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FROM THE EDITOR



Peter Dowling

This issue of *Ring True* brings you another mixture of news, profiles of a range of College members

and stories of life at Wolfson. *Ring True* is published at the end of Lent Term with a roughly six-month gap before our more comprehensive annual volume, the *Wolfson Review*, appears at the beginning of the new academic year.

Ring True is a timely record of events in the Michaelmas Term and in January. Most of the content is invited and I thank all our contributors for making the time to write, and for responding promptly to editorial queries. I would also welcome additional offers of material, be it for *Ring True* or the *Wolfson Review*, so that we can broaden our coverage and offer a wider range of content.

Wolfson is predominantly a graduate College, so many of our members are engaged in important and often fascinating research of one kind or another. Ideally the Research & News pages should give a good representation of this intellectual activity and it would be great if more members came forward with news about their exciting work. As the competition for research students and research grants becomes ever fiercer, the Wolfson community can be proud to show its achievements. Please give me your help and input in this important task.

This issue brings you an update about how the Fine Arts Committee is bringing a greater variety of exhibits to the College. We also mention the relatively new Carbon Reduction Committee which is charged with the important task of helping Wolfson and the University achieve a significant reduction in our carbon footprint – by reducing energy use and other resource consumption.

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PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS

Like many other heads of Cambridge Colleges I am, among other things, a working academic, teaching and lecturing (in my case) in the History Faculty, researching and writing books, articles and reviews. This is also my fourth (and final) year as Gresham Professor of Rhetoric, which involves giving six public lectures a year on History for Gresham College, an old-established City institution, in London.

In addition, I'm involved in a variety of activities outside academia, most notably the Spoliation Advisory Panel, which advises the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on claims for the return from British public galleries and museums of art that was looted during the Nazi era. And – coincidentally – I've been for some years a judge of the annual Wolfson Foundation History Prize, which awards up to £50,000 to the two best-researched and most readable books each year written by British historians resident in the UK.

So while the College always has the first claim on my time, its claim is not exclusive. This is the case with all College heads, whether they are working academics, or retired ambassadors, or senior civil servants, or lawyers, or from some other walk of life. In various ways, engagement with the world outside the College keeps us from becoming too

FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS describes how he combines a range of external activities and duties with his role as College President



Cathy Neil

inward-looking, and enables us to make contacts, gather information, and try to bring to bear such influence as we have on the College's behalf. A case in point is my participation in an ongoing series of discussions taking place over dinner with David Willets, Minister of State for Universities and Science and organised by the Royal Historical Society. As well as voicing our concerns about History at the universities, I've been able to put to him arguments about research funding for the Humanities, support for graduate students, concerns about the difficulties of obtaining visas for overseas students,

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and other issues that directly affect the future well-being of the College.

Like other research-active academics, I'm preparing for the national Research Excellence Framework, in which every university department is assessed and awarded points for research excellence, forming the basis for infrastructure funding over the next five years. The College generously helped by granting me sabbatical leave for Michaelmas Term 2012, to run concurrently with my leave from the Faculty of History, freeing up my time to devote myself to writing and research. The Vice-President carried out my duties while I was tied to my word-processor, and I'm extremely grateful to him for doing so with such efficiency and aplomb. I got a lot done during the term; but I'm very glad to be back after my break, to take a full part in the activities of the College once more.

RESEARCH & NEWS

CONSPIRACY THEORIES Professor Sir Richard Evans

Every year the Leverhulme Trust invites applications for three Programme Grants, for which it prescribes the topics of investigation. One topic in the 2012 funding round was 'Conspiracies', and since this touched on a number of my own interests, from conspiratorial interpretations of history to nineteenth-century secret societies, I put together an application. Once the preliminary case had been accepted by CRASSH – Cambridge's Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities – which was co-ordinating the bid, I followed their advice and broadened it

to make it genuinely interdisciplinary, with co-investigators Professor John Naughton, our Vice-President and an internet engineer by background, and Professor David Runciman, a political theorist in the Politics and International Studies Department.

Together we put forward an ambitious five-year programme involving the appointment of six postdoctoral research fellows, visiting speakers and fellows, and regular seminars and lectures, based in CRASSH, on 'Conspiracy and Democracy'. We will test the hypothesis that while

authoritarian and dictatorial governments suspect the people of conspiring against them, because opposition can only be carried out in secret, democratic political systems create the expectation of transparency in decision-making, an expectation that can never be wholly met, so that the people end up by suspecting government of conspiring against them, above all in the age of the internet. We were awarded £1.58 million by the Trust, and the next five years will see whether our hypotheses stand the test of rigorous research.

