

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

HERE WE GO AGAIN! THE 2022 BRISTOL 'BASH'

Keith Utteridge writes: "After a period of three long years, I have been cajoled into organising another 'David Elsbury' get together in Bristol. This very successful event has been going on now for a number of years and appears to be as popular as ever. This year it will take place on Saturday 17 September from 09:00 to 18:00. The venue is the same as before: All Saints Church Hall, Grove Road, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2BW. The hall is just one mile off the M32 at junction 2.

For those who have not been before, this is a very informal occasion and gives everyone the opportunity to bring along and show any lantern items, slides, optical toys etc., ending the day with the now famous fish-and-chip supper. More details will be sent to those attending nearer the time.

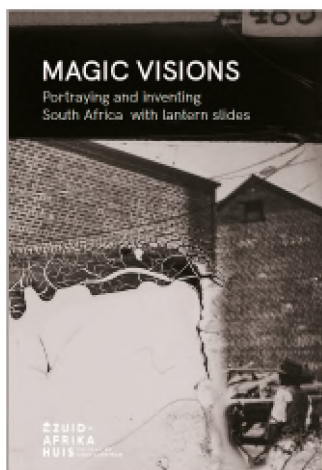
The hall is limited to 35 people and at present 18 members have already indicated they will be coming to take part. For anyone who has not been before and would like to attend, please let me know as soon possible so you don't miss out."

Contact Keith via email keithutteridge@hotmail.com.



Lester Smith has sent in a 'new' discovery he made in *The Boy's Own Paper*, Volume 2, 1879/80 – a Chinese peepshow.

If you find a snippet that you think will interest MLS members, do send it to editor@magiclantern.org.uk and we will put it in the 'Noticeboard' column.



SOUTH AFRICAN MAGIC VISIONS PUBLISHED

The second publication of the Zuid-Afrikahuis (SZAHN) series, *Magic Visions: Portraying and inventing South Africa with lantern slides* was published in February this year. This is a series of essays on a collection of lantern slides rediscovered at the Zuid-Afrikahuis in Amsterdam. The book is edited by Jeltsje Stobbe, Rosa Deen and Margriet van der Waal – the team that won the MLS 2020 Mervyn Heard Award for this project. Among the contributors is Sarah Dellmann, who also wrote an essay for the first publication. The book has 270 pages and is free to download at: www.zuidafrikahuis.nl/2022/03/01/magic-visions-portraying-and-inventing-south-africa-with-lantern-slides/

SO WHAT'S NEW?

Lester Smith has been reading about the recent ABBA *Voyage* virtual concert at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London featuring fantastic avatars of the iconic Swedish group. He recalls: "About 15 years ago I remember well being invited by Mervyn Heard to what I believe was the first-ever holographic demonstration of its type. This was at or near The Langham Hotel, Portland Place, very close to the BBC. A large room was arranged with an almost invisible screen and the projection of the group ABBA was quite amazing – and even more so when you could stand alongside them and join in! It was early days then and now has become 'perfected'. My recollection is that our invitation arose from Mervyn's interest and expertise in Pepper's Ghost, which was well known among the professionals working on developing these holograms."



The 2019 Bristol 'Bash'

DON'T MISS AN MLS SHOW



The lanterns ready to go at the start of our two-day meeting in Birmingham (see pp. 14-16). The event was livestreamed by our expert team of Frog Morris and George Auckland – although they did have some technical difficulties on Day 1. Only some of our meetings are livestreamed but all are recorded. You can enjoy any shows you missed or want to see again by going to 'Past Events' on the MLS website at www.magiclantern.org.uk/events.

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only

2022

23 July

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

15 October

Autumn meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Swedenborg Hall, Bloomsbury, London

17 December

Zooming towards Christmas
The Magic Lantern Society's online extravaganza

2023

21 January

Magic Lantern Society AGM
Musical Museum, Brentford, London

NEW MEMBERS

<i>Stephen Bromfield</i>	Rochester, UK
<i>Martin Bush</i>	Northcote, Victoria, Australia
<i>Elsa Cerqueira</i>	Amarante, Portugal
<i>Glenn Cross</i>	Belfast, UK
<i>John Dawe</i>	Rockland St Mary, Norfolk, UK
<i>Joe Evans</i>	Countesthorpe, Leics., UK
<i>Aleksas Gilaitis</i>	Kaunas, Lithuania
<i>Kat Howes</i>	Birmingham, UK
<i>Robert Percival</i>	Mayne Island, BC, Canada