

# The Magic Lantern

## SEASONS GREETINGS!

The nights drawing in once signalled the start of the magic lantern season in the northern hemisphere, reaching its peak around Christmas time when, no doubt, newly acquired magic lanterns added greatly to the number of shows performed in homes. Magic Lantern Society members are keeping up this tradition. A special mention must go to **Else Flim** and **Aad Kok** at the Dickens Theatre in Laren, the Netherlands, where Else has adapted *The Old Curiosity Shop* into a four-hour show following the story of Little Nell, presented, of course, by the original author Mr Charles Dickens (Aad Kok) (see also p.6).

Your editors cannot resist dipping into the seasonal offerings as there is little opportunity to see or use these



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A Christmas tree slipping slide from David and Lesley Evans



Two Ernst Plank children's slides of seasonal activities (top from Gwen Sebus)

images during the rest of the year. Here we have a slipping slide giving a few ideas for decorating your tree, two children's slides by Ernst Plank, Nürnberg (see also p.6), children's slides and a wood-mounted slide 'Winter' from a four seasons set by Newton & Co. The slides below are from a life model set provided by **Keith Utteridge**. However, he knows nothing about them – there is no information on the slides. We do wonder how many glasses of port the children on the staircase have consumed! Contact Keith if you recognise the set.



'Winter' from a four seasons set

Three of Keith Utteridge's slides of a childhood Christmas