DOUBLE QUEEN'S AWARDS FOR CAMBRIDGE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

Ten years ago, Wolfson Senior Member Dr Rupert Curwen founded a company, Ubisense, with colleagues Dr Andy Ward, Dr Paul Webster and Mr Pete Steggles. Today, Ubisense is going from strength to strength. In 2012, Ubisense won the Queen's Award for Innovation, and also for International Trade. The Award for International

Trade recognised Ubisense's outstanding growth in overseas earnings, with export markets now representing 97% of total revenue. The Award for Innovation was given for developing a real-time, location-tracking system for complex manufacturing processes through multiple factories in multiple countries. Last October, the company hosted HRH The Duke of York as part of a meeting with Cambridge business innovators. Founders Rupert

(below left) and Pete Steggles (below centre) demonstrated the Ubisense tracking system which is, for example, used in the production of the Airbus A380 super-jumbo.



News in Brief



ALUMNA The Reverend Eileen Harrop was the first woman from South East Asia to be ordained a Minister of the Church of England.

ALUMNUS Vojtech Olle was awarded a Marie Curie Early Career Fellowship for two years to work on low noise and high power short pulse generation from semiconductor devices.

WOLFSON MEMBER Stephen Munday, Executive Principal of Comberton Village College, was made a CBE in the 2013 New Year Honours for improving education for pupils across the country.

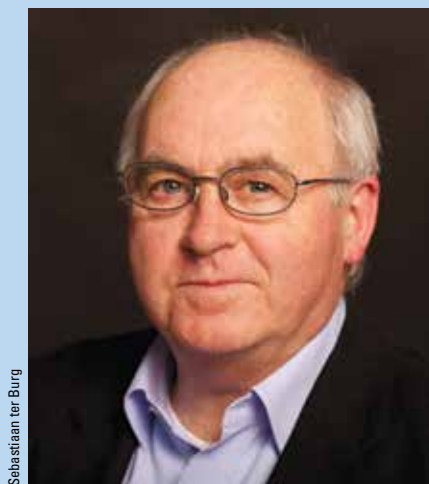
SENIOR MEMBER Sherry Coutu was awarded a CBE in the 2013 New Year Honours, in recognition of her support of UK start-ups and services to entrepreneurship.

CAMBRIDGE IN 2033

John Naughton, Vice-President

Last October the University's Vice-Chancellor, and Wolfson Honorary Fellow, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, gave his annual address in the Senate House. In it, he set out the University's ambitions for the next two decades. His message was that the University needs to grow, but also that it needs to change to adapt to new conditions. There is, however, one area where it will not grow – undergraduate numbers, which will be capped at the present level of 12,000. From now on, all the growth will be in postgraduate student numbers, which will increase annually over the next ten years. Given that Wolfson is primarily a postgraduate College, this is significant for us.

The motivation behind this switch of emphasis is the need to sustain the University's excellence in research. This requires a small army of postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers. But where are these students and researchers to live? As far as the



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former are concerned, the University hopes that the Colleges will provide accommodation for many of them. But property prices in Cambridge mean that the housing position of postgrads and postdocs in Cambridge is dire and

getting worse. And that is one of the drivers behind the biggest expansion project in Cambridge's history – the North-West Cambridge development, which is now getting under way.

It's a truly massive project – a 150-hectare site between Huntingdon Road and the M11 which will eventually house 2,000 graduate students and provide 1,500 rental homes for University and College employees, 1,500 homes for sale and 100,000 square metres of research space (including up to 40,000 square metres for external research institutes and facilities linked to the University).

The North-West Cambridge development, plus the plans for expansion of biosciences on the Addenbrooke's site, suggest that the shape of the University will change quite radically over the next two decades. Wolfson aims to play an important role in this process of change.

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SENIOR MEMBER Dr Neville

Silverston OBE was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement award at the Cambridge News Community Awards 2012 ceremony. Neville founded the Mid-Anglia GP Accident Service (MAGPAS) in 1971; it has saved many lives since then.



THE PRESIDENT

THE PRESIDENT was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen for services to scholarship at an investiture held at Buckingham Palace on 21 November. On 28 November he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, at London University's Foundation Day ceremony.



WOLFSON PhD STUDENTS

Anastasiia Kamenska (above left) and Ajoeb Baridi (above centre) were members of the team of Cambridge students that won the Biotechnology Young Entrepreneurs Scheme 2012.

