



THE MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY

Museums Survey
August 1991

GREAT BRITAIN

ENGLAND

Avon

BLAISE CASTLE HOUSE MUSEUM

Henbury, **Bristol** BS10 7QS. Tel: 0272 506789.

OPENING TIMES: Sat–Wed: 10.00am–1.00pm, 2.00–5.00pm.

Closed Thur & Fri and Christmas/Boxing Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: 3 electric magic lanterns, several boxes of slides – mainly nursery tales and topographical.

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Bedfordshire

LUTON MUSEUM SERVICE

Wardown Park, **Luton**, Beds LU2 7HA.

Tel: 0582 36941 extn. 226. Contact: Marian Nichols.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm; Sun:

1.00–5.00pm. Closed Christmas/Boxing Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: 2 zoetropes. Praxinoscope. Various stereoscopes. Slides of all kinds – photographic, mechanical, etc. One 3¼ins. temperance set, 'Sewing and Sowing', set in Luton hat industry. Magic lanterns of various sizes. Peepshows and panoramas.

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Cambridgeshire

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

2/3 Castle Street, **Cambridge** CB3 0AQ. Tel: 0223 355159.

Contact: Tom Doig, Curator.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.30am–5.00pm;

Sunday: 2.00–5.00pm; closed Christmas week.

Location: University room/children's rooms.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns (12), optical toys, cameras. 3,000 slides in reserve stock.

OTHER NOTES: Magic Lantern slide shows at Christmas.

Lectures on 'History of Lanterns' to local history societies.

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SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Lensfield Road, **Cambridge** CB2 1ER. Tel: 0223 336540.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 2.30–4.00pm.

Closed some public and university holidays.

COLLECTION NOTES: 1920 epidiascope for lectures.

Collection of about 100 cases and drawers of (polar) diapositives, including International Glaciological Societies material. Earliest from 1876, latest c.1956.

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PETERBOROUGH CITY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Priestgate, **Peterborough**, Cambs PE1 1LF. Tel: 0733 343329.

Contact: Martin Howe.

OPENING TIMES: Tues–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm. Closed Bank Holidays and Christmas day.

COLLECTION NOTES: At least two lanterns, a hand-cranked film projector and parts of a zoetrope. Collections of slides of all types (3¼ins., wood-mounted, mechanical, etc.) plus archive film.

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Cheshire

WARRINGTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Bold Street, **Warrington**, Cheshire. Tel: 0925 444400/30550.

Contact: Mr. A. Leigh.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Fri: 10.00am–5.30pm;

Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm. Closed Sun and Bank Holidays.

COLLECTION NOTES: 2 magic lanterns (204'977 + 20'971).

Some wood-mounted circular hand-painted slides. Many 3¼ins. slides, not sorted or classified.

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Cornwall

ARCHIVES OF THE BARNES MUSEUM OF CINEMATOGRAPHY

Kino House, Victoria Place, **St Ives**, Cornwall TR26 1NZ.

Tel: 0736 794080. Contact: John Barnes.

OPENING TIMES: Bona fide researchers by appointment only.

COLLECTION NOTES: History of moving pictures from 17th–20th century. Books, engravings and ephemera relating to history of magic lantern. Collection of early lanterns and illuminants used in projection. Collection of slides.

OTHER NOTES: The above comprises the private collection of John and William Barnes (founded 1939). Catalogue of the collection available (only 2 volumes published).

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Cumbria

THE GRASMERE & WORDSWORTH MUSEUM

Grasmere, **Cumbria**. Tel: 09665 544.

Contact: Sylvia Wordsworth.

OPENING TIMES: Daily: 9.30am–5.30pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Wordsworth memorabilia. Stereo viewer, claude mirror, camera obscura, camera lucida, microscope, plate camera, working Spooner transformation.

DATE OF REVIEW: 22.6.87. Revised June 1991

Derby

DERBY MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERY

The Strand, **Derby**, Derbyshire. Tel: 0332 255582.

Contact: Maxwell Craven, Keeper of Antiquities.

OPENING TIMES: Tue–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm;

Mon: 11.00am–5.00pm; Sun: 2.00–4.30pm.

Closed Christmas/Boxing Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: 2 magic lanterns (one adapted for electricity). Large quantity of local topographical slides – Derby and Derbyshire. Some overseas views. Some religious and children's. Few wood-mounted and long slides. Few mechanical slides, held by Education Dept. In store.

OTHER NOTES: Slides not catalogued, except Derby (and some Derbyshire) views.

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MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Sudbury Hall, **Sudbury**, Derby DE6 5HT. Tel: 0283 585305.

