



Michaelmas Term e-Bulletin 2017



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

2017 is a milestone in Wolfson's history, as it marks the College's 40th Anniversary of becoming an independent College of the University and gaining its Royal Charter. This term sees the start of my first full year as Development Director and the beginning of Jane Clarke's new Presidency. We welcome Jane and her bold ambitions for Wolfson.

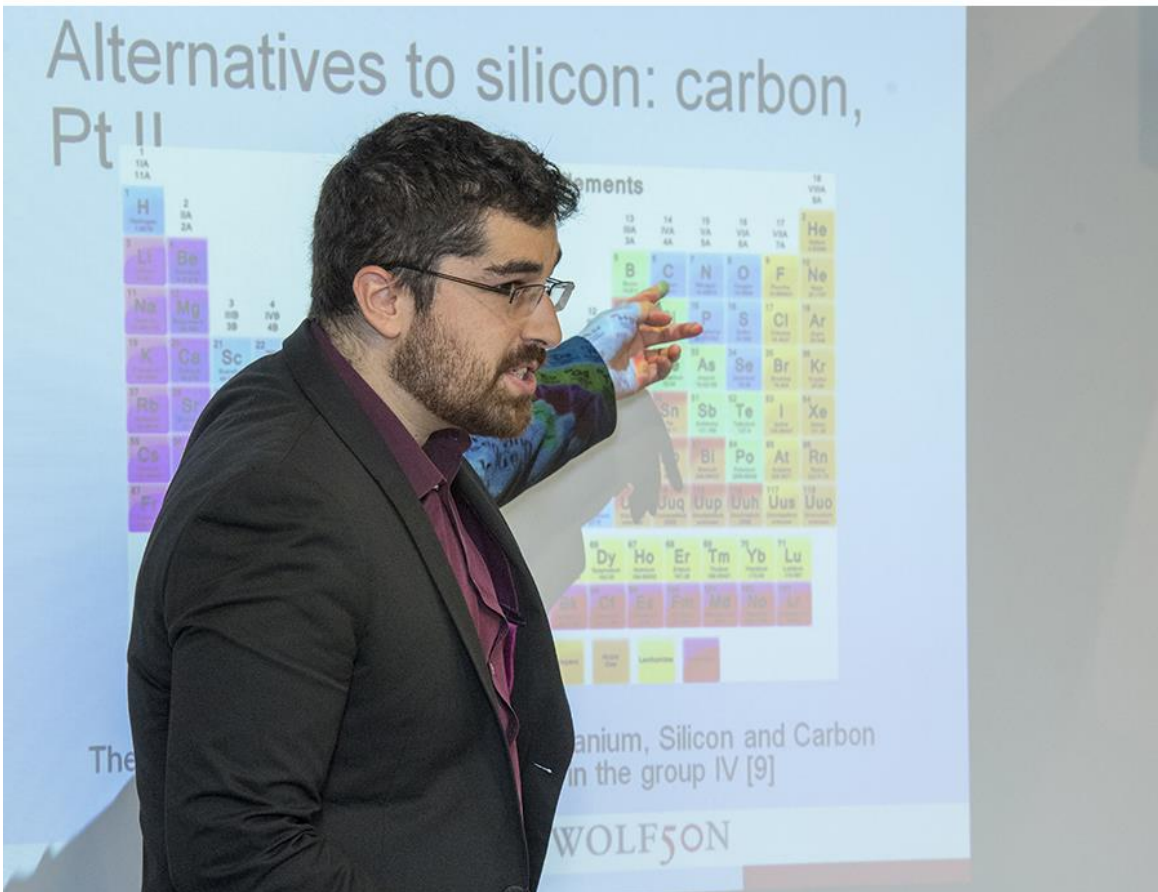
In the Development Office we will renew our efforts to raise funds for students in financial need – spurred on by positive stories [<https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/support/success-stories>] from those who have already been supported, requests for support from those who couldn't otherwise come here to study, and from alumni and friends who want to make a difference.

During the coming year, we will be trialing new materials and easier ways to give a gift. If you have any comments or would like to help, please visit the fundraising pages [<https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/donations>] or get in touch [<https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/contacts>].

Many of you have spoken about how wonderful Wolfson is – "a home from home" – thank you for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting many more of you throughout the next year.

Sian Cook, Development Director

Fundraising News



50th Anniversary Campaign Closes

In September, the 50th Anniversary Campaign came to a celebratory conclusion, and the Development Office hosted an event to thank everyone who had made a donation to the Campaign. Over seven years, the Campaign raised £5.2M in cash and a further £1.9M in future pledges – improving College facilities and transforming the number of students Wolfson can help. In 2016-17, almost £500k was given out in student support and 394 donors gave a gift.

