

- K♥ Derek Griffiths MBE
- K♣ Sir David Attenborough
- K♦ Arthur Burrows
- K♠ Richard Baker



### The Queens

- Q♥ Valerie Singleton OBE
- Q♣ Judith Hann
- Q♦ June Spencer CBE
- Q♠ Angela Rippon CBE



### The Jacks

- J♥ John Noakes
- J♣ Patrick Moore CBE
- J♦ Roy Plomley OBE
- J♠ Michael Buerk



### Jokers

Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise were a comic duo from 1941 to 1984. Their 1970s Christmas specials had audiences often over 20 million.