Contact: Elizabeth Spencer.

OPENING TIMES: April–Oct, Wed–Sun: 12.30–5.00pm (and Bank Holiday Mons). Closed Good Friday.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns. Variety of optical toys – zoetrope, phenakistoscope, etc. – in Cadbury Toy Box Gallery.

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Devon

EXMOUTH MUSEUM

Sheppard's Row, Off Exeter Road, **Exmouth**, Devon.

OPENING TIMES: 1st Monday in April–last Saturday in October.

Mon–Fri: 10.00am–12.30pm (also Saturdays);

Mon–Fri: 2.30–4.30pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lantern, toy lantern and a few long slides.

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ILFRACOMBE MUSEUM

Wilder Road, **Ilfracombe**, Devon EX34 8AF.

Tel: 0271 8864977. Contact: Mrs Joy Slocombe.

OPENING TIMES: Summer, Mon–Sun: 10.00am–5.30pm;

Winter, Mon–Fri: 10.00am–12.30pm. Closed Christmas.

COLLECTION NOTES: Wood-mounted and 3¼in. slides.

Various subjects, eg. Ilfracombe scenes, Inca land, Paris Exposition, Crystal Palace. Magic lantern still in use for slide shows at the Museum.

OTHER NOTES: Intention to make list of slides during winter 91/92.

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OVERBECK'S (National Trust)

Sharpitor, **Salcombe**, Devon TQ8 8LW. Tel: 054 884 2893.

Contact: A. Scott-Davies or administrator.

OPENING TIMES: Easter Fri–end Oct,

Mon–Sun: 11.00am–5.00pm (may close one day per week 1992).

COLLECTION NOTES: One tin lantern in fair condition. 31 slides. (In the 'children's secret room' of the Museum.)

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THE BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

Bowden House, **Totnes**, Devon TQ9 7PW. Tel: 0803 863644.

Contact: Christofer Petersen.

OPENING TIMES: Tues, Wed, Thurs, + Bank Holiday

Sundays/Mondays from Easter to end of October: 11.00am–5.30pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: A large miscellany of lanterns and lantern slides.

DATE OF REVIEW: 7.9.87. Revised June 1991

TOTNES (ELIZABETHAN) MUSEUM

70 Fore Street, **Totnes**, Devon TQ9 5RU. Tel: 0803 863821.

Contact: Wm. Bennett.

OPENING TIMES: 21 March–30 October.

Mon–Fri: 10.30am–1.00pm, 2.00–5.00pm.

Closed Sat. & Sun. Open Bank Holidays in the season.

COLLECTION NOTES: 19th-century kaleidoscopes, stroboscope and cards, zoetrope, magic lantern, slides.

DATE OF REVIEW: 5.8.87. Revised June 1991

Dorset**DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM**

High West Street, **Dorchester**, Dorset. Tel: 0305 262735.

Contact: Mrs M. Bennett

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm.

Closed Christmas and Good Friday.

COLLECTION NOTES: Approx. 3,000 square glass slides, 15 rectangular slides, all local scenes.

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Gloucestershire**CHELTHENHAM ART GALLERY & MUSEUM**

Clarence Street, **Cheltenham**, Glos. GL50 3JT.

Tel: 0242 237 431. Contact: Guy Kilminster.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.20pm.

Closed Bank Holidays.

COLLECTION NOTES: Some lanterns. Large number of topographical slides (approx. 2,500). Gloucestershire and Cheltenham views, mostly 1890s. Some story sets: Royal Navy, railways, not yet catalogued.

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Greater Manchester**MANCHESTER MUSEUM**

The University, **Manchester** M13 9PL. Tel: 061-275 2634.

Contact: Dr Prag, 061-275 2665, Department of Archaeology.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm.

Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday, Labour Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Several thousand 3¼ in slides, largely inherited from the Manchester Geographical Society. Most show different parts of the world visited by Society members. Some Woodburytypes, and slides from Frith photos. Small sections on Astronomy, Transport, Botany, etc.

OTHER NOTES: Typewritten list available.

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Hampshire**GOSPORT MUSEUM**

Walpole Road, **Gosport**, Hants PO12 1NS. Tel: 0705 588035.

Contact: Ian Edelman.

OPENING TIMES: Jan–Dec, Tues–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm.

May–Sept, also Sundays: 1.00pm–5.00pm.

Closed Bank Holidays and Christmas.

COLLECTION NOTES: A dozen lantern slides c.1943, made to exhibit children's poster designs as part of a savings-awareness campaign.

