

Editorial

Long-term members of the YBMA will remember the glorious days when our Summer Meeting was hosted by a school or college in a more distant and often leafier venue – free of charge of course – and sometimes with a free tea. Unfortunately, despite the prestige of hosting the YBMA, times have changed, but we still live in hope that free and welcoming venues are out there, somewhere. If you know of any, do please tell us about them!

Advance Notice

W P Milne 6th Form Lecture

Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 2.30 pm

in the Business School Western Lecture Theatre,
University of Leeds

Richard Elwes

University of Leeds

'The Maths that Makes the Modern World'

From searching the internet to managing a manufacturing company, everyone knows that maths plays a central role in today's hi-tech civilisation. But what sort of maths? We'll meet a few familiar ideas from algebra and geometry which seem simple and elegant on first sight. But when massively scaled up and implemented on powerful computers, we'll see how these techniques have truly changed the world.

BRIEF NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

If you have not yet paid it, your subscription for 2012 is now due. You may send your cheque for £5 payable to the YBMA to the Treasurer, Tim Devereux, Woodview House, 37 Hough Top, Leeds, LS13 4QW, or you may pay at a meeting.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday 6th October 2012
at 2.00 for 2.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

'Have standards changed in GCE/GCSE examining over the last 50 years?'

Kevin Evans

Retiring YBMA President

We will be looking at examination questions set in O level and GCSE papers from 1958 to the present. Do they show that standards have significantly changed? You make the decision.

Thursday 8th November
at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

'Fortifying France: Les Villes de Vauban'

Peter Ransom

*National Association of Educational Consultants
and Advisers*

This will be a workshop presented in period costume by the Marquis de Vauban (aka Peter Ransom), a 17th century Marshal of France. The geometry of fortification of French towns and cities fortified by Vauban includes opportunities for creative work. A CD ROM of all materials (and more), with teachers' notes for using the material with Y5 to Y13, will be available for all who attend.

Tuesday 4th December
at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

in MALL 1, School of Maths, University of Leeds

'Christmas Quiz and Buffet'

Tim Devereux

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