The London Mathematical Society

The London Mathematical Society (LMS) was founded for the promotion and extension of mathematical knowledge – the first meeting in 1865 was chaired by Augustus De Morgan, best known for De Morgan’s Laws. The LMS has members and partners from all over the world and is the UK adhering body to the International Mathematical Union. Its principal activities are the organisation of meetings and conferences and the publication of journals and books.

G. H. Hardy
(1877–1947)

Around thirty LMS Presidents have had links with Oxford. The only mathematician to have been elected twice as LMS President was G. H. Hardy, who held the Savilian Chair of Geometry (despite being primarily a number theorist and analyst) in Oxford in the years 1919–31.

One of Hardy’s students in Oxford was Mary Cartwright, who was to become the first female LMS President (1961–62) and one of the early founders of chaos theory.