
FROM THE CHAIR

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As I enter my last year as Chair of the Society, we are actively considering candidates to take on the role. I have had some members indicate that they may consider taking it on but, as yet, no one has made any kind of firm commitment. If you would like to be considered for the role, please let me know (email: chair@magiclantern.org.uk). The only qualifications needed are a passion for the magic lantern and a desire to see the society flourish.

It was a great pleasure to grant an honorary membership to **Lester Smith** at the AGM in January. I want to give a very big 'thank you' to Lester for all the amazing and informed presentations he has given over the years, and for his massive contribution in organising MLS meetings, not forgetting the wonderful Convention exhibitions he put together. I look forward to many more years of his contributions to the Society. I would also like to thank David Francis for his touching tribute to Lester, and for making the presentation.



Our wonderful audio visual team (**George Auckland, Frog Morris** and **Nicole Mollett**) do an amazing job recording and livestreaming our events. However they would really appreciate having other members join them to help cover absences and reduce the individual workloads that some meetings involve. No experience is needed as all training will be given, so if you could help (full time or occasionally) please let me know. This will be especially wanted for October 2026!

Have you booked your Convention place yet?

Time is getting short, so make sure that you have booked your places for our 50th Anniversary Convention at the Midlands Art Centre in Edgbaston, Birmingham, 9-11 October. The booking form is available on the MLS website (see also p. 1).

We still need a few volunteers to help out during the Convention, for as much or as little as you can manage. So, if you are able to come and are willing to help make it run smoothly, please let me know.

I will continue to answer your questions in the next edition – starting with tackling the sticky issue of adhesives – so keep asking.