

**Exhibition at Highgate Literary & Scientific Institute 21 May - 1 June**

# **BEFORE HOLLYWOOD**

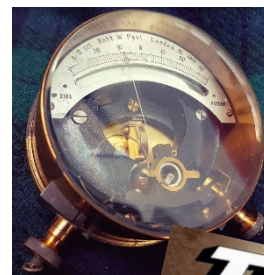
## **ROBERT PAUL'S INVENTION OF CINEMA**

Robert Paul became Britain's key film pioneer by chance in 1894 and went on to build one of the world's first film studios in Muswell Hill. Discover the range of his still under-appreciated achievement as the 'father' of British cinema in this special exhibition in the Victoria Hall, with an accompanying video showing in the Members Room, and free copies of the graphic novel, *Time Traveller*.

Talks by Professor Ian Christie during the exhibition

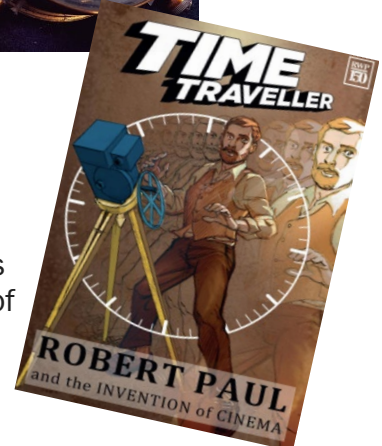
### **Science talk: Robert Paul's Instruments Wednesday 25 May 3pm**

Paul was a pioneer in the new technology of the 1890s, and Ian Christie will introduce some of his technical innovations in electrical science with a hands-on demonstration and talk.



### **Robert Paul and the World Viewed from Muswell Hill Friday 27 May 3pm**

With less than a tenth of Paul's studio output surviving, it's hard to grasp the huge range of subjects his films covered. However, thanks to Paul's extensive illustrated catalogues, we can appreciate much of what's currently lost – including local films such as a *High Diving at Highgate* from 1903 – and celebrate some recent discoveries.



See HLSI website [www.hlsi.net](http://www.hlsi.net) for opening times of this free exhibition between 21 May and 1 June