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Michaelmas Term e-Bulletin 2016



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

We are delighted to welcome all our new and returning students to Wolfson as the academic year begins, and our excellent team of Tutors (some of whom you can see above) is on hand to help everyone settle in.

As we enter the final year of our 50th Anniversary Campaign, we are already seeing the impact of many generous contributions from Wolfson's members and friends. Since the beginning of the Campaign, we have been able to increase the College's annual provision of scholarships and bursaries from £34,000 to almost £350,000, thanks in no small part to our wonderful donors.

We are looking forward to the next 50 years, and your on-going support will ensure that the College continues to flourish.

Recent Events

May Bumps

This summer saw both our M1 and W2 crews achieving Blades during hard-fought campaigns on the river. It was lovely that so many Wolfson members were able to join us at the May Bumps marquee by the river, where we were able to cheer on all our crews. Many congratulations to all our sportsmen and women for having worked hard to achieve their goals this year.



Benefactors' Reception

We were delighted that many of our generous donors were able to be with us for the Benefactors' Reception this summer, which was followed by the Wolfson College Garden Party and, in the evening, the Mary Bevan Recital. Naomi Woo and Julien Cohen, prize-winners from this year's Cambridge University Music Society Concerto Competition, delighted us with their rendition of 'Mi-a-ou', from *The Dolly Suite, Op. 56*, by Gabriel Fauré.





Alumni Reunion and Dinner

September saw alumni returning to Wolfson from nine countries to enjoy a fascinating lecture by Wolfson Fellow Giles Yeo, a reviving afternoon tea, an entertaining tour of the College by the President and a splendid black tie dinner in the evening. Next year's reunion will be for members who joined the College in the academic years ending in a -2 or a -7, so do save the date for 23 September 2017 if you matriculated in one of these years.





News and Upcoming Events

University of Cambridge Vice-Chancellor

On 26 September, international law scholar and university leader Professor Stephen Toope was nominated as the 346th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. Subject to the approval of the University's governing body, the Regent House, Professor Toope will take over from Wolfson's own Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz on 1 October 2017. During his final year as Vice-Chancellor, Sir Leszek will also take up a new post as Chairman of Cancer Research UK.

Wolfson College President 2017-2024

On 1 March 2017, the Governing Body of the College will elect a new President to succeed Professor Sir Richard Evans FBA when he steps down on 30 September 2017. Full details are available at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/president

President's latest book

Professor Sir Richard Evans' latest book, *The Pursuit of Power*, draws on a lifetime of thinking about nineteenth-century Europe to create an extraordinarily rich, surprising and entertaining panorama of a continent undergoing drastic transformation. The book aims to reignite the sense of wonder that permeated this remarkable era, as rulers and ruled navigated overwhelming cultural, political and technological changes. It was a time where what was seen as modern with amazing speed appeared old-fashioned, where huge cities sprang up in a generation, new European countries were created and where, for the first time, humans could communicate almost instantly over thousands of miles. In the period bounded by the Battle of Waterloo and the outbreak of World War I, Europe dominated the rest of the world as never before or since: this book breaks new ground by showing how the continent shaped, and was shaped by, its

interactions with other parts of the globe.

University Challenge

Last month, we watched our inspiring University Challenge team snatch a nail-biting victory from SOAS, University of London, with a tie-breaker question. The next round will be aired on 28 November, and you can view it here: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t6l0

Other Dates for the Diary

Thursday 17 November: Commemoration of Benefactors' Dinner (by invitation to members of the Morrison Society and major benefactors in the current year).

Thursday 8 December: Varsity Rugby Match, Twickenham. Online booking is available at www.varsityrugbymatch2016.eventbrite.co.uk

Friday 16 December: Reception for Wolfson alumni living and working in Cambridge. Invitations will be sent by email closer to the time.

Thursday 19 January: London Reception at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall. Invitations will be sent by email closer to the time.

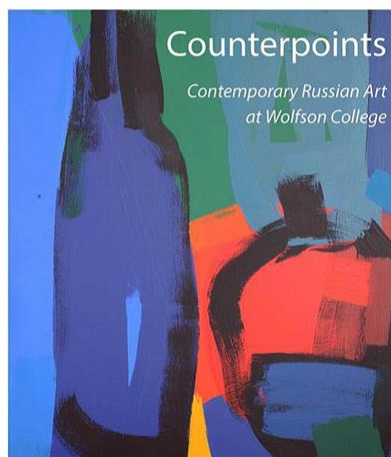
A complete calendar of events can be found at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/calendars/all-events

Lectures, Seminars and Talks

With the new term beginning, another series of stimulating seminars will be hosted by Wolfson's Lunchtime Seminar Group, and by the Humanities and Science Societies. The talks are open to all and the term's programmes can be found at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars

Art at Wolfson

Alexei Lantsev



Wolfson has displayed a number of interesting exhibitions from its permanent collection during the summer, including 'Founders, Presidents, Benefactors and Personalities', 'Pottery in the Bernard Leach Tradition' and a selection of Ramsay Ong batik orchid paintings from the Lee Seng Tee Collection. From 8 October, we are delighted to host a collection of contemporary Russian art: Alexei Lantsev's

'Counterpoints'. The exhibition will be on show in the Dining Hall and Gallery, and will also be open to the public from 3pm to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 October to 18 December. For more information, 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 members@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Staying in touch

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

Invitations to Wolfson events are sent by email to everyone in the relevant areas, so please remember to let us know at members@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you move to a different city or country, or even within the same town. If you change email address, set up a new personal account or move to another company, please let us know about this too.

You can also keep up with events via the College website and on our social media sites (we are on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#) and [SoundCloud](#)).

We look forward to seeing you at a Wolfson event soon.

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