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Hi All,

Welcome back to all our existing community, and welcome to everyone who joined the mailing list over the summer hiatus! We hope you all had a productive summer, and are excited to restart organising some events for you all.

We have the first monthly meet up of the year this Friday (3rd Oct). Join us at 11am in the Worsley building (room 11.87) for coffee, cake and chats about all the events we have planned, along with community updates and news in the field of machine learning. Everyone is welcome, in person or virtually via Teams.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this community, but you don't know if they've signed up yet, we encourage you to forward them this newsletter! The community has grown considerably since its conception, but we still hope to unite researchers in diverse fields through this group. You don't need to be at the University of Leeds, or even in Academia! We are an interdisciplinary bunch, and anyone, from undergraduates to professors, established programmers to people just casually interested, are welcome to sign up!

📰 Updates

- We are always looking for enthusiastic people to join the SciML committee! The roles are flexible, and you can take on as much or as little as you want. Chat to any of us at our events or send us an email (sciml@leeds.ac.uk) if you want to know more.

- We've been busy adding features to our website. The calendar feature should contain the majority of the events we are planning to put on, plus we've been compiling resources for the community. We especially recommend the COMP3611 module notes to those of you starting your machine learning journey, these have been kindly provided by Dr Marc De Kamps, a lecturer here at the University of Leeds. All of the seminar recordings from last year are uploaded now, make sure to check out any you might've missed.

- The literature club will restart soon! If you aren't familiar, there is more information here, but in the meantime, we would love if you could **fill out this quick anonymous feedback form**. We know last year there were scheduling conflicts so let us know what times/days work for you!

- We have a Teams channel under the LIDA group - click here to visit it and make sure to turn channel notifications on!

📜 Resources & Opportunities

- Turing Online Learning Platform:
  - Free and open learning resources on Data Science and AI, designed for self-paced study and tailored to diverse audiences.

- Women in Machine Learning (WIML) network
  - Mentorship Program
  - Directory
  - Profiles
  - Mailing List: intended for any female student, post-doc, academic researcher, industrial researcher, and anyone else who is interested in posting content relevant for this community!

- **BCS SGAI: FAIRS 25 - a training event for AI Research Students**
  - **Cambridge, Monday December 15th 2025**
  - As a preliminary to the AI-2025 SGAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence that is held every year in Cambridge, we are offering an event designed for graduate students in the Artificial Intelligence computing area: the **Forum for AI Research Students (FAIRS)**. This is a free-standing event and no attendance at AI-2025 is required or expected.
  - Book your place for FAIRS through the website **before December 1st** (http://www.bcs-sgai.org/fairs2025/).
  - For more information, email Giovanna (giovanna.martinezarellano@nottingham.ac.uk) and she will be happy to help.

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Upcoming Events

- **Monthly meetup -** 11:00, 03/10/25, Worsley Building, 11th Floor, room 11.87
  - We are having some issues sending out invites at the moment. To add a placeholder for every first friday, use .ics-file download to add the event to your calendar.
  - For October's meeting specifically, this is the link to join virtually.

- **Seminar from Professor Andrew Zisserman FRS** - 15:00-17:00 22/10/25, Nexus Lecture Theatre
  - **Not hosted by SciML**, instead by the Medical AI CDT AI-Medical@leeds.ac.uk.
  - Andrew is a pioneer of research in computer vision and deep learning, and one of the most cited computer scientists in the world.
  - Register to attend at: https://forms.office.com/e/dahjYF1nRn

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To subscribe to our newsletters and to get invites to our events, sign up by clicking here.