MEET THE COLLEGE

Wolfson's unique sense of community is the result of its diverse and lively membership. Here, *Ring True* meets a selection of College members.



Fran May

MIKE WIGNALL HEAD PORTER

Mike joined Wolfson in 2008 as Deputy Head Porter after working in the motor trade and as a Security Officer at the Palace of Westminster.

He says: "You may hear people say that they have the job of their life, and question whether that really happens. Well, since becoming Head Porter in August 2011, it is certainly true in my case. Wolfson is a wonderful place to work. They've even built me an office under the main stairs, although I still have a slight suspicion that their kindness to do so might have been so that they could call it a 'grotto' or call me 'Harry Porter'."

Mike's typical day might involve dealing with security matters, solving first aid issues, organising staffing, attending meetings, culling decrepit bicycles, trying to answer many and varied questions ('what shall we do about a deer with its head stuck in the College railings?'), dealing with flooded bedrooms at midnight or giving impromptu talks to visiting overseas students.

The job is "always a challenge, endlessly different and always interesting," he says, adding, "I am very lucky to have great staff in the Porters' Lodge to stop me from getting too big-headed about it all."

By the way, the deer escaped unscathed.

ESTER ORAS STUDENT

Ester arrived in Cambridge in 2010 to conduct research on the Iron Age archaeology of the Baltic region. She aims to look at archaeology from a variety of perspectives and introduce the subject to a wider audience. She explains: "Wolfson has contributed much to achieving these goals. Its warm and friendly atmosphere, well-organised and supportive College team, and the variety of subject specialists have opened my eyes more widely to different people, cultures and subjects and helped me to spread 'my word' as well."

She feels the variety of events and societies is almost overwhelming but, for her, the highlights of the College



Fran May

community are Wolfson Howlers, yoga classes, Saturday brunch and just meeting friends in the Club Room after a hard day's work.



Fran May

GABRIEL M ROSENBAUM VISITING FELLOW

Gabriel, Professor of Arabic Language and Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was a Visiting Fellow in 2003-2004 and is back for one and a half terms. He specialises in Modern Egyptian Arabic language, literature and popular culture.

He is accompanied by his wife, Michal, a teacher working on the development of social awareness and mutual respect among early elementary school pupils. Michal is also a Visiting Fellow.

Gabriel is now finishing a book on Egyptian Arabic as a literary language and explains: "Traditionally, Egyptian literature has been written in Standard Arabic, with strict cultural norms prohibiting writing in the colloquial. For the first time, and exclusively to Egypt, many works are now written in the Cairene dialect that has become a second written language.

Cambridge is an inspiring place, Wolfson such a welcoming College, and Michal and I hope to come back soon."

JOCELYN PROBERT

COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Jocelyn joined Wolfson in 1998 as a PhD student and is currently researching the financing of innovative start-ups and collaborations between university, industry and broader society at the Centre for Business Research, Judge Business School.

"After 15 years working in Japan and France, returning to the UK as a student could have been quite daunting," says Jocelyn, "but Wolfson was perfect for me with its diverse body of international students and visitors. It's always a pleasure to come to Formal Hall and other evening events because I meet people doing amazing things in fields far from my own research."

Jocelyn contributes to College life by helping international students to finalise their dissertations, saying: "It's a great way to 'give back' a little to a College that has given me so much over the years."



Fran May

LOU FIORAVANTI

STUDENT AND WCSA GREEN OFFICER

Lou is a second-year English undergraduate who always dreamed of studying at Cambridge. He says: "I am now living the dream! I am a member of the rowing team, and a crazy Wolfson supporter. Wolfson is, after all, the place where my dream is coming true."

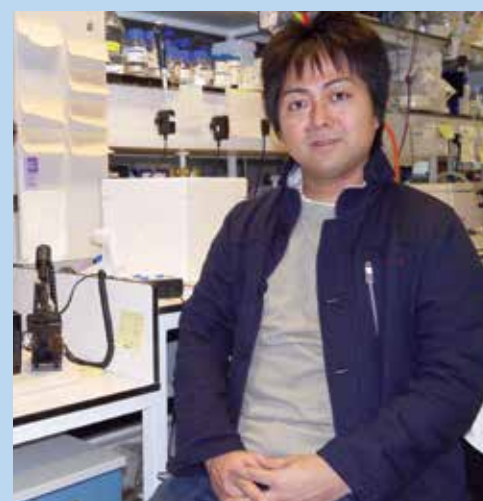
He shows a keen interest in recycling and small-scale energy production, and this has

contributed to him becoming WCSA Green Officer and a member of the Carbon Reduction Committee. He is proud that "Wolfson is quietly becoming one of the Colleges leading the implementation of environmental policies in the University." His main aim is to help implement user-friendly green policies at Wolfson, such as more unified recycling, and to ensure Wolfson's prominence in the University's green agenda.

