

Wolfson College e-Bulletin, Michaelmas 2014

Welcome to the Michaelmas 2014 e-Bulletin for all members of Wolfson College.

50th Anniversary Update

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As we welcome this year's cohort of new and returning students, and with 2015 almost upon us, excitement is growing in College about the celebrations for our 50th Anniversary.

There will be a range of events throughout the calendar year, including a prestigious lecture series (more about that below) and some wonderful exhibitions in College and online. The highlight of the year will be a celebratory weekend on 4 and 5 July, to which all Wolfson members are invited. Further information will follow towards the end of this year. The events calendar will be regularly updated, so do remember to check online at www.WolfsonEvents.com.

As many of you may have read, the main priorities for our fundraising drive are student support and student accommodation. We aim to raise £5m and you can read more about the Campaign at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50th_Anniversary



Our 'Wolfson in 50 words' project is also growing, with some wonderful stories of what Wolfson means to our members. Read a selection of the entries at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50words and send your own contribution to communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk.

We are delighted that our students are getting involved in the 50th Anniversary 'selfies' project. More details, and a gallery of photos we have received so far, can be found at: http://on.fb.me/1AT17B4.

Recent Events

May Bumps

Thank you to all alumni and friends of Wolfson College who came to support our crews this year at our marquee and from the towpath. It was an exciting day of racing and congratulations are due to all our crews, in particular the Women's W1 who won their Blades. Photos from the day can be seen at http://on.fb.me/1qQJVMI.



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Benefactors' Drinks Reception

It was marvellous to see so many of our generous donors at this summer's Benefactors' Reception, prior to the annual College Garden Party. The summer weather was kind and guests enjoyed the President's speech of thanks, warmly echoed by everyone in College.

Wolfson Alumni Reunion and Dinner

We welcomed alumni from eight countries for the annual Quinquennial and Decennial Reunion on 27 September. This year we were pleased to see members from 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004. The event included a lecture by Wolfson alumnus Mr David Jacques (1998) on recent discoveries around the Stonehenge site, a tour of the College and grounds with the President and a dinner, with Grace sung by the Wolfson Chamber Singers. Photos from the event can be seen at www.flickr.com/groups/wolfsonreunion2014.





Next year's reunion for years ending in -5s and -0s (in our 50th year) will be held on Saturday 26 September 2015. Please save the date if you matriculated in 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 or 2005. Invitations will be sent closer to the time. Everyone is, of course, welcome to join us for the 50th Anniversary celebrations on 4 and 5 July, whatever your year of Matriculation.

Upcoming Events

Wolfson in America

In March 2015, Wolfson will be visiting alumni in the USA. The President and Vice-President will be in Miami for a Wolfson event on 15 March, and the President, his wife and I will also be hosting receptions in the following cities:

Washington DC 18 March 2015

Boston 19 March 2015

New York 20 March 2015

On 21 March 2015 we will also be taking part in the Cambridge in America Day in New York. For further information or to express interest in attending any of these events, please email alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk.

Global Cambridge: Cambridge in Europe

On 28 March 2015, Wolfson will be attending the Global Cambridge: Cambridge in Europe event in Berlin, where the President will lead the day's conference with a discussion on 'Britain and Germany in Europe: the historical context'. All University members will be invited, and there will also be a

dinner for Wolfson alumni during the evening. Please send expressions of interest to alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk.

Rugby Varsity

We will be holding the annual Wolfson event at this year's Varsity Match at Twickenham on 11 December 2014. The Blues Village, where we will meet, is a heated marquee with live music and food outlets, and will be a place to see other Cambridge alumni and the Light Blue team after the game. Tickets are £50 per person, which gives you access to the Village, a top-price match ticket seated with Wolfson members and a drink. Wolfson members are welcome to bring guests. For more information or to book your place, please sign up at www.2014Rugby.WolfsonEvents.com by 9am on Friday 7 November.





Other Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20 November Commemoration of Benefactors' Dinner (by invitation to the

Morrison Society and major benefactors in the year).

Friday 19 December Wolfson Alumni in Cambridge launch event.

Thursday 29 January Wolfson Alumni Reception in London.

A complete calendar of events can be found at www.WolfsonEvents.com.