The celebratory event saw an array of activities, which showcased the wonderful diversity of Wolfson. Students entertained with research presentations and spoke about the difference donors' support has made. Musicians played and sang in the Lee Hall and guests toured the College and gardens. The day truly was a celebration of Wolfson life!

“There are very few funding opportunities for UK students in the arts and humanities. I had applied without success to several funding sources and would not have been able to undertake a PhD until funding came through from Wolfson. I'd been job hunting and planning to re-apply for PhD study for the following year – but now I can continue researching what I am passionate about for the next 3 years.” – Amy, PhD student and recipient of financial support

For a full gallery of photos from the day,
visit: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wolfsoncollege/sets/72157686321478220>

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Wolfson Alumnus wins RIBA 2017 and New London Architecture awards

One of the speakers at the End of Campaign Event, Tszwai So (Mst in Building History, 2015), discussed his RIBA award-winning Belarusian Memorial Chapel in London. Tszwai recently graduated from Wolfson, and is a co-founder and director of London-based Spheron Architects. Tszwai designed the chapel, which also won the New London Architecture 'People's Choice' award, and is the first permanent wooden church to be built in London since the Great Fire of 1666.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.architecture.com/awards-and-competitions-landing-page/awards/riba-regional-awards/riba-london-award-winners/2017/belarusian-memorial-chapel>



Eric Monkman on BBC Radio 4

The Wolfson University Challenge hero, Eric Monkman, featured on a one-off radio show, alongside friend and rival, Bobby Seagull. The pair presented their 'Polymathic Adventure' on BBC Radio 4 in August, which is now available on iPlayer: <https://goo.gl/4E95oa>
Eric is currently an intern at *The Economist*.



Green Impact Awards

Huge congratulations to the Green Action Committee, which received two awards in this year's Cambridge University Green Impact Challenge Awards, despite having only joined the challenge in October 2016.

The team was awarded gold in The Cambridge University Green Impact Challenge, and won the Environmental Improvement Award for its Green Week at the College. Well done!

Art Exhibitions in College



New Exhibition – Representing Partition: India and Pakistan (10 October to 10 December 2017)

As part of 'India Unboxed', Wolfson is hosting an exhibition and series of events to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the independence of India and Pakistan. The series will explore the visual character of this moment in history, in an attempt to understand how visual culture was used to facilitate and articulate this transformation globally. The exhibition includes sketches made at the precise moment of handover in 1947, photos, illustrated adverts, and work from contemporary Kashmiri artist, Prashast Kachru. The exhibition is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 3pm to 5pm.

Wolfson has a long history of connections made over many years in South Asia and a commitment to supporting students and research in this area.

To find out more about the special events programme which will be taking place alongside this event, visit: <https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/fine-arts>



Portrait of Sir Richard and Lady Evans

On 28 September, Wolfson saw the long-awaited unveiling of the portrait of the 5th President and his wife. Painted by Susan Ryder, the portrait depicts Sir Richard, Dr Christine Corton (Lady Evans) and their dog, Tuppence, amongst Wolfson's blooming spring gardens.

The painting will be on display in the Gallery, along with portraits of Wolfson's other previous Presidents until the end of term.

Sports News



50th Anniversary of the Boat Club

Next year (2018) the Wolfson College Boat Club will celebrate 50 years of athletic achievement. The Boat Club's first crew in 1968 consisted of four women and four men. In the Karen Spärck Jones Room, a particularly interesting trophy is also on display: the first blade won by the Club (then known as University College Boat Club) back in 1969.

Recently, the men's and the women's crews have made the College proud. W1 has performed particularly well, winning their blades in both the 2017 Lent and May Bumps – a rare feat.

The men's latest achievements have been facilitated by a new boat acquired in 2015 as a result of kind donations from College alumni, and we hope soon to purchase a brand new boat for the women's crew to mark the 50th year of the Club.



125th Anniversary of CU Cruising Club

The University Cruising Club, which was founded on 20 May 1893, will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2018, coinciding with 60 years of ladies sailing, and 40 years of windsurfing at Cambridge. There will be a random pairs team racing event and windsurfing (TBC) on Saturday 21 April at Grafham Water, followed by dinner at Darwin College. If you would like to receive the CUCrC Alumni newsletter and for news on celebration plans, sign up at: www.cucrcalumni.org.uk/?page_id=145 or email Anthony Butler [arb91@cam.ac.uk], the Club Alumni Administrator.

Clubs and Societies



Calling all Former Wolfson Rowers: A Message from the Captain of the Wolfson Social Rowing Team

Is there anyone out there who used to row during their time at Wolfson and who still lives locally and would like to be back on the water?