KEI MIYAMOTO FELLOW

Kei came to Cambridge from Kyoto University and is working with 2012 Nobel Prize winner Professor John Gurdon. He describes his research as "aiming to understand how adult cells are reprogrammed to become embryonic cells in eggs" because "this is important to improve current technologies for future regenerative medicine."

He continues: "I really wanted to experience collegiate life, because Japanese universities don't have a college system. Ever since I became a Fellow, I have been enjoying the friendly atmosphere of Wolfson. I am often inspired by conversations and delighted to learn something new from College members."



Ben Watkins, Judge Business School



Fran May

JENNY SARGENT COLLEGE LIBRARIAN

Jenny took up the post of Librarian in the Lee Seng Tee Library last April and describes her role with enthusiasm: "Being a College Librarian is not just about shelving and cataloguing books and it's certainly not, as many of my friends and family seem to think, about reading them! There's a great deal of communicating to be done, and a lot of work involved in trying to achieve a pleasant and safe environment for study and in keeping abreast of the changing information needs of our students."

Jenny is delighted she has been able to get involved in College life: she convenes the Contemporary Reading Group, and has joined the Choir, saying, "Both these activities give me the chance to meet Wolfson members whom I wouldn't necessarily encounter in the Library, and enhance my feeling of being part of the community."



Tom Laws

DAVID JACQUES ALUMNUS

David's archaeological team has discovered remains of the oldest domestic site in Amesbury near Stonehenge, showing it was inhabited far earlier than previously thought. Their discovery has been featured on BBC television. He says: "The support I have received from Wolfson, from student through to the present day, has led directly to this discovery."

KAZUO TERANISHI PRESS FELLOW

Kazuo is economic correspondent for Japanese newspaper *The Asahi Shimbun* and, as a Wolfson Press Fellow, is researching the government debt issue in the Euro area and Japan. Following up on previous visits, he is interviewing politicians and economic experts in the Eurozone countries and explains: "Japan has the highest government debt ratio among the advanced countries. We might learn lessons from this crisis."

The media environment has changed fundamentally with the advent of social media and he considers that "it is essential that we as journalists make great efforts to understand what is happening, and we then must reflect the experience of people, and not just of official government news sources."



Fran May



Karen Stephenson

ZHAO NG STUDENT

After spending two years firing M-16s in the Singapore army and one year in Paris wrestling with squealing French bébés, Zhao came to Cambridge and says: "After my nomadic gap-years, Wolfson felt like home." Now a third-year English undergraduate, Zhao describes her studies as "a somewhat unhealthy penchant for literary theory [that] has led me to gender and psychoanalytic criticism, and has turned me into a pathological fan of such academic superstars as Butler, Irigaray and Derrida."

Multicultural and multinational Wolfson has been a good fit for Zhao, who is transgendered and transcontinental herself. She says: "I have found friends here, and am, without a doubt, the happiest I've been".

FRIEDA MIDGLEY ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER

Frieda arrived at Wolfson in January as Wolfson's first Archivist and says that she is "excited to have the opportunity" to undertake the important job of archiving Wolfson's many documents and artefacts. She has ambitious exhibition plans for the collection.

CULTURE & SPORT

Daniel O'i



A MUSICAL MICHAELMAS TERM

Lynette Alcántara,
Director of Music

Michaelmas saw the start of a new Wolfson Music Society venture: Early Music recitals

in the Lee Hall before occasional Formal Halls. Performers included harpsichordists Dan Tidhar and Francis Knights, baroque oboist Kim Ashton, and cellist Emily Ashton. And there was an extraordinary performance of Beethoven and Rachmaninov given by world-class cellist Leonid Ghorokhov and pianist Olga Vinokur at a Music and Madeira evening.

At 'Feel the Spirit' (the Michaelmas Term concert), Wolfson's Choir gave an exuberant performance of five Spirituals from Tippett's *A Child of Our Time*. Student soloists included guitarist Georgios Drakakis and singer Curtis Sharma. In November, Wolfson music lovers attended a performance at West Road concert hall of Samuel Barber's *Piano Concerto*, played by Wolfson's own Andrew Goldman (joint winner of last year's CUMS Concerto Prize).

