

The Newsletter of the Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association

Membership continues to be of concern to all school subject societies, and to many societies in the wider world. So why not forgo Facebook for an evening now and again, terminate Twitter, ignore the Internet? The YBMA has existed for nearly 100 years to provide a local independent forum for teachers of mathematics, but it will die without members. Come and socialise whilst taking part in discussions about mathematics and its teaching. Abandon agonising over initiatives, curtail curriculum considerations. Would you believe it? - Those who attend our meetings enjoy them! So bring a friend! Spread the good news to all who teach maths!

**Advance Notice**

**W P Milne 6<sup>th</sup> Form Lecture**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 2.30 pm

In Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 21  
University of Leeds

**Matt Parker**

*Stand-up Mathematician*

**'Shapes and Smoke-rings'**

*Topology is an extension of geometry that allows shapes and surfaces to be stretched as much as you want, not limited by our normal three dimensions. This talk will involve some topology thought experiments and some hands-on investigations.*

**BRIEF NOTICES**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2011 it is now overdue. You may send your cheque for £5 payable to the YBMA to the Treasurer, Tim Devereux, Woodview House, 37 Hough Top, Leeds, LS13 4QW. If you wish, you could even send £10 to cover 2012 as well!

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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
at 2.00 for 2.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

**'Baffling Kids the Right Way'**

**Ryan O'Grady**

*AST Mathematician, Calderdale LEA*

*Many of our pupils today will grow up to do jobs that don't exist yet. The only skills we can be sure they'll need are the ability to pose and solve problems. This will be an interactive hour demonstrating tactics, techniques and technology to create lessons to foster these crucial skills.*

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

**'Proof, Pizza and Playing the Guitar'**

**David Acheson**

*Jesus College, Oxford*

*This is an entertaining, thought-provoking and off-beat look at some of the most important ideas in mathematics, using live demonstrations and computer experiments.*

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

**'Christmas Quiz and Buffet!'**

**Tim Devereux**

*YBMA Treasurer*

*A social evening of brain-frazzling questions, with quirky mathematical prizes and seasonal food and drink. Cajole your colleagues to come and enjoy themselves.*