

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

ALLY SLOPER

Dick Moore writes: "Shortly after we finished the article about Ally Sloper in the March issue of *The Magic Lantern* (TML 26, p. 6) I came across these four slides. Clearly this is the same story line, however it refers to a Professor Tompkins and not Ally Sloper." A quick look at the Lucerna Magic Lantern Web Resource suggests that these are from *Adventures of a Snowball* (Lucerna ID 3001699). But which came first – Ally or the Professor?



(Sketched on the pier just after the arrival of the boat.)
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A LITTLE PUNCH

Jerry Fisher spotted this *Punch* cartoon that was republished in *Mr Punch on Tour: The humour of travel at home and abroad*, one of 25 volumes in *The Punch Library of Humour*, produced in the early 1900s. There is no indication of when this cartoon first appeared. *Punch* magazine began publication in 1841. The wording reads: (Sketched on the pier just after the arrival of the boat.) 'Arry (viewing stormy sea in a mutoscope). "My eye, Maria, come an' 'ave a look 'ere. The motion of the waives is simply grand!"



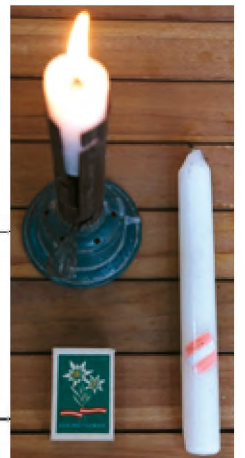
Ghostly goings-on in Ghent – see p. 10 to find out more ... (photograph © Joëlle Verbeeck/ PReSent in Gent)

MIKE SIMKIN

In this issue we have included obituaries for two much valued, long-term members of the Magic Lantern Society – Herman Bollaert and Ann Hecht (see p. 8) – but as we were going to press, we heard the sad news that a third had passed away: Mike Simkin. We will include an obituary for Mike in the next issue. Our thoughts are with all three families.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Don't forget that MLS members have access to a growing number of excellent shows and presentations. Just go to www.magiclantern.org.uk/events/search.php, sign in with your member's username and password (use the 'Contact us' link if you have forgotten those). You can then search for items using criteria such as year of presentation, venue and presenter's name. Or select 'Online' in the 'Recording format' drop-down box to browse a list of all the 115 plus items you can view through the website. Since April 2020 (when our virtual meetings began) we have put up extra pieces not shown during the live Zoom part of the meeting – these are not to be missed!



ONE CANDLE?

Which show required one Austrian candle and one box of Austrian matches? The answer is on page 16.

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only

2021

24 July

Summer meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Roborough Studios, University of Exeter, Exeter

23 October

Autumn meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Swedenborg Hall, London

2022

22 January

Magic Lantern Society Annual General Meeting
Musical Museum, Brentford, London

29 April to 1 May

Magic Lantern Society International Convention
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

NEW MEMBERS

<i>Ditmar Bollaert</i>	Ghent, Belgium
<i>Jim Bumgardner</i>	Sunland, California, USA
<i>Timothy DeLaVega</i>	Hanapepe, Hawaii, USA
<i>John Farrar</i>	Northwich, Cheshire, UK
<i>Robin James</i>	Exmouth, Devon, UK
<i>Ben Judd</i>	London, UK
<i>Anastasia Kerameos</i>	London, UK
<i>Matthew Schnittker</i>	Castaic, California, USA
<i>Stormpress Ltd</i>	Exeter, Devon, UK
<i>Andrew Thomas</i>	Chesterton, Oxfordshire, UK
<i>Tim Toone</i>	Littleport, Cambridgeshire, UK