At the College Advent Service we were fortunate to have King's College junior organ scholar, Douglas Tan, play the organ for us, and we premiered a new carol, *In the Starry Night*, by Jamie Hall.

FOOTBALL

Ben Jones, Captain and Treasurer

After a 2011-12 season of transition, the Wolfson College Football Club made a good start this season. With a new Captain and record levels of attendance at both training and match days, our hopes were high, not only for immediate success, but for stability in the long term. The team is currently challenging for promotion to the first division of the MCR league and also has the Cup competition to look forward to. We are grateful that WCSA has also acknowledged the revival of one of the College's best attended clubs by supporting the team through funding the purchase of a new playing strip, reflecting the College crest and colours.

FINE ARTS EXHIBITIONS

Margaret Greeves, Emeritus Fellow

The first of a series of temporary exhibitions in the Gallery outside the Dining Hall resulted from a partnership with the Fry Art Gallery, Saffron Walden. During Michaelmas Term, College had the loan of the *London Market* series, a set of six colourful lithographs from Edward Bawden's linocuts of the 1960s. These conjured up the original meat, fish, fruit and vegetable markets, Smithfield, Billingsgate and Covent Garden.

The Lent Term show is of unusual paintings and prints by distinguished realist painter and printmaker Anthony Green RA, with the generous assistance of the artist. The ten works have been

selected by Dr Frank Whitford, Senior Member, on behalf of the Fine Arts Committee, and feature Green's warm family life, which he hopes may "brighten your day". Future plans include an exhibition of Edward Bawden's series of illustrations of Aesop's fables, again from the Fry Art Gallery.



© Fry Art Gallery

Covent Garden Flower Market (detail) by Edward Bawden

BOAT CLUB

Rasha Rezk, Captain

WCBC welcomed a mix of new members in Michaelmas, experienced as well as novice rowers, and senior rowers and alumni who returned to coach us. New to our senior coaching team was alumna Stephanie Rehkuh, and, together with our coaches from Rob Roy BC, we all enjoyed a very exciting and hard-working Term preparing for Lent Bumps.

February saw a 24-Hour Ergo Challenge to raise money for a much-needed new set of blades for our W1 crew, as well as for a lightweight scull, which will help us maintain the range of competitions entered. Many rowers and non-boatie friends took part, and we are grateful to the alumni and Friends of WCBC who support our fundraising activities.



Peter Dowling

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

KAREN STEPHENSON

What makes Wolfson's members special?



Fran May

As we approach our 50th anniversary in 2015, I have been speaking to a wide range of our membership to try to find what

it is that gives Wolfson's members the strong affinity to our College that we see all around us. Members of Wolfson take very different routes to make their way here and come from many different places – both physically and emotionally – and bring with them a whole raft of experiences. And yet once here, they join the common purpose of intellectual ambition and social inclusiveness that is Wolfson.

We are fortunate that our membership is so international, and that our College has been – from the very beginning – egalitarian and outward-looking: the first College to admit both women and men as students and Fellows, and with no high-table dining to separate the membership.

So one answer could be that Wolfson is a place that unites people from diverse backgrounds, through a variety of journeys, and helps them to fulfil their academic potential. It promotes active engagement with those different from ourselves, from whom we learn and among whom we find a common purpose. And Wolfson's members take those lessons with them into the wider world, for the good of society.

WOLF5ON



Keith Heppell

Our College has been – from the very beginning – egalitarian and outward-looking.

One initiative for our 50th anniversary is Wolfson in 50 words. Do send us your thoughts on what Wolfson means to you: communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk. We'll compile them for the website to capture a picture of Wolfson – created by its members.

Wolfson film: 'Ring True'

During the past 12 months, we have been making a film which captures a year in the life of Wolfson College. Through its alumni, students, Fellows and staff, 'Ring True' tells the story of our foundation and history, and of those who have built the College to what it is today: the largest Cambridge College for mature undergraduates and graduate students, growing from one building and six students at its inception to almost 1,000 students today and a site of nine acres. As we approach our

50th anniversary in 2015, the film also looks to our future.

A short version of the film is on the College website, and the full version is available as a limited edition DVD. Contact alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk to buy your copy.

Our future: our focus

Wolfson's students are at the heart of our fundraising drive for Wolfson's 50th anniversary: bursaries, scholarships, conference grants, academic prizes and improved accommodation and facilities are all needed to help us attract and retain more excellent students and researchers, who will change the world. Read more about the Wolfson Fund and the students we have been able to support on our website, and join us in our endeavours at www.WolfsonGiving.com

WHAT CAN WOLFSON DO FOR YOU?

