

A Selection of Comments on the M500 Winter Weekend 2009

Very apprehensive about coming, but so glad I did. Everyone very friendly, and the sessions fun. Watching people trying to untie each other was very interesting.

Newbie – cannot add $2+2$

Another wonderful weekend – I haven't missed one since I started coming. Everyone's friendly and the atmosphere is supportive and challenging for all mathematical abilities. I'd recommend it to anyone with an interest in mathematics, puzzles, games or logic.

Old hand.

Whilst approachable for beginners, there's still a challenge for the more experienced. Sometimes a new way of looking at old things, sometimes completely new, but always fun.

Statistician – so don't know what 2 is!

A long time since I finished my maths. degree so very rusty! As always, this has been a terrific weekend! I have found it a great balance between easier and more challenging mathematics, with lots of fun things to do in between/amongst the formal sessions. The singing was especially good fun this year. I love the venue and the people are all great! (Aren't mathematicians just wonderful!)

Very enjoyable weekend, level of sessions about right. Good mix of people from varied backgrounds. Would recommend it to others.

Newbie, may finish course next year.

Have just done my first level 3 course. I was concerned that everything would be way above my head, but there was plenty of material covered at all levels so lots I could understand. A nice way to do some maths between courses and re-accustom my mind to some mathematical thinking before the next course.

Newbie

Lots of interesting topics for anyone interested in maths and puzzles. It's pleasant to have a range of ability in the participants – Everybody can do something and there is some to baffle anybody

3rd year

My first winter weekend and lots of fun.

Very enjoyable weekend. Variety of levels. I like metric and knots best.

Visiting speaker really good – different but accessible – as was knots.

A good range of activities and very interesting conversations in a relaxed convivial atmosphere. The food was also excellent

Attended several winter weekend; always different. Particularly enjoy sessions which broaden maths. experience eg taxi-cab geometry. Also maths discussions with others and having a good laugh.

As always thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. I prefer the “play with maths” things so taxi-cab geometry and such was fun for me. Always enjoy the social stuff and Rob's quiz.