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PORTSMOUTH CITY MUSEUMS:**CITY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**

Museum Road, **Old Portsmouth**, Hants PO2 2LJ.

Tel: 0705 827261. Contact: R. Hardiman

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sun: 10.30am–5.30pm.

Closed 4 days at Christmas.

COLLECTION NOTES: 2 lanterns (1 in Art Section, 1 in Education). Collection of 3¼ins, wood mounted, long and mechanical slides.

OTHER NOTES: Collection split between City Museum and Southsea Castle. Radical re-display in progress. No appointments until Winter 1991.

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ROYAL NAVAL MUSEUM

H. M. Naval Base, **Portsmouth**, Hants PO1 3LR.

Tel: 0705 733060. Contact: Hazel Garlick.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sun: 10.30am–5.00pm.

Closed Christmas Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Several hundred 3¼ inch slides, mainly naval/maritime subjects. Listing available. Few on display. Loaned tin lantern.

OTHER NOTES: Full computer catalogue of slides in collection can be printed out on request.

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Hereford and Worcester**HEREFORD AND WORCESTER COUNTY MUSEUM**

Hartlebury Castle, **Hartlebury**, Nr. Kidderminster, Hereford &

Worcester DY11 7XZ. Tel: 0299 250416. Contact: Mr R. Hill.

OPENING TIMES: 1st March–30th November,

Mon–Thur: 10.00am–5.00pm. Fri and Sun: 2.00pm–5.00pm.

Closed Saturdays and Good Friday.

COLLECTION NOTES: TC 5752 Magic Lantern. HWCM Loan 2. Noakes Tri-Unial with associated slides – statuary, animals/flowers 1974–13, 1966–494, 1964–972, three Zoetropes TC6870, TC6868, TC6867, three Fantascopes TC3770, TC2115, two Zoetropes. Collection of mechanical slides. Set of BUY YOUR OWN CHERRIES (Temperance Army).

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Hertfordshire

BARNET MUSEUM

31 Wood Street, **Barnet**, Herts. Tel: 081-440 8066.
Contact: W.S. Taylor, Curator
OPENING TIMES: Dec-Feb, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2.00-3.45pm;
Mar-Nov, 2.30-4.30pm; Saturdays: 10.00am-12.30pm and
2.30-4.30pm.
COLLECTION NOTES: In store (not on view): 1 lantern,
slides mostly about the history of Barnet.
OTHER NOTES: On view there is one stereoscope and small
but interesting collection of microscopes.
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WATFORD MUSEUM

194 High Street, **Watford**, Herts. Tel: 0923 32297.
Contact: Andrew Lewis.
OPENING TIMES: Daily except Sundays: 10.00am-5.00pm;
open Bank Holidays except Christmas.
COLLECTION NOTES: Some painted and transfer slides.
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WATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hempstead Road, **Watford**, Herts WD1 3EU.
Tel: 0923 226230. Contact: David Johnson.
OPENING TIMES: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri: 9.30am-8.00pm;
Wed: 9.30am-1pm; Sat: 9.00am-1.00pm. Closed all Bank
Holidays (including Bank Holiday Tuesdays).
COLLECTION NOTES: Approx. 600 glass slides - mostly of
Watford and Hertfordshire.
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Humberside

PENNY ARCADIA

The Ritz Cinema, Market Place, **Pocklington**, Nr York,
Humberside. Tel: 0759 303420. Contact: Jon Gresham.
OPENING TIMES: May & September: 12.30-5.00pm.
June-August: 10.00am-5.00pm.
COLLECTION NOTES: Penny Slot Machines. Six
Mutoscopes, including two rare examples.
OTHER NOTES: Publication: 'A Concise History of Slot
Machines'. Visit includes half-hour video, and one-hour tour.
Peripheral lantern interest.
DATE OF REVIEW: 14.7.89

Kent

DARTFORD BOROUGH MUSEUM

Market Street, **Dartford**, Kent DA1 1EU. Tel: 0322 343555.
Contact: P. Boreham, Curator.
OPENING TIMES: Weekdays (except Weds): 12.30-5.30pm;
Sat: 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00-5.00pm. Closed Bank Holidays.
August hours extended - phone for details.
COLLECTION NOTES: All items in store. Lanterns, stereos,
optical toys, numerous slides.
DATE OF REVIEW: 4.9.87. Revised June 1991

FOLKESTONE MUSEUM

Grace Hill, **Folkestone**, Kent CT20 1HD. Tel: 0303 850123.
OPENING TIMES: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9.00am-5.30pm;
Wed: 9.00am-1.00pm; Sat: 9.00am-5.00pm.
Closed Bank Holidays.
COLLECTION NOTES: A few magic lanterns/projectors. None on
show - kept at Headquarters, West Malling. Objects all catalogued.
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MAIDSTONE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