"The Wolfson Social Rowing Team (est. January 2017) is looking for coxes and coaches to join its crew and row on Sunday mornings. We meet at the Boathouse every Sunday at 10.45am (no early mornings for us!) and row until 1pm, leaving time for a leisurely Sunday lunch. We have lots of eager members and a handful of wonderful coxes and coaches who have helped, and would be grateful for some extra support. Regular or occasional help would be great. So, if you would like to return to the boating scene and to cox or coach our social rowing team on Sundays, or to row with us, we would love to hear from you. With thanks in advance for your help – and for the pleasure of your company too!"

Marie Kent [mek40@cam]
Captain of the Wolfson Social Rowing Team (WSRT)



Oxford and Cambridge Society of Northern Italy

The Oxford and Cambridge Society of Northern Italy (OCSNI) would like to extend its network, and reach out to all alumni from or based in Italy. The Society creates opportunities to attend great events and to take part in unique exchanges of ideas. The Society's last event in Milan was a presentation of the latest book by the Editor-in-Chief of *La Stampa*. If you would be interested in joining the OCSNI mailing list, please contact Gin Minelli [ginminelli@gmail.com] with your details.

Information about other international network groups, such as the Wolfson Association in Italy (pictured above) are on the website: <https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/associations>

Past Events



Wolfson City Party (May)

On Thursday 18 May, Wolfson held its first-ever 'Wolfson College City Party' – a drinks reception, professional networking event and Student Bursary Appeal launch – for College members living and working in London and the vicinity.

Professor Peter Landrock (1995) generously offered to match donations to the Appeal up to the value of £10,000. The Appeal has now closed and raised almost £12,000 in cash and a further £20,000 in pledges. This academic year, at least two Wolfson students will benefit from hardship bursaries as a result of the Appeal. Thank you to all those who participated. We look forward to building on this success at our second City Party in summer 2018.



Benefactors' Reception (June)

It was wonderful to see so many of our generous donors attend the annual Benefactors' Reception this summer, which was followed by the Wolfson College Garden Party.



Photo credit: Nathan Pitt

Incoming President visits Montreal (July)

This July, Professor Jane Clarke went to Canada to visit alumni in Montreal. This event was a great informal opportunity to get to know Jane and to share memories of the College and ideas about its potential.

Jane has met Wolfson members at various recent events, and hopes to meet more during the next academic year. The photo above is of Jane enjoying afternoon tea and meeting members at our recent End of Campaign Event.



Alumni Weekend (September)

September saw over 110 alumni returning to Wolfson to enjoy a fascinating lecture by Sir Richard Evans, a tasty afternoon tea, a College tour by Dr Christine Corton (Lady Corton) and a black tie dinner to wrap up the day.

Next year's Reunion will be for members who joined the College in the academic years ending in 3 or 8, so do **save the date for 22 September** if you matriculated in one of these years.



Bredon House Family Visit (September)

Derek Gardiner, the great nephew of Professor John Stanley Gardiner, visited Bredon House in September. Bredon House was originally home to the Gardiner family, and Professor Stanley Gardiner, a Professor of Zoology, gifted Bredon House to the University of Cambridge in his Will. The University later chose to use the building to found a college, providing funding for ten years. Thus, Bredon House formed the bedrock of Wolfson (originally known as University College) and provided a space for the College's initial academic and organisational activity.

Frieda Midgley, the College Archivist, said: 'We are very fortunate to have family photograph albums, essays by Edith Gardiner, and paintings by her daughter Joyce, that beautifully illustrate the family's life at Bredon House a century ago. It was a great pleasure to meet Derek and his relatives, and to be able to help them explore this aspect of their family history.'

To see the Bredon House online archival gallery, visit: <https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/bredon-house-gallery>



Above is a photo taken on 9 November 1977 of the Her Majesty the Queen, officially opening Wolfson as a College.

Latest Wolfson Review Online



The latest edition of the *Wolfson Review* is now available online at <https://goo.gl/YLYMtn>

If you have not yet received a hard copy of the *Review*, or would like to submit news for next year's edition, please email development-admin@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Other Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 16 November: Commemoration of Benefactors Dinner (by invitation to members of the

Morrison Society and major benefactors in the current year).

Friday 15 December: Reception for Wolfson alumni living and working in Cambridge. (Invitations will be sent closer to the time).

Thursday 18 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 <https://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 <https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/seminars>

Keeping in Touch

We are currently reviewing our membership services. To stay connected to Wolfson members, please request to join the Wolfson College LinkedIn group [<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/130963>].

In the meantime, the Wolfson Network and associated email addresses are no longer supported.

You can also keep up with events via the College website and on our social media sites (we are on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/WolfsonCollege/>] and Twitter [<https://twitter.com/WolfsonCam>]).

We hope to see you at a Wolfson event soon.



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