

## FROM THE NEW CHAIR

*Richard Feltham*

*Dear Members of the Magic Lantern Society*, as your new Chair, I would like to express my thanks to previous holders of the position, who have built a strong, friendly and knowledgeable Society. I would especially like to thank the retiring Chair, **Jeremy Brooker**, who has guided us, with humour and creativity, through the challenges of last two years, as well as keeping us in order at our meetings over the last six years. He has also regaled us with many entertaining presentations, and I hope that he will continue to do so in the future.

I also would like to thank all of the MLS Committee who have worked tirelessly to enable us to meet online, and in person, throughout the pandemic. So much work takes place in the background – sending emails, proofreading articles, planning events, arranging for the correct technology to be available, developing and rehearsing presentations, and many other jobs – just to bring us



quarterly meetings and our journal, let alone keeping the MLS running. If you have any time that you could spare to support the Committee in our endeavours, there are always jobs that they would be happy to pass on or share. Please let me know in what way you would like to offer practical help, and I will put you in contact with the right people. For example, we are currently looking for an auditor (my ex-job) to audit our accounts before the next AGM in January 2023. The Society and its well-being belongs to us all.

For those who have not met me, I have been a member of the MLS for over 30 years. My particular interest is children's slides and their manufacture. I also enjoy restoring lanterns and slides, bringing them back to working condition. What a thrill when you can project mechanical slides that were broken,

in a lantern that arrived missing various bits.

I hope to meet as many members as possible at future meetings but if you are unable to come to meetings, for whatever reason, I would love to hear from you and what interests you about the magic lantern. You can email me at [chair@magiclantern.org.uk](mailto:chair@magiclantern.org.uk).