St Faith's Street, **Maidstone**, Kent ME14 1LH.
Tel: 0622 754497. Contact: Mr Middleton, Curator.
OPENING TIMES: Mon-Sat: 10.00am-5.30pm (also Bank
Holiday Mondays 11.00am-5.00pm). Closed Sundays,
Christmas, etc.
COLLECTION NOTES: Three magic lanterns (one on display).
Several hundred slides in all categories. 49 3/4 in slides
displayed in light box. Also 23 mechanical and long slides.
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THE GUILDHALL MUSEUM

High Street, **Rochester**, Kent ME1 1QU. Tel: 0634 848717.
Contact: M. Moad, Curator.
OPENING TIMES: Daily: 10.00am-12.30pm, 2.00-5.30pm.
COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns, optical toys and slides.
DATE OF REVIEW: 31.12.87. Revised June 1991

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, **Royal Tunbridge Wells**,
Kent TN1 1NS. Tel: 0892 26121, ext. 3171.
OPENING TIMES: Mon-Sat: 9.30am-5.00pm. Closed
Sundays and Bank Holidays.
COLLECTION NOTES: Large slide collection occupying c. 6
ft x 5 ft x 1 ft storage space. Local views, tours abroad by local
people, commercially produced sets - educational, geographic,
children's, etc. Mostly 3 1/4 inch, some other types. 4 standard
lanterns, 4 miniature lanterns, 2 late electrical lanterns. 2
Zoetropes and strips, 2 phenakistiscopes.
OTHER NOTES: Slides currently uncatalogued. Preliminary
listing in progress.
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Lancashire

MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Church Street, **Ribchester**, Lancs. PR3 3YE. Tel: 0254 878520.
OPENING TIMES: Tues-Sun: 10.30am-5.00pm. Closed Mondays.
COLLECTION NOTES: 1 large lantern with brass lens.
1 tinplate children's lantern.
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Lincolnshire

GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL

Parnell Street, **Gainsborough** DN21 2NB. Tel: 0427 612669.
Contact: J. Vernon.
OPENING TIMES: Mon-Sat: 10.00am-5.00pm;
Sundays Easter-31 October: 2.00-5.30pm.
Closed Christmas, New Year and Good Friday.
COLLECTION NOTES: No lanterns or slides. Some stereo
photos and viewers in store.
DATE OF REVIEW: 23.9.87. Revised June 1991

GRANTHAM MUSEUM

St Peter's Hill, **Grantham**, Lincolnshire NG31 6PY.
Tel: 0476 68783. Contact: Lisa M. Budreau-Ross, or Kim Streets.
OPENING TIMES: April-Sept, Mon-Sat: 10.00am-5.00pm.
Sunday: 2.00pm-5.00pm. October-March, Mon-Sat:
10.00am-12.30pm, 1.30-5.00pm. Open Bank Holidays.
COLLECTION NOTES: One magic lantern (converted to
electric). Hundreds of glass negative(?) 3 1/4 in square slides.
Previously in collection of founder Mr Henry Preston. Mainly
natural history, geological sites in Lincs. and archaeology of the
area. Used in lectures given at museum late 19th/early 20th
century (in store).
OTHER NOTES: Logs, notes and indices by Henry Preston -
but many missing.
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London

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA.

Tel: 081-980-2415/3204. Contact: Rosemary Gill.

OPENING TIMES: Daily except Friday: 10.00am–5.30pm; Sun: 2.30–5.50pm.

Closed May Day, Christmas, New Year's Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: A large collection of toy lanterns, optical toys, and other visual devices.

OTHER NOTES: A video of magic lantern slides shown continuously.

DATE OF REVIEW: 5.11.87. Revised June 1991

GRANGE MUSEUM

Neasden Lane, London NW10. Tel: 081-908 7432.

Contact: Mr T. Evans.

OPENING TIMES: Tues, Wed, Thurs: 12.00–5.00pm;

Sat: 10.00am–12.00 and 1.00–5.00pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lantern and some slides. Old notices of shows.

OTHER NOTES: Parties wishing to examine stock should phone for appointment.

DATE OF REVIEW: 19.9.87. Revised June 1991

LEWISHAM LIBRARY SERVICE

Local History Centre, The Manor House, Old Road, Lee, London SE13 5SY. Tel: 081-852 5050/7087.

Contact: Carl Harrison.

