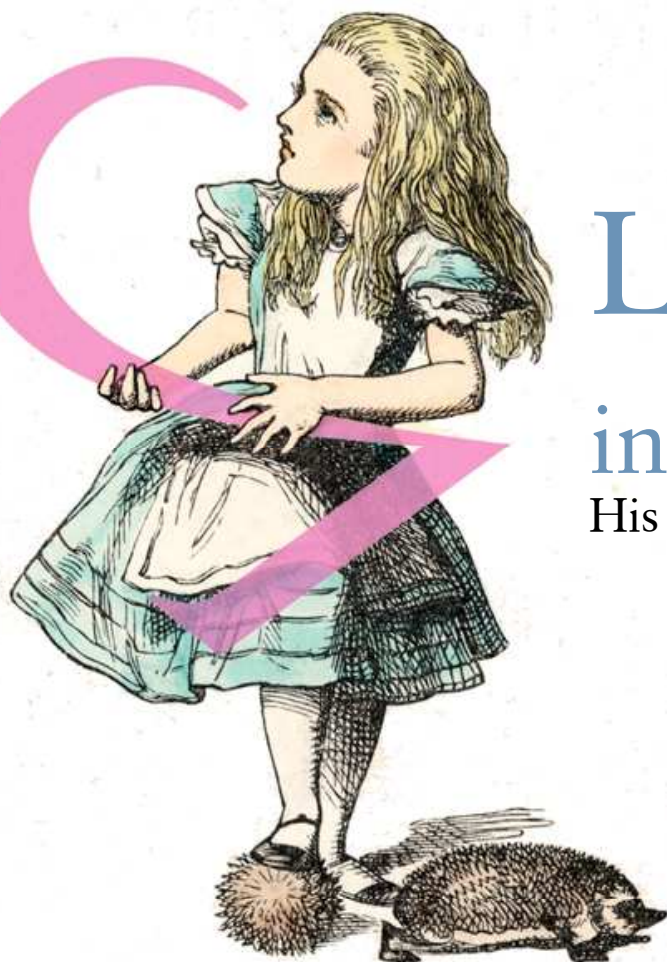




Lewis Carroll in Numberland

His Fantastical Mathematical Logical Life

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Charles Dodgson is best known for 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland', written under his pen name of Lewis Carroll. If he had not written the Alice books, he would be mainly remembered as a pioneering photographer. But if Dodgson had not written the Alice books or been a photographer, he might be remembered as a mathematician, the career he held as a lecturer at Christ Church in Oxford University. But what mathematics did he do? How good a mathematician was he? How influential was his work? This public lecture by Robin Wilson will try to answer these questions by describing his work in geometry, algebra, logic and the mathematics of voting, in the context of his other activities. This lecture will also demonstrate the many puzzles and paradoxes that he delighted in showing to his child-friends and contemporaries.

Robin Wilson is Professor of Pure Mathematics at the Open University, a Fellow in Mathematics at Keble College, Oxford University, and Emeritus Professor of Geometry at Gresham College, London (the oldest mathematical Chair in England). He has written and edited over thirty books, mainly on graph theory, the history of mathematics, and music.

Level: suggested age range 16+, general public



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