

# MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

## GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN

Mitsue Ikeda-Tanaka writes that, after a long pause, a new *Nishiki Kage-e* (magic lantern) project has started – a partnership between the curators of culturally-significant property and her *Ikeda-gumi* performers. The aim is to recreate “the world of traditional performing art, *Nishiki Kage-e* in an old Japanese-style private house.” In the project they are looking for future magic lantern artists and those who participate will practise during the year with the *Ikeda-gumi* volunteers. On the first day of the project, 10 June, Mitsue gave a talk about magic lanterns and *Ikeda-gumi* performed a show at the historic former Ueda family residence in Yao City, Osaka (in next issue). The project will culminate in a performance on Lantern Day (Kansai Culture Day) in Yao City in November 2023. *From the poster for Mitsue's new project*



## BRISTOL BASH 2023

This popular all-day event will take place on Saturday, 16 September, at Fishponds in Bristol. The approximate cost per person for the whole day will be in the region of £5.00 to £6.00, plus the option of a fish and chip supper (highly recommended) at the end of the day. There are a limited number of places remaining so if you would like to attend, please contact Keith Utteridge as soon as possible for full details (tel: 01934 622403 or email [keithutteridge@hotmail.com](mailto:keithutteridge@hotmail.com)).

## DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only

### 2023

22 July

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

16 September

Regional Meeting in Fishponds, Bristol

14 October

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

25 November

Christmas Show by Trevor Beattie  
St John the Baptist Church, Palmeira Square, Hove  
BN3 2BW (6:00pm)

### 2024

20 January

AGM of the Magic Lantern Society  
The Musical Museum, Brentford, London

## NEW MEMBERS

**Paulette Kane** Cambridge, UK

**Margaret Monod and**

**Joyce Chester**

Shoreham-by-Sea, UK

**Mark Simpson**

London, UK

A very warm welcome to our new members – let us know about your magic lantern interests and activities.



In March Mary Ann and George Auckland went to a Covid-delayed wedding celebration at the Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire, and enjoyed a wonderful magic lantern show put on by Carolyn and Jeremy Brooker. It took place in a beautifully restored barn and was hugely enjoyed by guests of all ages.



Whose coronation is shown on this long slide? The parade, on a slipping slide (below it), passes by Westminster Abbey, illuminated. (Hint: Said to be the most elaborate coronation in history – and not the recent one of Charles III! See p. 14)

**WHOSE CORONATION?** (See Noticeboard, p. 2)

The answer is Great Britain's King George IV (1762-1830) on 19 July 1821. George had already been Regent for 18 years during his father, George III's, period of 'madness'. George IV is well known for over-eating and over-drinking but he was a man of style and taste. You will not see his estranged wife Caroline of Brunswick here – she was locked out of the coronation. Thank you to **Martin Gilbert** for providing the images of his wonderful long slide (right, view of the Abbey with parade passing by and below the parade itself).