OPENING TIMES: Mon, Fri, Sat: 9.30am–5.00pm. Tue, Thur: 9.30am–8.00pm.

Closed Sat. before Bank Holidays and Bank Holidays.

COLLECTION NOTES: Approx. 500 3/4 in slides of local views: Lewisham, Greenwich, Kent. Many are post WW2 copies. Some 'Nursery Tales' sets, and seven mechanical slides. Ensign Optiscope No.9 projector.

DATE OF REVIEW: 24.4.89

MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE (MOMI)

South Bank, London SE1 8XT. Tel: 071-928 3535.

Contact: Stephen Herbert/Janet Corbett

OPENING TIMES: Note new times:

Mon–Sun: 10.00am–6.00pm.

Closed Christmas and Boxing Days.

COLLECTION NOTES: Displays of slides, lanterns, accessories, illuminants. 'Resident' Victorian lanternist and working tri-unial. Working replica Reynaud Theatre Optique. Replica and original zoetropes. praxinoscopes, many other optical toys. Mutoscopes and kinoscopes. Replica Muybridge Zoopraxiscope. Many cameras and projectors. Robertson 'Phantasmagoria' working exhibit.

OTHER NOTES: Magic lantern souvenirs, postcards and poster in shop.

DATE OF REVIEW: 1.6.91

POLLOCK'S TOY MUSEUM

1 Scala Street, London W1P 1LT. Tel: 071-636 3452.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm. Closed some Bank Holidays – phone to check.

COLLECTION NOTES: Many slides and children's magic lanterns on display. Good basic selection of optical toys. Also old dolls, toys and teddy bears: and toy theatres.

OTHER NOTES: Own publications of toy theatres.

DATE OF REVIEW: 7.4.89

Norfolk

ELIZABETHAN HOUSE MUSEUM

4 South Quay, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Fri: 10.00am–1.00pm, 2.00–5.30pm, Sundays June–Sept: times as above. Open most Bank Holidays.

Closed New Year's Day. Phone before visiting.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns and slides not on display.

Viewing by appointment.

DATE OF REVIEW: 16.11.87. Revised August '91

STRANGERS' HALL MUSEUM

Charing Cross, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 4AL. Tel: 0603 667229.

Contact: Helen Rowles.

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm.

Closed Good Friday and four days at Christmas.

COLLECTION NOTES: Approx. 12 magic lanterns, slides, stereoscopes, zoetropes, kaleidoscopes, etc.

DATE OF REVIEW: 2.9.87. Revised June 1991

Oxfordshire

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Old Ashmolean Building, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AZ.

Tel: 0865 277280. Contacts: A.V. Simcock (slides),

W.D. Hackmann (instruments).

OPENING TIMES: Mon–Fri: 10.30am–1.00pm, 2.30–4.00pm.

Closed all Bank Holidays, and for one week at Easter and Christmas.

COLLECTION NOTES: Several lanterns. Topical toys, inc. thaumatrope, phenakistoscope, zoetrope, kaleidoscope, kinora. Large collection lantern slides of all kinds, from early hand-painted to later photographic (most in store). General collection optical and scientific instruments, including cameras, microscopes, etc.

OTHER NOTES: Publication 'Photography 150: Images from the First Generation' (1989).

DATE OF REVIEW: 25.4.89

Staffordshire

THE PUPPET THEATRE MUSEUM

Edinburgh House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley,

Staffs WS15 3DA. Tel: 0283 840348. Contact: D.S.E. Hayward.

OPENING TIMES: Sundays: 2.00–6.00pm (advisable to ring and check before going).

COLLECTION NOTES: Approx. 16 silhouette type slides (moveable, homemade).

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Sussex, East

ROYAL PAVILION ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Church Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1UE.

Tel: 0273 603005.

OPENING TIMES: Tues–Sat: 10.00am–5.45pm. Sunday:

2.00–5.00pm. Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays).

COLLECTION NOTES: Items in Toy Collection include:

Magic lanterns T266, T267, T270, T271; Zoetropes T57, T58.

Many sets of slides for children. Some slipping slides. Details from MLS Research Officer.

OTHER NOTES: Toy collection unsorted. No curator for this collection at present. Other items in Local History collection.

