

Meeting to mark the retirement of Rob Curtis

On Wednesday 10 November 2010, the School of Mathematics will host a meeting to mark the retirement of Rob Curtis. There will be three talks in the afternoon given in the preliminary schedule below, and a celebration meal in the evening.

Rob Curtis is one of the five authors of the Atlas of Finite Simple Groups and is well known for his many significant contributions to finite group theory especially to the understanding of the sporadic simple groups.



Schedule:

13:00-14:00	Arrival, tea and coffee	
14:00-15:00	Sergey Shpectorov (Birmingham)	Algebras like the Griess algebra
15:00-16:00	Peter Rowley (Manchester)	Worth a thousand words
16:00-16:30	Tea and coffee	
16:30-17:30	Rob Wilson (Queen Mary, London)	The Leech lattice
17:30-18:30	Wine reception	
18:30-	Celebratory dinner	

If you are planning to attend, then please contact Chris Parker [**C.W.Parker@bham.ac.uk**](mailto:C.W.Parker@bham.ac.uk) and let him know if you would like to attend the dinner.