

Dear all,

This letter is about the books of our parents, David and Joan Rees. They are both reasonably well, but have moved out of the family home in Exeter into more suitable accommodation. The house will be sold in the summer and we have produced a rough catalogue of the mathematics books. As a family, we would like as many as possible of these books to be passed on personally to people who are interested in them. In time the collection covers about a hundred years: from the early twentieth to the early twenty-first century. So from the point of view of mathematical history, it is an interesting collection. We do not think there would be any interest in the collection from mathematical libraries.

We think that the people on this list might possibly be interested in these books. Since this list will be sent to some university staff lists, you are unlikely to see the full list of people being contacted, but we are happy for this email to be passed on to others who might be interested. In case you are interested, we suggest the following procedures for distributing these books.

The catalogue of books is attached. This list will be kept updated and will be accessible by links from both our webpages at

<http://www.mas.ncl.ac.uk/~nser>

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/~maryrees/david-joan-rees-books.html>

The books are in rough categories, but not in alphabetical order. We're using the righthand column to store the name of the person for whom the book is reserved; initially this just has some family names in it. At present we are not deleting books from the list if they are reserved for someone.

We'll operate under the following rules.

1. If you would like some books please email both of us, sarah.rees@ncl.ac.uk and maryrees@liv.ac.uk, telling us what you want, and roughly when you want to collect it. If you've any other questions about this, just e-mail us.
2. We're unable to transport the books from Exeter ourselves, so we need you to make arrangements to collect them. Naturally, you may not be able to do this immediately. The deadline for collection is currently mid-July. This may be updated as we know the precise timetable for clearing the house.

Currently there is someone in the house most of the time but we need the initial contact about collection to be with one of the two of us.

3. If more than one person wants a particular book it will be 'first come first served', unless a book is not picked up as arranged.

We hope we may find good homes for a good number of the books in this way.

Best wishes,

Mary and Sarah Rees