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BARBICAN HOUSE

(Sussex Archaeological Society)
169 High Street, **Lewes**, East Sussex BN7 1YE. Tel: 0273 474379. Contact: John Houghton.
OPENING TIMES: Equipment listed is for use, but arrangements can be made for inspection.
COLLECTION NOTES: A few lanterns, some slides, including some of early archaeology and history of Sussex.
DATE OF REVIEW: 3.7.87. Revised June 1991

Sussex, West

SEEBOARD MILNE COLLECTION

Amberley Chalf Pits Museum, Houghton Bridge, **Amberley**, West Sussex BN18 9LT. Tel: 0798 831370.
Contact: John Norris, Keeper of Milne Collection.
OPENING TIMES: End Mar.–end Oct, Wed.–Sun: 10.00am–6.00pm.
COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns and slides (in store).
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WORTHING MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Chapel Road, **Worthing**, West Sussex BN11 1HD.
Tel: 0903 39999, extn. 121. Contact: J.F.L. Norwood.
OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat, Apr–Sep: 10.00am–6.00pm; Oct–Mar: 10.00am–5.00pm.
Closed Good Friday, Christmas, New Year's Day.
COLLECTION NOTES: Stereo and other viewers, slides, lanterns. Thaumotrope, polyorama panoptic, praxinoscope, phenakistoscope, zoetrope.
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West Midlands

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Newhall Street, **Birmingham** B3 1RZ. Tel: 021-236 1022.
Contact: Mr Robinson.
OPENING TIMES: Daily. Weekdays: 9.30am–5.00pm; Sat: 9.30am–5.00pm; Sun: 2.00–5.00pm.
COLLECTION NOTES: Double lantern, magnificent tri-unial (plate inscribed 'The Servant of Light'), a few slides including lever, ratchet and shadows.
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Wiltshire

ATHELSTAN MUSEUM

Town Hall, Cross Hayes, **Malmesbury**, Wiltshire.
Tel: 0666 822143. Contact: Mrs Roberta Prince.
OPENING TIMES: Summer: Tues–Sat: 10.30am–12.30pm, 1.00–3.00pm. Winter: Wed, Fri, Sat: 1.00–3.00pm. (Sometimes open until 4.30pm in summer).
Closed Bank Holidays, Christmas.
COLLECTION NOTES: 3 lantern slides, Anorthoscope (mirror missing) plus circular anamorphic pictures, Newton & Co., Fleet Street (1840s or 1850s).
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SALISBURY AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE MUSEUM

The Kings House, 65 The Close, **Salisbury**, Wilts SP1 2EN.
Tel: 0722 332151.
OPENING TIMES: Jan–Dec, Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm (plus Sun: 2.00–5.00pm July and Aug).
Closed Christmas and Boxing Days.
COLLECTION NOTES: One lantern, several hundred 3¼in slides.
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Worcestershire

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER COUNTY MUSEUM

Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, near **Worcester**.
Tel: 0299 250416. Contact: Mr Shearer.
OPENING TIMES: 1 Mar–30 Nov: Mon–Thur: 10.00–5.00pm; Fri & Sun: 2.00–5.00pm. Closed Sats, Good Friday.
COLLECTION NOTES: In store: I.D. Noakes Tri-unial lantern, thaumotrope. All the John Hillman toys including the zoetrope.
OTHER NOTES: A display of 19th-century social life and interests and development of education from early 19th century to mid-20th century.
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Yorkshire, North

YORK CASTLE MUSEUM

York Castle, Tower Street, **York** YO1 1RY. Tel: 0904 653611.
OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 9.30am–5.30pm (last admission). Sun: 10.00am–5.30pm (last admission).
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing and New Year's Days.
COLLECTION NOTES: German toy lantern, Carpenter and Westley lantern, kaleidoscope, stereoscopes, zoetropes.
OTHER NOTES: Shopfront reconstruction includes optical shop with microscopes, telescopes, etc.
DATE OF REVIEW: 12.4.89

Yorkshire, West

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM AND TELEVISION

Princes View, **Bradford**, W. Yorks. Tel: 0274 727488.
OPENING TIMES: Tues–Sun: 10.30am–6.00pm.
Closed Mondays.
COLLECTION NOTES: Extensive. The 'Kodak Gallery' includes a re-created church hall magic lantern show, with dummy lanternist and Russian iron lantern. (Continuous show from modern projector hidden in 'slide boxes'). There are other magic lanterns and slides on display. Camera obscura, optical toys.
OTHER NOTES: Numerous publications and ephemera in bookshop. Allow several hours.
DATE OF REVIEW: 10.10.89

HOLMFIRTH POSTCARD MUSEUM

The Library, Huddersfield Road, **Holmfirth**, Yorkshire HD7 1JH.
Tel: 0484 682231. Contact: The Curator.
OPENING TIMES: Mon–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm; Sun: 1.00–5.00pm. Closed over Christmas period.
COLLECTION NOTES: Lantern and slides made by the Bamforths factory are on the third floor. In an 'intimate' theatre there are showings of the first Bamforth's films.
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SCOTLAND

ROYAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND

Chambers Street, **Edinburgh** EH1 1JF. Tel: 031-225-7534.

