

# MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

# NEWSLETTER

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## CONGRATULATIONS

- to Keith Bennett, Daniel Brown, Catherine Gerrard, Chris Mellor, Zaharenia Romeou who all passed their bronze medal dance exams in Ballroom, Latin American, Club and Rock'n'Roll dancing. Congratulations also to Lorna James who passed her Social Dance Exams in Ballroom, Latin American and Club Dancing.
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## WELCOME

- to Hardi Peter who is visiting the Solar Group for two weeks to discuss with Klaus Galsgaard and Eric Priest about the nature of the transition region and the heating of the solar atmosphere. Hardi is a permanent staff member at the Kiepenheuer Institute in Freiburg.
  - to Grisha Vekstein, formerly a postdoc in the Solar Group, who is now a Reader at UMIST. Grisha is also here in St Andrews discussing ideas about the heating of the corona with Klaus Galsgaard.
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## NEWS

- Edmund Robertson lectured on Pell's equation to a meeting of the British Association in Dundee on 22 March and also conducted a workshop. This was part of a mathematics theme day aimed at Sixth Form pupils from Fife and Tayside.
- Edmund Robertson was an external assessor for an academic review of Computer Studies and Mathematical Science at the National University of Ireland Galway on 20 and 21 March. This review was part of the Irish Academic Quality Assurance Programme.

## TO LET

- Flat to let from September 2002

Two bedroom ground floor flat on Buchanan Gardens to let from September. One large double bedroom, one small single bedroom, living room, newly fitted kitchen with dining area, all mod. cons, large south-facing garden. Ideal for academic visitor; long let preferred. Please see Oliver or Susie Buhler for further information.

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## SEMINARS

- Solar Group Seminars (Math. Rm 3B - 1.30pm)
    - Wednesday 17 April: Danielle Brewsher
    - Wednesday 24 April: Colin Beveridge
    - Wednesday 1 May: Chris Mellor
    - Wednesday 8 May: Fenwick Cooper (Warwick University) “MHD Autosolitons in Magnetic Flux Slabs”
  - Statistics Seminars (Math. L.Th. D - 4pm)
    - Monday 22 April: Prof. Malcolm Faddy (University of Birmingham) “Discrete Data Modelling and Analysis”
  - Joint St Andrews/Highland RSS Group Meeting on Statistical Analysis of Weather and Climate (Math. L.Th. D - 3pm)
    - Wednesday 1 May (3pm): Dr David Stephenson (University of Reading) “Does the Weather God Play Dice?”
    - Wednesday 1 May (4:30pm): Dr Richard Chandler (University College London) “‘Simple’ Statistical Modelling of Climate Variability”
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## NEXT ISSUE

- Please send any material for the next newsletter to [mcsnews@mcs](mailto:mcsnews@mcs) by 12pm Thursday 9th May.