

## The Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association - Programme 2025 - 2026

Those meetings labelled MALL 1, School of Mathematics take place at the University of Leeds. See the back page for details.

Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025  
1:30pm for 2pm

*MALL 1, School of  
Mathematics*

Paul Glaister - President, The Mathematical Association

### **Celebrating the beauty, power and joy of mathematics - a mathematician's miscellany, and an apology**

Throughout his career Paul has enjoyed posing and exploring mathematical problems suitable for mathematics students (and their teachers/lecturers!). Some of these problems have appeared in his 480+ publications, 82 of which have appeared in the Mathematical Gazette/Mathematics in School. In this session he will share some of this miscellany of problems, by way of an apology, in the spirit of the prestigious mathematicians and collaborators G H Hardy (a former President of the Mathematical Association and author of 'A Mathematician's Apology') and J E Littlewood (author of 'A Mathematician's Miscellany'), but at a somewhat more modest level!

Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025  
7pm for 7:30pm

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Mathematics*

### **Christmas Quiz**

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

Tuesday 24th  
February 2026  
7pm for 7:30pm

*MALL 1, School of  
Mathematics*

Tom Roper

### **Problems from the Ladies' Diary 1704-1817**

The session will look at some of the problems appearing in the Ladies' Diary, collected by Thomas Leybourn, an editor of same, in four volumes, published in 1817. the problems give rise to questions around what they can tell us about the audience for them, what was the mathematics upon which they were based, has that mathematics changed much over the years, and what might that tell us about a future mathematics curriculum. These volumes are just some of the many treasures held in the library of The Mathematical Association, available to be viewed and researched. Expect to answer some of the questions that were posed and respond to them in verse!!

**TBC but likely  
Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
2:30pm**

*TBC  
University of Leeds*

Saturday  
6th June 2026  
2pm for 2:30pm

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### **W P Milne Lecture for Sixth Formers**

Professor Julia Gog - University of Cambridge

### **Maths vs disease**

Mathematics provides us with an amazing toolkit to understand complex phenomena in the world around us. Prof. Julia Gog will discuss how mathematical approaches can help to make sense of epidemics of infectious disease, and how maths can even help with government policy decisions in the face of pandemics.

### **Summer meeting**

Dr Chris Pritchard

### **A Tribute to Martin Gardner**

Martin Gardner ran the Mathematical Games column of Scientific American for 25 years, collating a wide range of fascinating material sent in by mathematicians from around the world, and later gathering many of the themes into a stream of best-selling books. I will tell the story of his life and share some of the games, problems and puzzles which are suitable for mathematicians of all ages and abilities.

### **The YBMA AGM (at the same venue)**

**Any alterations to the programme are listed in the YBMA Newsletter, sent to all members, or see the MA website at [www.m-a.org.uk/branches/yorkshire](http://www.m-a.org.uk/branches/yorkshire)**

## Where to find us

**In person meetings** - The majority of our meetings this year are held at the University of Leeds in the School of Mathematics, Room MALL 1. Main entrance to School of Mathematics:

<https://what3words.com/long.bigger.type>

Full directions and travel information for the University of Leeds including a campus map can be found at:

<https://www.leeds.ac.uk/howtofindus>

### Parking arrangements

#### 1) For evening and weekend meetings:

The University charges for parking (for details see 'Public' parking at <https://estates.leeds.ac.uk/our-services/car-parking>).

The university is well signed from all major routes into Leeds. For internet maps and satellite navigation the postcode is LS2 9JT.

Visitors can park in the multi-storey carpark or the Edge (sports centre) carpark. Each have pay stations which you will need as you leave.

#### **Please ensure you pay before you exit.**

Pay machines take **card only** and can be found on Level 1 of the Multi-Storey, in the middle of The Edge car park and outside the Ziff building. The charges are as follows:

Parking Tariffs	
Up to 2 hours	£2
Up to 3 hours	£3
Up to 4 hours	£4
Up to 5 hours	£5

#### 2) For the W.P.Milne lecture:

There is no public parking. We suggest you come by public transport or use the council carpark at Woodhouse Lane:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/city-centre-car-parks/woodhouse-lane-car-park>.

In some circumstances it may be possible to arrange a day visitors permit for the University of Leeds at the cost of £7 but you need to enquire about this well in advance to enable us to try to make the arrangements.

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### Programme for 2025/2026

- Most meetings this year are held at the University of Leeds unless stated otherwise. Please see the back page for more details.
- Refreshments for in person meetings are usually available before the meetings start.
- Non-members are welcome to attend meetings.
- Become a member of the branch free of charge and receive our termly newsletter by e-mail request to [rgb43@gmx.com](mailto:rgb43@gmx.com)

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