

## MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD



Not our summer meeting venue but ... Lester Smith has sent us this slide image hoping that an MLS member might recognise this building and know what the occasion could be. It is a large slide from the Royal Polytechnic Institution, painted by W.R. Hill, dated 1888 and referred to as 'PEACE'. Any answers to Lester please.

### COMMITTEE NEWS

A few personnel changes took place at the AGM in January (see p.14). **Jeremy Brooker** retired as our Chair, after five years plus an extra year 'added on for good behaviour'; **Alexia Lazou** stepped down after sterling work as our Committee Secretary; and **Jerry Fisher** retired (after 40 years!) from the Committee, although he continues in the role of Membership Secretary. The Society is enormously grateful to all three for their hard work and commitment over the years they have served the Society.

Our new Chair is **Richard Feltham**, while **Frog Morris** takes over as Committee Secretary. We still have a vacancy for a Sales Officer (Promotion), and will need to recruit a new Auditor before the end of the current year (Richard's previous role). We're always keen to hear from anyone able to offer any of their time and skills to help keep the Society running smoothly.

Contact details for all the Officers and Committee can be found in the Members' Area of the MLS website at: [www.magiclantern.org.uk/membersarea/directory.php](http://www.magiclantern.org.uk/membersarea/directory.php)

### MYSTERY SOLVED

In *TML* 29 **Lindsay Lambert** asked for help in identifying this group with a triunial magic lantern. By chance, at our AGM **Jeremy Brooker** projected an image of the Dyson Gypsy Choir which **Richard Crangle** identified as the troupe in Lindsay's photo (and on the cover of *NMLJ* Vol.10 No.6, on the MLS website). **Jeremy** has been researching their activities and promises a *TML* article, so no more about them yet but watch this space ...

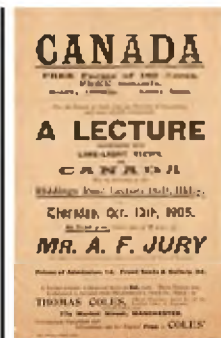


### MAGIC LANTERNS IN MODERN SONGS

**Trevor Beattie** has spotted that the latest **Elvis Costello** album *The Boy Named Iv* released in January mentions 'magic lantern land' in the chorus of the title track. 'Iv' is his nickname for an imaginary friend or secret self. Later on he likens this to a slipping slide, appearing and disappearing. **Trevor**, a Costello fan since 1977, comments: "Costello's lyrics are always vivid and original, and this is an apt description of a child's relationship with his invisible friend." **Trevor** also highlights a mention in **Jethro Tull's** 'Moths' from their 1978 *Heavy Horses* album and **Uriah Heap's** 1970 track 'Magic Lantern' on their *Very 'Eavy ... Very 'Umble* album. Then, of course, there were The Magic Lanterns so vividly described by **Jeremy Brooker** at our online meeting (*TML* 23, June 2020). **Trevor** suggests we should invite **Elvis Costello** to an MLS meeting.

### MEETINGS UPDATE

Members have been informed by email but in case you missed it – the Convention in April will now be an extra special two-day meeting on 30 April and 1 May in Birmingham. This is an occasion not to be missed – the programme is looking great and it's free to attend. Our Summer Meeting has also now been arranged, on 23 July at Lacey Green in the Buckinghamshire countryside – a venue we've used before. Note also the SAS auction on 26 April (see Diary) that will include some interesting magic lantern items.



### COME TO CANADA!

Canadian member **Lindsay Lambert** recently bought this handbill for a 1905 lantern lecture in Ilkley, Yorkshire, promoting emigration and homesteading in Canada. He says: "I gave a presentation for the Oshawa Historical Society in Ontario some years ago. An executive member told how his family is in Canada because of a magic lantern show. His grandmother brought home a handbill for a free show about Canada when she was a schoolgirl in England. It was to promote emigration and inspired his family to make the journey. His grandmother spent the rest of her life telling everyone the story. This has prompted me to try to track him down for an article."

### DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only

#### 2022

26 April

Photographica and camera auction  
Special Auction Services (SAS), Newbury, UK

30 April to 1 May

Special two-day Spring meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

5-7 May

*The Magic Lantern in Leisure, Entertainment and Popular Culture*, B-magic Final Conference  
Photography Museum (FOMU), Antwerp, Belgium

23 July

Summer meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
Millennium Hall, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire

15 October

Autumn meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
Swedenborg Hall, Bloomsbury, London

17 December

Zooming towards Christmas  
The Magic Lantern Society's online extravaganza

### NEW MEMBERS

<b>Mary Anne Barkhouse</b>	Minden, Ontario, Canada
<b>Meredith Barnes</b>	Trenton, New Jersey, USA
<b>Stephanie Delazeri</b>	Los Angeles, California, USA
<b>Nettie Edwards,</b>	
<b>Michael Hall</b>	
<b>and Miranda Hall</b>	Cheltenham, UK
<b>Sara Jones</b>	Sutton-on-Sea, UK
<b>Sandra Lawrence</b>	Greenwich, London, UK
<b>Peter and Nicola Krysiak</b>	Ashbourne, UK
<b>Victoria Mills</b>	Cottenham, UK
<b>Hugh Rayner</b>	Bath, UK
<b>Dominique Santens</b>	
<b>and Philippe Khazzaka</b>	Wetteren, Belgium
<b>Kevin Segall</b>	Woodland Hills, California, USA
<b>Ine van Dooren</b>	Hove, UK
<b>Ellen Wang</b>	London, UK