Wolfson College e-Bulletin, Michaelmas 2015

Welcome to the Michaelmas 2015 e-Bulletin for all Members of Wolfson College.

We are now three quarters of the way through our 50th Anniversary year, and we welcome another new cohort of students and the start of another academic year.

Inspired by the past and looking to the future, our 50th Anniversary Campaign is progressing well, with over half of the £5m raised and two years still to go. We would like thank everyone who has contributed so generously. With your on-going support we will ensure that the students of the next the 50 years will continue to flourish at Wolfson.

Entrepreneurship at Wolfson

With our large cohort of MBA students and entrepreneurial alumni in mind, we are planning to hold a networking event for Wolfson entrepreneurs soon. Please contact me on development@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you would like to register your interest.
Recent Events

It was good to see so many Wolfson Members during our Easter Term, which saw sporting success combined with academic excellence and a weekend celebrating Wolfson's 50th Anniversary.

May Bumps

Following their success at the Lent Bumps earlier this year, Wolfson’s rowers excelled in the recent May Bumps, with both men’s VIIIs winning blades and W1 achieving good results in the Fairbairns Cup. M1 were particularly delighted to achieve their blades in Wolfson’s new boat ‘Ring True’, a Stampfli VIII purchased through the generosity of the Friends of the Boat Club and several key individual donors to mark the College’s 50th Anniversary year.

Thank you to all alumni and friends of Wolfson College who joined us in cheering on our crews at the Wolfson marquee. Photos from the day can be viewed on.fb.me/1JYKRpe

Benefactors’ Drinks Reception

We were delighted to welcome more donors than ever to this year’s Benefactors’ Reception and College garden party in June. The weather held, and the marvellous music from the Wolfson choir and University Brass band added
to the convivial atmosphere.

50th Anniversary Weekend

The weekend of 4 and 5 July marked the focal point of celebrations during Wolfson’s 50th Anniversary year. 500 members from around the world and across the years returned to College for a range of events to mark this significant milestone.

On the Saturday, guests enjoyed the President’s 50th Anniversary lecture, tours of the College by the Bursar and Head Gardener and a celebratory black-tie dinner followed by dancing to the music of 78 RPM Big Band. On Sunday, a coffee concert by a selection of Wolfson musicians was enjoyed by many, as were two exciting art exhibitions: ‘The Royal Academy at Wolfson’ and ‘Richard Deacon: This is where ideas come from’. This was followed on the Sunday by the 50th Anniversary garden party, with entertainment by Junior Prime Brass, children’s games, afternoon tea and ice cream. Thank you to everyone who came along for making the weekend such a happy and memorable occasion.

The lecture given by the President, along with the other 50th Anniversary lectures, can be watched here: [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/50/lectures](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/50/lectures)

Do also go to our Wolfson on Film page [atwww.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/WolfsonFilm](http://atwww.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/WolfsonFilm) to see reminiscences from some of those who joined us, as well as footage of our students and our Vice-Chancellor and Wolfson Honorary Fellow Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz.

Photographs of the weekend are at [www.flickr.com/photos/wolfsoncollege/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wolfsoncollege/albums)
The 50th Anniversary Lecture Series, which started in January and runs until December, has welcomed distinguished Wolfson speakers who have given insights into developments in their field over the past 50 years.

In May, we welcomed Wolfson Fellow Professor Peter Weissberg, Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation, to talk about heart disease. In June, Emeritus Fellow Dr Andrew Herbert, former Managing Director of the Microsoft Research Laboratory in Cambridge, discussed 50 years of Computing and brought along a fully functioning Elliot 903 computer. The July lecture given by President Professor Sir Richard Evans examined ‘History since the sixties: From social science to the global turn’. During this year’s Alumni Reunion weekend, Wolfson’s former President Dr Gordon Johnson was in conversation with Professor John Naughton on ‘Cambridge in the ‘fifties and ‘sixties’ and Dr Meredith Hale presented a talk on the latest exhibition, ‘Henry Moore and Photography’.

The remaining 50th Anniversary lectures of the year are as follows:

**Wednesday 21 October**  Professor James Wood: Infectious Disease  
**Wednesday 18 November**  Professor Irene Ng: The Evolution of Business Models  
**Wednesday 16 December**  Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz: Medicine

Attendance is free at these lectures but seating is limited. Book your place online at [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/50/lectures](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/50/lectures)
Wolfson Alumni Reunion and Dinner

For our annual Alumni Reunion weekend in September we welcomed back members from 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005. As well as the 50th Anniversary lecture by Dr Gordon Johnson, the weekend included a College Tour with the President, a showing of Wolfson’s Anniversary film ‘Ring True’, three art exhibitions (for more information see ‘Art at Wolfson’) and a gallery talk by Wolfson Fellow Dr Meredith Hale, exploring the role of photography in the creative process of Henry Moore’s works. Photographs from the weekend can be seen here:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/wolfsoncollege/albums

Next year’s reunion for years ending in -6s and -1s will be held on Saturday 24 September 2016. Please save the date if you matriculated in academic years beginning in October 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 or 2006. Invitations will be sent closer to the time.

News and Upcoming Events

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months and we are always glad to hear news from our members.

Rugby Varsity

2015 is a special year for Wolfson and also for the world of rugby: for the first time, both the men’s and women’s matches will be contested at Twickenham on the same day.

Wolfson will be hosting alumni and friends in the exclusive surroundings of the Blues Village next to the stadium. This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to meet before and after the games, as well as to network with Wolfson alumni and meet the Cambridge rugby
teams after the matches. The Village features a heated marquee, hot and cold refreshments and access to the best seats at Twickenham. For more information and to book tickets please visit our events page www.2015Rugby.WolfsonEvents.com

**Other dates for the Diary**

**Friday 9 October 2015** Opening of ‘Henry Moore and Photography’ exhibition. See [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts)

**Thursday 19 November 2015** Commemoration of Benefactors’ Dinner (by invitation to the Morrison Society and major benefactors in the year).

**Friday 18 December 2015** Wolfson Alumni Reception in Cambridge (by invitation to Wolfson alumni living or working in Cambridge).


A complete calendar of events can be found at [www.WolfsonEvents.com](http://www.WolfsonEvents.com)

**Lectures, Seminars and Talks**

With the new Term starting, another series of stimulating seminars will be hosted by Wolfson’s Lunchtime Seminar Group, and the Humanities and Science Societies. The talks are open to all, and for members unable to attend the talks, they are recorded and made available as podcasts on the Wolfson website [at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/podcasts](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/podcasts). Information about forthcoming talks can be found at [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars)

**Art at Wolfson**

The Wolfson Fine Arts Committee continues to celebrate the College’s 50th Anniversary with a series of important exhibitions. ‘The Royal Academy at Wolfson’ presents a series of works on loan from Royal Academicians, and the opening talk by Honorary Fellow Anthony Greene can be found [at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts). During the summer, the College was home to ‘Richard Deacon: This is where ideas come from’. You can hear a presentation by the exhibition’s curator, Professor Phillip Lindley at [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/previous-exhibitions](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/previous-exhibitions)
The latest exhibition, open until February, displays the work of one of the most important British sculptors of recent times. ‘Henry Moore and Photography’ offers the rare opportunity to look behind Moore’s working processes, by documenting how Moore used photography to study light, texture and form to create his large-scale sculptures. For details of the opening event on 9 October and further information about the exhibition, please visit www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts

Wolfson Review

The latest edition of The Wolfson Review is now available to read online at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/publications/review 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 Wolfson events 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, LinkedIn, Flickr, YouTube and SoundCloud).

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.

I look forward to seeing you at a Wolfson event soon

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