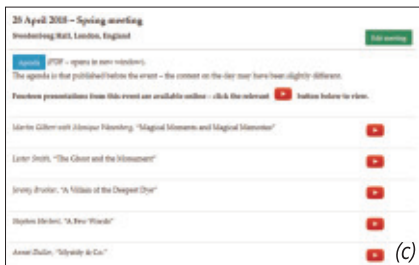


# MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

## MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY PRESENTATION VIDEOS

Over the years we have been video recording many of our meetings. Some of these have been made available on DVDs but recently we have been putting many on YouTube via our own channel called The Magic Lantern Society. If you search directly on YouTube you will probably not find us because we have made the videos available for 'Members Only' as a benefit of membership.

To find the videos, go to the Magic Lantern Society website and log in as a member via the 'Members' Area' link at the top of every page. You should see something like image (a). Now click on the 'Past events' button about half way down the left hand side and that should take you to a form, as shown in image (b).



Most of the videos available are from 2018 so if you select '2018' from the drop-down list in the 'Year of event' box and then click on the 'Search' button at the bottom you will be taken to a list of MLS events. Scroll down the page and you will see that every item available as a video is marked with a white arrow in a red button (see image (c)). Click on a red button to relive a magic moment of your choice.



### NEW SERIES ALERT!

Following an excellent suggestion from John Townsend, we will be running a new series starting in the September edition of *The Magic Lantern* featuring magic lanterns, or peepshows, within magic lantern slides. Here is an example from John's own collection and we would love to hear from anyone who has one, two or even dozens of this type of image for future editions. Please let us have the images together with anything you know about the slide (date, manufacturer, type of slide, etc) but don't worry if you know very little [editor@magiclantern.org.uk](mailto:editor@magiclantern.org.uk).

### MIKE AND THERESA SIMKIN

The Committee has decided to award honorary life membership of the Magic Lantern Society to Mike and Theresa (Tre) Simkin. Mike was a founder member of the Society in 1976 and has made a great contribution to the Society itself, the revival of interest in magic lanterns and knowledge about them. Thanking the MLS, Tre reports: "After all this time [Mike] is glad to see the Society promoting such authority, very individual entertainment and performing skills all around the magic lantern world. He will always be grateful to the Society for all it has encouraged in his life."

### MITTELSTRASS ADVERT

Wilhelm Widenmann has sent this wonderfully illustrated advert from 1876. The German dealers Gebrüder Mittelstrass of Magdeburg announce "a big selection of even more effective pictures", i.e. a then very often used joke box, producing a little devil!



### LUCERNA WILL BE MOVING SOON

The Lucerna Magic Lantern Web Resource will shortly be moving to a new web address (and may already be there by the time this issue of *TML* appears, if the planets align and magic words are said ...). The existing site will remain in place for some time after the move, but won't be updated – if you use Lucerna please look out for an announcement on the site, and update any bookmarks or web links to use the new address.

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Lester Smith writes: "In the 26-slide magic lantern story of *Cinderella and The Fairy Glass Slipper*, as sold by J.H. Steward in the 1890s, it included a 'Choreutoscope' of Iko Joko, a comical page boy and jester, dancing and prancing. Has anyone ever seen, or, even better, got this slide?"

Sylvia Alting van Geusau is looking for magic lantern slides or slide sets that were used as backcloths – including use by panorama painters who may have used lanterns to project their sketches onto canvas in order to draw the panorama more easily. She has never actually seen any of these slides.

Your editors are looking for any images or magic lantern snippets on Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to mark the bicentenary of their births in *TML* 20.

### DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling.

#### 2019

20 July

Summer meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
St Dunstan's Church Hall, Canterbury

7 September

South West Meeting (of MLS members)  
Church Hall, Fishponds, Bristol

19 October

Autumn meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

### NEW MEMBERS

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| <i>Karel Vanhaesebrouck</i>        | Schorisse, Belgium           |
| <i>Jamilla Notebaard</i>           | Amstelveen, Netherlands      |
| <i>Klaas de Zwaan</i>              | Vianen, Netherlands          |
| <i>Jean Perkins</i>                | New Malden, UK               |
| <i>Judy &amp; Stephen Cockburn</i> | Cuckfield, Sussex, UK        |
| <i>Gareth Kerr</i>                 | Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, UK |
| <i>Ellen Cheshire</i>              | Bognor Regis, UK             |
| <i>Gill Runkee</i>                 | Burstock, Yorkshire, UK      |
| <i>Raimo Benedetti</i>             | São Paulo, Brazil            |