

MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION



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Welcome to the MA monthly newsletter

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2019 Joint ATM/MA Conference

The Association of Teachers of Mathematics and The Mathematical Association are delighted to announce that bookings are now open for the 2019 annual conference which will take place at Chesford Grange, Warwick from 15th to 18th April. The theme of the conference is Mathematics. Collaboration. Creativity.



You can [book online](#) and [sign up to lead a session](#).

2018 ATM/MA Maths Festival

The Association of Teachers of Mathematics and The Mathematical Association are proud to announce the first joint ATM/MA Maths Festival, taking place at the University of York, Saturday 15 September 2018.



The festival will include an inspiring programme of events free to the public with lots of opportunities for the local community to get involved. Our workshops, talks, and events are designed to make maths more engaging and enjoyable for children and their families. We hope to break down the negative connotations associated with mathematics and demonstrate how fun and exciting maths can be.

[Book your free festival ticket online](#) and gain access to an exciting programme of activities and maths related entertainment, including Playing with Lego (run by the OR Society), fun with Origami, mathsthroughstories.org, a sticky and messy maths workshop, maths board games, interactive sessions and much more...



Latest Journals

May and June are busy months for our Editors! Spread over two mailings and dependant on your membership you should get : Mathematics in School; Primary Mathematics; MAnews; SymmetryPlus; Mathematical Pie. The Gazette will appear towards the end of June.

We are trying to produce flyers for each of Maths in School; Primary Maths and the Gazette. The flyers will be available on the relevant web page. Please have a look and send them to anyone who you think should see one. If you have access problems, just email [Bill Richardson](#).

Finally, a reminder that a pdf version of Primary Maths will be uploaded to the Members Area (but only available) to those who subscribe.



Branch Events in June

MA Yorkshire Branch, Saturday, 9th June 2018, 14:00 for 14:30

*Venue: University of Leeds, School of Mathematics, Room MALL 1, Leeds LS2 9JT
Jane Turnbull: A story of Mathematics told through my stamp collection.*

Followed by the Yorkshire Branch of The Mathematical Association AGM.

MA ATM Cambridge Branch, Thursday, 14th June 2018, 16:30 -18:30

*Venue: MAB Building, Faculty of Education, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8PQ
Cambridge Maths Team: Mathematical Games Extravaganza*

MA ATM East Midlands Branch, Saturday, 30th June 2018, 09:00 -12:15

*Venue: University of Leicester - Fraser Noble Hall, Leicester LE1 7RH
Dave Hewitt and Tom Francome: Practising Mathematics - Developing the Mathematician as Well as the Mathematics*

Please see [the branch events page](#) for further details and to book.



Branches Update

A new MA branch is underway in Sheffield. It is based at Sheffield Hallam University and is organised by Lisa Ashmore. Please [contact Lisa](#) if you'd like to get involved. Their first event "Ideas on how to develop P4C in mathematics" took place on 23rd May 2018.

Gloucestershire's MA Branch is now organised by Kevin Lister. If you'd like to get involved, please [contact Kevin](#).

The Geometry of Euclid

A national networked exhibition - physical and electronic - of Euclid's geometry texts 1500-1700 is being launched for the summer and involves nearly thirty libraries including the University of Leicester's David Wilson Library which houses The Mathematical Association's Library. The MA collection of around 11,000 books includes nearly 1200 older and rarer books of which half a dozen are very early editions of Euclid from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These particular books will be featured in the exhibition and for more details, including visual images, visit the website: seeingeuclid.org. For details of the project driving the exhibition from the University of Oxford visit their website: readingeuclid.org.

SMC Annual Conference

The Scottish Maths Council Annual Conference 2018 should have been held in March but the Beast from the East blew it into May. Because of the rescheduling, numbers were slightly down but the MA bookstall, looked after by Bill Richardson, managed sales in excess of £250.



Proposal to move to a single mathematical subject association

Following mixed, but predominantly positive, discussion in each of the constituent organisations, representatives of the five MMSA bodies (MA, AMET, ATM, NAMA and NANAMIC) met at the Royal Society all day on 15 May, to take forward discussions about the proposal to form a single subject association focused on mathematics education (perhaps an 'Association for Mathematics Education?'). The object of the day was explore further what such a single association might look like, so as to provoke further discussion at individual association level, and to discuss ways in which that might be achieved (how to get there!). We used other associations' experiences of attempting such a move as both information and warnings, and were particularly grateful to David Youdan of the IMA, for his input. Discussions about the future purpose, shape and activity of a single association are being melded into a single discussion document for circulation among the associations concerned – probably in early Autumn 2018. We are very conscious that open and honest communication with all concerned will be key to any further moves, together with awareness of the needs of the range of the current membership communities and of current employees.

Jennie Golding and Tom Roper



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

New Data Protection Regulations came into effect on 25th May 2018; importantly this means you must give your consent/opt-in to allow us to keep you updated about your MA membership, new publications, courses, conferences, branch activities and MA business in general.


We value the privacy of your personal data and our Privacy Policy can be viewed [here](#). It explains how we collect, store and handle your personal data. To keep receiving all MA communications please log on to [your membership record to give your consent](#). (Please be aware that when logging-in for the first time you will first need to register your details to verify your membership account, set up a username and password and log your email address.)



New Scientist Live

In September last year six different maths organisations got together to attend [New Scientist Live](#). The event, held at the Excel in London, is a five day long festival of ideas and discovery in Science aimed at the general public. The event attracted over 30,000 visitors and was a great success with lots of interest. Each organisation brought information, games and puzzles along for both adults and children to try out and have a go, as well as mathematical experts to chat to the public. The overarching theme for the joint stand was 'Maths In The Real World'.

This year's event will be even bigger. For more information or to get involved contact [Sophie Parker](#) at The OR Society or [Lissie Hope](#) at the Turing Gateway.



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