Contact: Miss A. D. Morrison-Low.

OPENING TIMES: Mon-Sat: 10.00am-5.00pm;

Sun: 2.00-5.00pm. Closed Christmas, New Year, May Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns by Duboscq and Browning.

Case devoted to Sir David Brewster and Inventions - includes polyangular and telescopic kaleidoscopes, Brewster's kaleidoscope patent and a stereoscope.

OTHER NOTES: Publication: *Martyr of Science* by Sir David Brewster 1781-1868 (Edinburgh, 1984) £6.00. Excellent.

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WALES

MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

1 Castle Street, **Beaumaris**, Anglesey, Gwynedd.

Tel: 0248 810448. Contact: Robert Brown.

OPENING TIMES: Easter to January: Mon-Sat: 10.00am-6.00pm;

Sun: 12 noon-5.00pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Many lanterns, sets of slides, early cine projectors. Magic disc, zoetrope, praxinascope, stereoscopes.

OTHER NOTES: Guide book available. 'Spotter pack' for children.

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OVERSEAS

CANADA

LA CINEMATHEQUE QUEBECOISE

335 Boul. de Maisonneuve est, **Montreal**, Quebec, Canada H2X 1K1. Tel: (514) 842-8763.

OPENING TIMES: Tues-Sat: 6.00-9.00pm;

Sun: 3.00-10.00pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Magic lanterns, including a 'Chinaman' (hat missing), a biunial, children's lanterns, several slides. Showcases of early movie cameras and projectors.

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FRANCE

'REFETS DU PASSE' - ANTEILIER MUSEE

(Museum of Ancient Toys)

Morbihan 56, Brittany, France. Tel: 97-57-02-42.

Contact: J. & A. Farkas.

OPENING TIMES: Telephone prior to visit to arrange day and time.

COLLECTION NOTES: French toy lanterns, optical toys (kaleidoscopes, praxinoscopes, anamorphic toys, shadow show), early French slides and other optical toys.

OTHER NOTES: Colour publication: *Reflets du Passe* by Jean and Anne Farkas, FFI30.

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MUSÉE DU CINEMA - MUSÉE HENRI LANGLOIS

Cinémathèque Française, Palais de Chaillot, Place du Trocadéro, 75116 **Paris**, France.

Tel: 45 53 21 86. Contact: Noëlle Giret.

OPENING TIMES: Weds-Mon (closed Tuesdays). Guided visits only: 10am, 11am, 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Books, posters and objects relating to pre-cinema, including lanterns and slides, and optical toys.

Home of important Will Day Collection.

OTHER NOTES: Postcards sometimes available.

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GERMANY

FUR VERKEHR + TECHNIK

Trebbiner Strg, D-1000 **Berlin** 61, West Germany.

Contact: Dr Stuhpel, Dr Kemner.

OPENING TIMES: Tues-Sun: 9.00am-5.00pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Magic lanterns, optical toys, cameras.

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DEUTSCHES FILMMUSEUM

Schaumainkai 41, 6000 **Frankfurt-am-Main** 70, West Germany.

OPENING TIMES: All Year: Tues-Sun: 11.00am-6.30pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Optical toys, magic lanterns, pre-cinema, camera obscura, replica of an Edison kinetoscope parlour. Lots of working and operational exhibits to 'play' with. Good show of lantern slides.

DATE OF REVIEW: 12.6.87

HESSISCHES LANDESMUSEUM

Gebrüder Grimm-Platz 5, D 3500 **Kassel**, West Germany.

Tel: (0561) 127 87.

OPENING TIMES: Tues-Sun: 10.00am-5.00pm.

Closed Christmas Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Telescopes, microscopes, magic lanterns - e.g. wooden magic lantern night clock, late-17th-century by Johann Philipp Trefler; metal magic lantern night clock, late-17th century by Guiseppe Campani, and others.

OTHER NOTES: Post Cards (Magic lantern from 1700).

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DEUTSCHES MUSEUM

D 8000 **Munich**, Museumsinsel 1, West Germany.

Tel: (089) 2 17 91.

OPENING TIMES: Daily 9.00am-5.00pm. Closed some German Bank Holidays - advisable to check before going.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns and slides.

OTHER NOTES: English language catalogue available, DM 5 (general).