We've enhanced the privileges available to Wolfson members around the world, and thought this would be a good place to show what your College can offer you. Alumni of Wolfson College are welcome to:

- ◆ Join the Wolfson Network, including a searchable worldwide database of members and access to a Wolfson email for life – *sign up at www.WolfsonNetwork.com*
- ◆ Come in to College for lunch and dinner (including Formal Hall) – *relevant costs are on the website at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/catering and bookings can be made at www.formalhall.wolfson.cam.ac.uk*
- ◆ Receive College publications – *keep us up to date with your contact details by emailing communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk*
- ◆ Join the Wolfson career mentoring scheme – *sign up at www.WolfsonNetwork.com*
- ◆ Receive invitations and notifications from Wolfson about worldwide events – *keep us up to date with your email address by emailing communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk*
- ◆ Rent overnight accommodation, when available – *contact accommodation@wolfson.cam.ac.uk*
- ◆ Receive your invitation to a year-group reunion in College every five years – *keep us up to date with your email address by emailing communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk*
- ◆ Receive notification each time our events calendar (www.WolfsonEvents.com) is updated – *set your profile preferences at www.WolfsonNetwork.com*



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WCSA

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WCSA NEWS

Anastasiia Kamenska, WCSA President

The main aims of this year's Committee are to bring fresh energy and excitement to College life; to enhance the strong sense of community among Wolfsonians; and to strengthen the link between the Committee and our student body.

So far, we have set up a series of WCSA Student Surgeries to understand better the needs and concerns of fellow students and improve the transparency

of our work. As we write this, we are trying hard to approach and involve as many Wolfsonians as possible. While continuing with previously successful events, we are also striving to introduce new ones, such as screening a series of Green movies ('Can' Film Festival), a Charity Casino Night with alumni, and a Children's Craft afternoon. In order to reach more students, we are improving our advertising by providing term cards,

Some members of the WCSA team (left to right):

Julian Conrad, Lou Fioravanti, Anastasiia Kamenska, Sasha East, Krista Kempainen and Curtis Sharma.

refining the Weekly e-Bulletin and arranging more attractive noticeboards.

We are also planning joint events with our sister College in Oxford, St Antony's, as well as with our neighbouring Colleges to re-establish the West Group Alliance. So get inWolfed!



Will Miller

LONDON



Phil Stigwood

GARDENING: SUNHAT OR UMBRELLA?

PHIL STIGWOOD, HEAD GARDENER

2011 was the driest year since 1922 and then 2012 was the wettest year since records began, with widespread flooding and chaos! So what does the future hold for gardeners and gardens in Cambridge?

Cambridge is historically the driest region in Britain and we gardeners were being encouraged to grow drought-tolerant Mediterranean plants like lavender, sedum and artemisia to cope with the dry weather and warming climate. However, these plants do not tolerate extremely cold winters and wet summers, which have become the norm recently, and are thus dying as a result.

For the sake of sun-loving plants and gardeners alike, let us hope for a warm, dry summer this year!

ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
2013 REUNION

1968 We're very much looking forward to this year's decennial and quinquennial reunion, for those who joined the College within academic years beginning 1 October 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003.

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Brunch will be followed by the Wolfson Alumni Lecture, when Dr Giles Yeo asks 'Are my genes to blame when my jeans don't fit?'. Afternoon tea will be accompanied by Wolfson Jazz, and the President will then give his tour of the College. Dinner takes place in the evening, with Grace sung by the Wolfson Chamber Singers.

Online booking will be available and invitations will be sent by email in the summer; do keep us up to date with your latest email address at communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

FUTURE EVENTS

22 April	President's visit to Jerusalem
3 May	Wolfson Research Event
15 May	Guest Night
21 May	Leverhulme/CRASSH <i>Conspiracy & Democracy</i> lecture
14 June	May Bumps marquee
15 June	Boat Club dinner
16 June	Benefactors' reception (by invitation to all donors in the current year)
16 June	College Garden Party
16 June	Mary Bevan recital
21 June	Wolfson June Event: revisit the '60s at Wolfstock
30 June	President's Cup cricket match
5 July	Guest Night
TBC September	Wolfson India event with Fellow Dr Kevin Greenbank
28 September	Alumni reunion
21 November	Commemoration of Benefactors' dinner (by invitation to all Morrison Society members and major benefactors in the current year)

Please make sure that we have your contact details, as invitations will be sent by email: communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

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