



Lecture



Popular lecturer, Hugh Hunt will be giving a free public lecture at the University of Bath as part of National Science and Engineering Week celebrations (7.00pm, Wednesday 11th March 2009, University Hall).

Spinning things are strange. Why does a spinning top stand up? Why doesn't a rolling wheel fall over? Why is top-spin so effective in tennis? How does a falling cat always manage to land on its feet? How can the Hubble Space Telescope turn round in space? What do ice-skaters do to spin so fast? We'll look closely at the common threads that link all spinning things, and that means we'll have to talk about gyroscopes. Don't worry, there won't be any maths. Everything will be demonstrated live with lots of toys and videos, and we'll even throw a few indoor boomerangs - hoping not to break any windows!

Hugh Hunt lectures in Engineering at the University of Cambridge. He grew up in Australia and has accumulated an impressive collection of boomerangs, many of them home made. But he had never thrown a boomerang until came to the UK. Now he uses them to inspire students in the study of Dynamics and Mechanics.

The lecture will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th March 2009 in University Hall at the University of Bath. Tickets can be obtained by emailing [Ann Linfield](mailto:Ann.Linfield@bath.ac.uk) or ringing her on 01225 386998.

National Science Week is taking place throughout the country from 6th- 15th March 2009, and gives people of all ages the chance to take part in science, engineering and technology through events, activities and lectures.

Other activities taking place during National Science Week include the annual Bath Taps Into Science fair, a 2-day event which will give more than 700 pupils from the Bath area an introduction to science through slime, robots, bubbles, and much more.

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