Membership numbers show the usual saw-tooth shape over the year. The drop off always happens at the end of February, when the arrears (members who have not renewed) are no longer counted in. Figure 1 shows the membership numbers for the Section. The end of the previous membership year shows a slight increase, but then there is a larger drop in February, which has this year not picked up as much as in the previous years, but then again the current uncertain times may partly lie at the basis of that.

**Figure 1. Membership numbers on a monthly basis for the last 5 years**

**Figure 2. End of March UK&RI membership numbers according to grade**
Looking at the different types of members (Figure 2), then the majority is still in the higher grades, student numbers have dropped back again. On the other hand, the arrears (members that did not renew) is slightly down from last year.

The Membership Development team continues to deal with senior membership applications. Recently we were also contacted by a large employer who is keen to get more of their employees to become member and even supports their membership. Initial conversations have started, but are now delayed due to the lock down situation.

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