

Text book success for Gareth

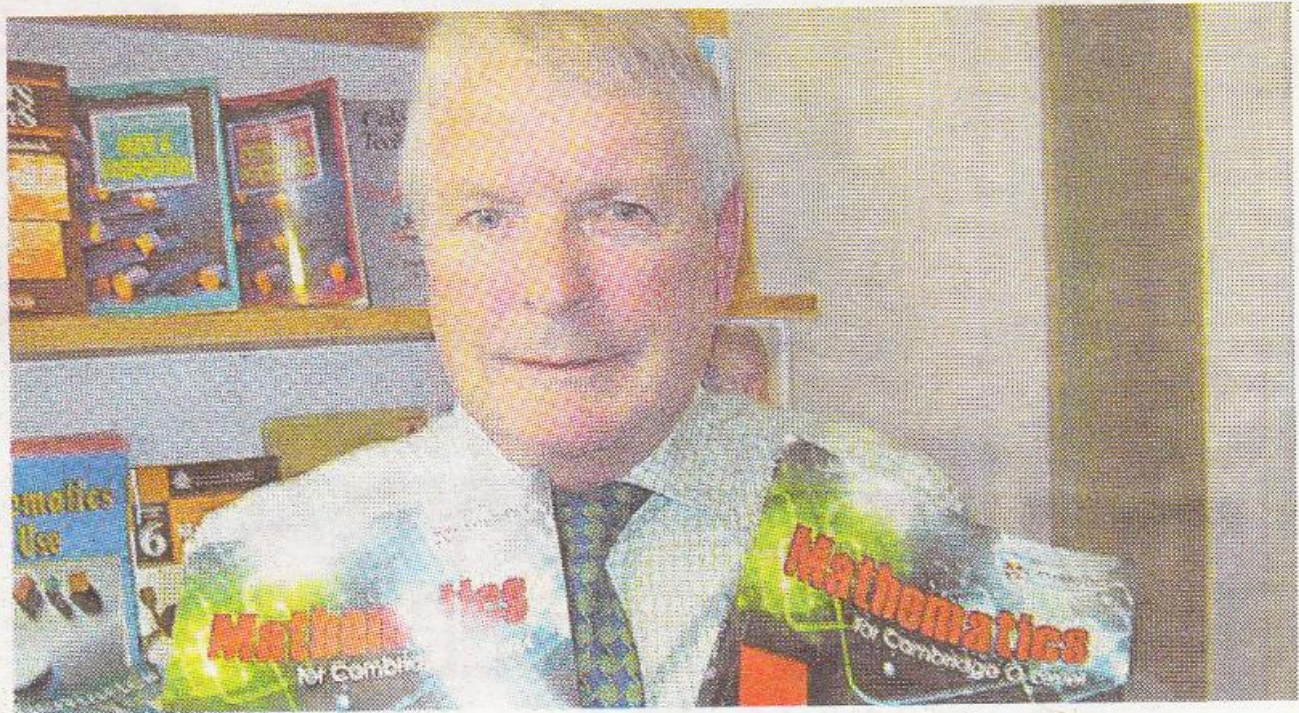
A Brookmans Park resident's latest GCSE maths books have been endorsed by Cambridge University.

Gareth Rowlands, a retired maths lecturer from Pine Grove, had his two 400-page text books recognised by the Cambridge International Examination Board (CIEB).

It comes after the maths whizz designed books for schools in the UK, Africa, Far East, Middle East, southeast Asia and the Caribbean.

Gareth, *pictured*, described the recognition last month as the "biggest and most exciting achievement in my Mathematics writing experience".

He added: "To get books approved by the CIEB is a very difficult thing to get because they are extremely strict about putting their stamp on the front of any books.



"Once you get that you really have achieved something extraordinary."

The latest books contain exercises and explanations aimed to be "relevant to students' modern day lives" whilst "covering rich knowledge of history and traditions".

The maths guru, who is now

designing books for schools in Rwanda, said his passion for maths stems from its influence on everyday life.

He said: "Every action we do has a mathematical content. When you go through life you are always using some type of numeracy to survive.

"We are all mathematicians in our different ways."