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## Editorial

It is with great sadness that I have learnt of the deaths of several notable contributors to the *Gazette* over the last few months.

Martyn Cundy died in February shortly after his 91st birthday. His association with the *Gazette* began in October 1942, with a note on the geometry of the angle-poise lamp. His sixtieth contribution, on the Lemniscate of Bernoulli, appeared in March 2005, shortly after his death. His 'Journey around the triangle' won the readers' poll in 2003 and it is typical of him that he sent me a beautifully designed card in acknowledgement of his award. He was on the editorial board of the journal as an assistant editor from 1955 until 1968. Despite failing eyesight, he was a discerning referee who paid sharp attention to detail, and his reports on even the most arcane submissions on solid geometry usually contained extra insights which the author had not spotted.

Cyril Parry, who died in February, spent his working life in the chemical industry. In the great tradition of mathematical amateurs, he was passionately interested in Euclidean geometry, and had several notes published in the *Gazette*. He was a referee of authority and sensitivity and a regular solver in the Problem Corner. With characteristic modesty, his review of Clark Kimberling's encyclopaedic survey of triangle centres declined to admit that he himself was the discover of the Parry point.

Peter Trier, who died in March, had notes published as far apart as 1962 and 2004, and was a perceptive referee with an interest in recreational mathematics. He had been Pro-Chancellor of Brunel University and was a passionate believer in promoting the achievement of women graduates. We also note the deaths of Edward Wright and John Hersee, both of whom had contributed to the *Gazette*. Fuller obituaries of all these members of the association will appear in *MA News*.

***Tenth Annual Mathematical Gazette Writing Awards***

Once again, I wish to thank all who voted and also all those who wrote for the *Gazette*. The results for articles and notes were as follows:

**2004 Article of the Year*****Winner*****Marty Ross****Irrational thoughts*****Runners-up***

Christopher Bradley

Cyclic quadrilaterals

Barry Lewis

Fibonacci numbers and trigonometry

**2004 Note of the Year*****Winner*****Steve Humble****Grandma's Identity*****Runners-up***

R. J. Cook and G. V. Wood

Feynman's triangle

I congratulate all the authors listed above, especially Marty Ross and Steve Humble, to whom I have sent certificates. I also thank all readers who voted.

The prize draw winner was Tim Cross, of Bromsgrove, who receives a copy of Marcus du Sautoy's *The Music of the Primes*.

And finally, our apologies for the slightly slimmer issue on this occasion. The November issue will include extra pages to compensate.

**GERRY LEVERSHA**