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HOLLAND

STEDHUS SLEAT

Heerenwal 48, 8556 XW **Sloten**, Friesland, Holland.

Tel: 05143 -611 or 541. Contact: W. Ten Heuvel.

OPENING TIMES: 1 April-31 Oct:

Tues-Fri: 10.00am-12 noon, 2.00-5.00pm, Sun: 2.00-5.00pm.

Closed Mondays.

COLLECTION NOTES: The Peter Bonnet collection of magic lanterns and slides together with some optical toys. 1895 Johann Falk 'Keramik-Laterne'.

OTHER NOTES: Also houses fans, costumes, clocks and antiquities.

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ISRAEL

CINEMATHEQUENear Hutzoh Hayotzer Road, **Jerusalem**, Israel.

OPENING TIMES: All year. All day and evening. Suggest contacting London Israeli Cultural Attache for details of address and opening hours.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns and optical toys in showcases.

DATE OF REVIEW: 22.6.87

ITALY

CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**'COMPAGNIA MONDO NIOVO'**Via Piave, 10-35128 **Padova**, Italy. Tel: 049 8710663.

Contact: Laura Minici Zotti.

OPENING TIMES: Private house. Bona fide researchers by appointment only. Frequent shows in Italy and abroad – so collection is often out of Padova.

COLLECTION NOTES: 40 lanterns (Hughes, Tyler, Steward, Perken, Bing, Carette, Plank, etc.). Optical toys: praxinoscope, thaumatropes, optical views. Books, engravings and ephemera relating to history of magic lantern. Thousands of mechanical and life-model slides.

OTHER NOTES: Publications: 'Prima del Cinema. Le lanterne magiche' (catalogue of exhibition). 'Grandioso Spettacolo con lanterne magiche' (booklet about the collection and shows).

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USA

California

MULHOLLAND LIBRARY OF CONJURING AND THE ALLIED ARTS10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 5th Floor, **Los Angeles**, California 90067, USA. Tel: (213) 277-3875.

Contact: Ricky Jay.

OPENING TIMES: Open by application only.

COLLECTION NOTES: Materials on conjuring, itinerant showmen, some early ghost shows and phantasmagoria.

DATE OF REVIEW: 4.6.87

Michigan

HENRY FORD MUSEUM20900 Oakwood Boulevard, P.O. Box 1970, **Dearborn**, Mi 48121, USA. Tel: 313 271 1620

OPENING TIMES: 9.00am–5.00pm daily.

Location: Exhibit No. 41 'Early Photography'.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns and photographic items

OTHER NOTES: This is a museum of American history and technology. Optical items form very small part of exhibit.

DATE OF REVIEW: 2.2.88

New York

SANDS POINT PRESERVE95 Middle Neck Road, **Port Washington**, New York 11050.

Tel: 1-516-883-1612. Contact: M. Roncallo

OPENING TIMES: 25 April–15 November,

Sat–Wed: 10.00am–4.45pm.

COLLECTION NOTES: Four toy lanterns.

DATE OF REVIEW: 9.6.87

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHYGeorge Eastman House, 900 East Avenue, **Rochester**, New York 14607, USA. Tel: 1-716-271-3361.

Contact: Andrew Eskind.

OPENING TIMES: Tues–Sun: 10.00am–4.30pm.

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Lanterns, including Walter Tyler bi-unial, toy lanterns, zoopraxiscope and other pre-cinema devices. In store: a collection of lantern slides.

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MARGARET WOODBURY STRONG MUSEUM1 Manhattan Square, **Rochester**, New York 14607.

Tel: 1-716-263-2700. Contact: Blair Whitton.

OPENING TIMES: Tues–Sat: 10.00am–5.00pm;

Sun: 1.00–5.00pm.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day.

COLLECTION NOTES: Toy lanterns and slides and other optical toys including a zoetrope.

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Washington DC

MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORYConstitution Avenue & 14th Street, **Washington DC**.

OPENING TIMES: 9.00am–5.00pm daily.

Location: Top Floor – 'Photography'.

COLLECTION NOTES: Small number of optical toys and lanterns. Modern working models. Outstanding collection of pictures and paintings of lantern projection.

OTHER NOTES: Modern optical toys and books of interest for sale. This is a general museum of technology. Optical items are only a minor part of the exhibits.

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The following museums were visited by members but were found to not have any items of interest to the Society.

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

Oates Memorial Library & Museum, Selborne, Hants.

Gilbert White Museum, Selborne, Hants.

Cecil Higgins Museum, Bedford.

Holburne Museum, Bath.

Penzance and District Museum.