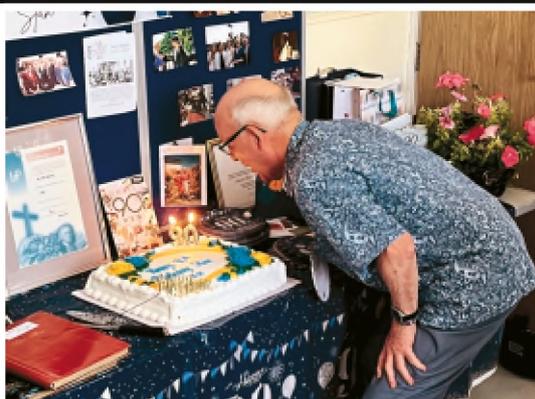


MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

90 YEARS YOUNG

Alan Brindle has sent in this picture of MLS member Stan Roberts celebrating his 90th birthday at an 'open house' on 23 July. Long may he continue to give magic lantern shows!



Alan also let us know that he will again be on board HMS *Warrior* in Portsmouth Naval Dockyard on 6, 7, 13 and 14 December

this year. HMS *Warrior*, launched in 1860, was Britain's first iron-hulled armoured battleship (see *TML* 34, p. 5). For the Christmas tours everyone hosting dresses up in period costume and Alan shows lantern slides below decks constantly ... for four days!

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY CONVENTION

We have our 50th anniversary Convention booked for 9-11 October 2026 at the Midlands Arts Centre in Birmingham. Make sure those dates are in your diary! If you would like to help make this event special, please let us know.

DIARY DATES

2025

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

9-11 October

50th anniversary Convention
The Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

NEW MEMBERS

Alison Freebairn	Geneva, Switzerland
Íris Guðbjargardóttir	Brighton, UK
Anna Hell	Vienna, Austria
Marta Kalfas	Edinburgh, UK
Stephen Kimminau	Sudbury, Suffolk, UK
Ian Lewis	Witherley, UK
Marie Pynthe, Sylvain Gressier,	
Camille Pynthe Gressier, Sacha Pynthe Gressier	Brussels, Belgium

THE BROOKER AUTUMN/CHRISTMAS SHOWS



The Brookers at the London Archive last year

If you are in London from late autumn to Christmas, don't miss one of Jeremy and Carolyn Brooker's wonderful shows. Jeremy writes: "As the winter nights begin to draw in, here are some of our magic lantern highlights for the remainder of 2025. All these are return visits for us, and last year all were sold out so if anything takes your fancy early booking is advised!

- Tickets are already on sale for *Magic Lantern Show and Exhibition Late View* at the London Archives in Clerkenwell on Thursday 30 October.
- On 22 and 23 November we have a weekend of shows with a Christmassy flavour in the wonderful surroundings of the Charles Dickens Museum (www.dickensmuseum.com)
- Our appearance at Guy's Hospital Chapel for the organisers of 'London Month of the Dead' is not yet confirmed, but if all goes to plan that will be on Saturday 6 December. This is always a highpoint in our season's calendar.
- Monday 8 December brings a day of shows at the lovely Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas' Hospital on the theme of a Victorian Christmas (www.florence-nightingale.co.uk)"

Look out for the direct online links in *Connect* or get in touch with Jeremy and Carolyn.

THE SALVATION ARMY LIMELIGHT STUDIO

Following Martyn Jolly's article about the Salvation Army Australia magic lantern collection being inscribed into the UNESCO Australia Memory of the World Register (*TML* 43, p. 5), Matt Schnittker writes that he saw the collection recently:

"While on a trip in Australia to visit the Lost Trades Fair, I made a trip to Melbourne to visit the Salvation Army Australia Museum. As a magic lantern performer, I was especially



Salvation Army Captain Joseph Perry (right)



interested in their Limelight Studio which not only made magic lantern slides but was also one of the world's first film studios.

"Lindsay Cox gave me a guided tour. He has been working on updating the space to return it to its 1890s appearance while also making it relevant for modern visitors.

"Operating as a commercial photography business under the name Salvation Army Studio, the Studio produced portraits, *cartes de visite*, etc., for customers including the general public. It also created magic lantern shows and film content for the Salvation Army. Many narrative slide sets were produced at the studio as well as cinema sequences. Well worth a visit."

(See Matt's blog at: mattschnittker.blogspot.com/2025/03/the-salvation-army-limelight-studio.html)