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So, it looks as though 1983 is going to be remembered as the year of the Great Magic Lantern Convention — a three day bonanza for all lantern buffs to be held at the Architectural Association in London on April 8th, 9th and 10th. By now all the members of the Magic Lantern Society will have received an outline of the programme and quite something it promises to be...

... Lantern shows every evening, including Mike and Janet Bartley on Friday, the delightful Mervyn Heard with White's Wonders after dinner on Saturday night and then the Lears on Sunday... Nancy Bergh from the USA, Wilhelm Wagenaar from Holland, Pierre Levi from Belgium plus our own superlative Hermann Hecht and David Henry — (all you will note, contributors to these columns) — This together with a three day special Lantern Exhibition — A three day indoor Magic Lantern Market — Bumper Meals and of course the Great Auction Sale, with not one but two auctioneers this time. Add to that regular video showings of all the favourite magic lantern movies we've all heard of but never seen and I think we'll find there is something to suit every taste. The one thing to be sure of is that you must be there because there are bound to be surprises... can you imagine how you would regret missing...? those impromptu revelations from old so and so or young you know who? ... we'll be there anyway... See you in April, old friends and new, at the Magic Lantern Society of

Great Britain's First International Three Day Convention!

Although the 1982 Society Committee has appointed Ron Morris as Chairman of the Convention, we are sure that everyone will be sorry to hear that he will not be standing for re-election as Society Chairman at this year's Annual General Meeting in January.

Pressure of work, the desire to become an ordinary member and to 'enjoy' the meetings, plus a very strong feeling that it is time someone else took up the reins have all led to Ron's decision. So from mid-day on January 15th a new face will glare out at us all from behind that famous nickel plated chairman's badge of office!

We feel sure you'd all like to join us in thanking old R.G.M. for his contribution to the Society over six of the last seven years, and in particular for helping to build it on such firm foundations.

Whilst discussing changes and resignations it is timely for me to announce that this, the Sixth Issue of the NMLJ, will be my last as Editor. It has become increasingly difficult to find the time to crank up new issues at the frequency with which I feel they should appear, so it seems appropriate to have a fresh hand at the editorial tiller. I've enjoyed doing the job enormously but look forward with even greater enthusiasm to receiving Vol. 3. No. 1. through the post knowing that someone else has kept Dennis Crompton company all night, blue pencilling, writing,

licking, sticking, printing, collating, folding, stapling and returning home in time to let the cat in for its breakfast. However just to keep the new editorial person on the hop I have made this a bumper twenty page issue instead of our usual sixteen!

Have you purchased your bound copy of Volume 1 yet? All three issues together for the first time in glorious black and white with a specially designed frontispiece! If not rush, your order to the Hon. Sec. immediately as it is a limited edition of 100 copies. If you have, save up your pennies because the bound edition of Volume 2 will be on sale at the Convention, again only a limited edition of 100 — place your orders now!

Hope you enjoy the contents of this editorial Swansong edition. Nancy Burgh and L.M.H. Smith provide our in-depth scholarship this time, with delightful back up contributions from R.G. Morris, Hermann Bollaert, Wim Tebra and that delicious back page from Lester Smith!

Enjoy your collecting in 1983 — See you at the Convention.

Tony Dugdale.
Editor NMLJ. 1978-1982.

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The retiring Editor



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