Music at Wolfson

'Tour de France' by Wolfson College Chamber Singers

In July, the Wolfson College Chamber Singers enjoyed a short tour of the south of France. Concerts were given in Minerve, Lagrasse and Rieux-Minervois and were received enthusiastically by local audiences. The group performed a variety of popular English and French sacred music including works by Tallis, Duruflé, Fauré and Wolfson's own Matthew Woolhouse. Pictures from the tour can be viewed at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/societies/music/chambersingers.



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Forthcoming Concerts and Events

As ever, we are looking forward to a fantastic series of concerts and musical events throughout the coming Term, including the following highlights:

Music & Madeira: Marry My Daughter!

Friday 7 November, 7:15 for 7:30pm for Dinner with free Recital in the Lee Hall at 9pm Kah-Ming Ng (harpsichord) performs works by Bach, Handel, Buxtehude and Mattheson.

Sunday Soirée

Sunday 16 November, 3pm in the Lee Hall

Junior Prime Brass (who will also be performing at the Royal Albert Hall in October), conducted by Christopher Lawrence, and The Robins from King's Junior Voices, conducted by Lyn Alcántara. Free admission with retiring collection.

Michaelmas Term Concert: An American Tribute

Sunday 23 November, 7:30pm in the Lee Hall

Wolfson singers perform works by Barber, Copland, Whitacre, Rodney Bennett and Bernstein.

Wolfson College Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30 November, 6:30pm in St Mark's Church

Join us in celebrating the start of the festive season with a concert of traditional carols.

A full calendar of upcoming concerts can be found at

www2.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/files/misc/M2014.pdf or on the Music Term Card, available from the Porters' Lodge.

50th Anniversary 'Come and Sing'

The 2015 Lent Term Concert on Sunday 15 March 2015 will be a 'Come and Sing', with Fauré's *Requiem* providing the centrepiece of the concert. Contact alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you would like to register your interest.



Art at Wolfson

Myths, Memories & Mysteries: how artists respond to the past

There is still time to visit this vibrant exhibition which is on display at Wolfson and the Museum of Classical Archaeology. Works by contemporary Greek, Australian, Chinese and British artists bring a thought-provoking new perspective to heritage. Admission is free and the exhibition is open until 2 November 2014.

Royal Academicians at Wolfson College

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations we are excited to be exhibiting a series of works by Royal Academicians which are being loaned to Wolfson throughout the year. The first to arrive, 'Looking across the Gardens' and 'White Azalea' by the late Ben Levene RA, are hanging either side of the clock in the entrance hall. Look out in College and on Facebook for more beautiful paintings as they arrive.



Paintings ©Ben Levene Estate

Wolfson Sport

Our sports teams have excelled this year, and you can read reports from all the clubs in *The Wolfson Review*. In particular, our Table Tennis team is keen to contact alumni who have played for the club over past years. Please email alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you would like to register your interest in a tournament proposed for 2015.



Lectures, Seminars and Talks

Humanities and Science Societies and Lunchtime Seminar Series

A new Term sees the start of another series of stimulating seminars hosted by Wolfson's Humanities and Science Societies, and the Lunchtime Seminar group. These talks are open to everyone and run throughout Term. If you are unable to attend, the talks will be recorded and made available as podcasts at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/podcasts. Complete schedules of the upcoming talks can be found at the following addresses:

Lunchtime Seminar Series: www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars/lunchtime
Humanities Society: www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars/humanities
Science Society: www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars/science

50th Anniversary Lecture Series

Beginning in January 2015, and running throughout the year, we will be hosting a series of ten special lectures as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, where distinguished speakers will talk about developments in their field over the past 50 years. Attendance will be free at these lectures but places will be limited. Videos and podcasts will be available online after the talks. Look out for further information very soon.

Wolfson Review

The latest edition of *The Wolfson Review* is now available to read online at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/publications. This year we feature our recently retired Executive Chef, Ray Palmer, on the cover. If you would like a hard copy of *The Wolfson Review* or would like to submit news for next year's edition, please email communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk.

Staying in touch

Invitations to events for Wolfson members are sent by email to everyone in the relevant areas, so please remember to let us know via communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you move to a different city or country, or if you change your email address. You can also keep up with events via www.WolfsonEvents.com and on our social media sites (we are on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn).

Our own social media platform www.WolfsonNetwork.com provides you with an email address for life and is also an excellent way to find and stay in touch with Wolfson members around the world.

We hope to see you at a Wolfson event very soon.

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