

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD



THE SHOW GOES ON!
 Mitsue Ikeda-Tanaka has launched her third *Nishiki Kage-e* project (see *TML* 41) with great success, starting (as last year) with a workshop and short performance at the old Ueda family residence in Yao City, Japan, on 3 May and recruiting ten new magic lanternists aged between 9 and 70. Mitsue says: "There are 19 members in total (including returning members

and curators). We are surprised, happy – and a little confused (there aren't enough *Furos!* (the Japanese magic lanterns)). There will be about 10 practice sessions, starting on 8 June, leading to the performance in November."

SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT

Our Instagram and Bluesky presence is growing (we no longer post on X/Twitter) and the more we post the more people – hopefully potential members – we attract, but it is an ever-hungry beast. MLS Communications Officers **Anastasia**, **Nicole** and **Sandra** are always looking for interesting dainties to satisfy the monster's ravenous maw. Luckily, it's omnivorous and enjoys variety, so please send us curiosities to entertain it. We *love* photos and short (i.e. less than a minute) videos of slides, interesting lanterns, curious pieces of kit or exciting events (it's best not to show people in these unless they have given you permission to take their image).

We can also post about news and events. Please remember it's very image-led so, ideally, *.jpg* files will mean we can instantly post about your show or meeting rather than trying to find time to convert a load of text or a strange-format promo into a post. Bluesky can take any shape but for Instagram, a square format will ensure we don't lose any information. Please send all lovely things to: socialmedia@magiclantern.org.uk



Peter and Bill with some of their magic lantern collection

after Bill's death in 1991. Peter remained closely involved with the museum until his death. For Phil Wickham's tribute see: www.bdcmmuseum.org.uk/news/peter-jewell-1934-2025-a-tribute.

PETER JEWELL (1934-2025)

Peter Jewell has died at the age of 90. He was principal donor and honorary patron of the Bill Douglas Cinema Museum at Exeter University. Together with his great friend Bill Douglas – the director whose film about the Tolpuddle Martyrs, *Comrades*, is dear to the hearts of magic lanternists – he put together a collection of 50,000 artefacts of projected media including magic lantern material. This was gifted to the university

DIARY DATES

2025

19 July

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

18 October

Autumn Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
 Swedenborg Hall, London, UK

2026

24 January

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

NEW MEMBERS

- Sara Basquill** Lincoln, UK
- David Bentz** Mesa, Arizona, USA
- David Brazil** Katoomba, NSW, Australia
- Drew Colby** Eastbourne, Sussex, UK
- Jessamy Harvey** London, UK
- Crystal Lake** Dayton, Ohio, USA
- Li Liu** Shanghai, China
- Sonya Petersson** Solna, Sweden
- Hugh Sanders** Wellington, Shropshire, UK

DOUG LEAR

Many MLS members will have fond memories of the Lears' wonderful magic lantern shows, particularly on their canal narrowboat. Sadly Doug passed away earlier this year (see *TML* 16 for Anita's obituary). We are hoping to include a tribute at the Summer Meeting and an obituary in the next *TML*.



Is there some connection between that figure on the balcony and magic lanterns? See p.15.