

# THE LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## FORTHCOMING SOCIETY MEETINGS

Friday 20 October 1989, Burlington House  
Meeting on Stochastic Combinatorics.  
Bollabas, G.R. Grimmett, D.J.A. Welsh, F.P. Kelly  
Friday 17 November 1989, Royal Society  
R.M. May, J.D. Murray

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### VISIT OF DR SHMUEL GAL

Dr Shmuel Gal of IBM Israel Scientific Centre will be visiting England from 11th to 24th September. It is expected that he will speak at Southampton University on 13th September, at Cambridge University on 19th September and at the London School of Economics on 21st September. His talks

will cover his recent work on search games and maze algorithms.

For further information contact Steve Alpern at the London School of Economics, telephone 01-405 7686. Dr Gal has been invited under the LMS Visitor Scheme 2.

### HASSLER WHITNEY

Hassler Whitney, Professor Emeritus at the at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, died on 10th May 1989, at the age of 82. He was elected

an Honorary Member of the London Mathematical Society on 19th October 1980.

### GILBERT W. MORGAN

Dr Gilbert W. Morgan, CBE, who was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on

18th January 1934, died on 3rd May 1989.

### GABRIEL A. GARREAU

Dr Gabriel A. Garreau who was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on 15th December 1949, died on 11th June 1989. He

was a Reader in Mathematics at the City University until he retired in 1969.

### SAMUEL NEWBY CURLE

Professor Samuel Newby Curle, died on 27th June 1989 at the age of 59. From 1967 he was Gregory Professor of Applied Mathematics at St Andrews University. From 1954 till 1961 he was a research aerodynamicist at the National Physical Laboratory, then Reader in Aeronautics at Southampton University. His research in fluid

dynamics mainly concerned approximate methods in boundary-layer theory. His publications include a 1961 research monograph on 'The Laminar Boundary Layer Equations' and undergraduate textbooks 'Modern Fluid Dynamics' (with H.J. Davies) and 'Applied Differential Equations'.

### FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

At a meeting on 29th June 1989, Professor Paul Erdos

was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Society.

## COLLINGWOOD MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize was established by the London Mathematical Society in memory of Sir Edward Collingwood, and is awarded annually to a student of the University of Durham obtaining First Class

Honours in Mathematics and entering a course of postgraduate study. The 1989 prize is awarded to Mr J.A. Smith of Van Mildert College who will be a research student at the University of Durham.

## IOWME – NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter, which is published twice yearly, contains information about the International Organisation of Women and Mathematics Education. Those Members resident in the UK who would

like more information should contact: Zelda Isaacson, Department of Teaching Studies, Polytechnic of North London, Prince of Wales Road, London NW5.

## ELEVENTH DUNDEE CONFERENCE ON ORDINARY AND PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

The Eleventh Dundee Conference on Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations will be held in Dundee from Tuesday 3rd July to Friday 6th July 1990.

The purpose of the Conference is to bring together research workers with a common interest in differential equations and their applications. Particular attention will be focussed on recent developments in the theory on non-linear differential equations and their applications to biological

phenomena, wave propagation and dynamical systems.

Principal speakers will include J.M. Ball, P. Binding, O. Diekmann, I. Ekeland, P.J. Holmes, G. Kreigsman, M.C. Mackey, R.E. Meyer, D.H. Sattinger and L. Tartar.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Dr R.J. Jarvis, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, The University, Dundee DD1 4HN, Scotland.

## GENERATORS AND RELATIONS IN GROUPS AND GEOMETRIES

A NATO Advanced Study Institute on Generators and Relations in Groups and Geometries will be held at Castelvecchio Pascoli, Lucca, Italy from 1st to 14th April 1990.

The invited speakers are A. Caranti (Trento), A.M. Cohen (Amsterdam), L. Di Martino (Milano), E.W. Ellers (Toronto), M. Gotzky (Kiel), H. Ishibashi (Sakado), M. Jarden (Tel Aviv), F. Knup-

pel (Kiel), T.J. Laffey (Dublin), H. Lausch (Wurzburg), P. Plaumann (Erlangen), T.A. Springer (Utrecht) and B. Zimmermann (Trieste).

For further information contact the Organizing Committee of the NATO ASI meeting c/o Professor K. Strambach, Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg, Mathematisches Institut, Bismarckstr.1 1/2, D-8520 Erlangen, F.R.G.

## HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS SERIES JOINT PUBLICATION

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# LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

## Notice of General Meeting

There will be a General Meeting of the Society on Friday, 20th October 1989 at 5.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1, to consider a proposal by the Council of the Society to delete the existing By-Law II,3 and to substitute that printed below.

The new By-Law, if accepted, will increase the annual subscription of Corporation and Institutional members for 1989-90 to £325 from the 1988-89 level of £300.

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## GLASGOW MATHEMATICAL JOURNAL

From January 1990 the Glasgow Mathematical Journal will be published by Oxford University Press. LMS members will be able to order copies of the Journal for their personal use at a special rate. The Glasgow Mathematical Journal will be listed alongside the LMS and other journals on the next LMS membership renewal form: copies can be ordered simply by ticking the appropriate box on the form.

The Glasgow Mathematical Journal, which was founded in 1952, publishes research papers in both Pure and Applied Mathematics. Its policy is to feature a wide variety of research areas, which in recent issues have included algebra, analysis, combinatorics, differential equations, fluid mechanics, geometry, number theory and topology.

Papers are submitted to the Journal from all parts of the world: selection for publication is on the usual basis of reports from specialist referees commissioned by the Journal's editors at the University of Glasgow.

Recent and forthcoming papers include the following: M.C.W. Jones, Small amplitude capillary-gravity waves in a channel of finite depth; D.J.S. Robinson, Deciding if an automorphism of an infinite soluble group is inner; G. Hanssens and H. van Maldeghem, On projective Hjelmslev planes of level  $n$ ; H.P. Künzi, Some remarks on quasi-uniform spaces; Richard Steiner, Multiple semidirect products of associative systems; D.A. Jordan, Some examples of non-commutative local rings; S.D. Cohen and R.W.K. Odoni, Galois groups associated with CM-fields, skew-symmetric matrices and orthogonal matrices.

Each year the Glasgow Mathematical Journal publishes one volume in three parts (January, May and September) totalling approximately 380 pages. LMS members ordering through the LMS as described above can obtain copies of the 1990 volume (vol 32) for £20. Enquiries about subscriptions for libraries and institutions should be directed to the Journals Subscription Department, Oxford University Press, Pinkhill House, Southfield Road, Eynsham, Oxford OX8 1JJ.

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Further information can be obtained from the Head of Department, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1SB, telephone Cambridge (0223) 337996.

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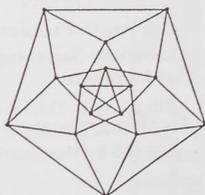
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## DIARY

The diary lists Society meetings and other events publicised in previous issues of the Newsletter. For further information, refer to the figure in brackets, which is a cross reference to the LMS Newsletter Number.

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