

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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A photograph of four people (three women and one man) sitting around a wooden picnic table in a lush green garden. They are engaged in conversation. The background is filled with tall trees and green foliage. The scene is bright and sunny.

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### FROM THE EDITOR



Peter Dowling

This issue of *Ring True* will be the last one before our College's 50th Anniversary year in 2015. It is

therefore fitting that Karen Stephenson, our Development Director, describes the various activities and events planned so far and, at the same time, seeks suggestions and input from the Wolfson community worldwide (see page 10).

Otherwise, this edition follows the by now well-established format of a mixture of news, profiles of a number of Wolfson members and more on life at the College. I am most grateful to all those who have contributed to this issue, be it by writing or by providing helpful advice and suggestions.

Recently I was asked by our Senior Members to give them a presentation at their Termly meeting about how the College publications (*Ring True* and *The Wolfson Review*) work and what I do as Editor. I presented a brief overview of how our publications have evolved over the ten years that I have been editing them, but I fear I didn't really convey the joy and satisfaction I personally (or presumably any other editors) gain from an editorial role. It is a great way for me to remain engaged with the wide range of activities at Wolfson, and to have closer contact with an interesting cross-section of our members.

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# WOLF5ON



Karen Stephenson

PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS

By the time you read this, I will have reached the half-way point in my Presidency of the College – hard to believe, but the time has gone by incredibly fast, always the case when you’re enjoying yourself. The College Statutes nowadays prescribe a seven-year term for the President, in common with those of most Cambridge Colleges: we live in a rapidly changing educational, cultural and financial environment and bringing in someone new every few years to provide a fresh perspective has become standard practice in both the great Collegiate Universities.

Heads of House these days come from many different walks of life: recent appointments in Cambridge include a senior BBC executive, a top management consultant, a leading manager in the National Health Service, the Chief Executive of Oxfam, and a leading QC, as well as distinguished academics. The variety of backgrounds ensures that the Collegiate University gets the benefit of a huge and diverse range of experience from many different fields, and while commitment to academic ideals is indispensable, people who have reached the top of their profession outside academia usually learn fast, and would not be applying for the job if they were not enthusiastic supporters of science, learning and education.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS** reflects upon the diversity of Cambridge College Heads of Houses and Wolfson’s outward-looking approach to part-time students.



Tom Laws

Cambridge Colleges have long ceased to be the introverted and inward-looking institutions some of them once were. Since its foundation in 1965, Wolfson has always looked beyond Cambridge to make contacts with the world outside academia. One of the most exciting aspects of my time as President of Wolfson has been the experience of hosting a wide range of new part-time graduate courses that bring professionals in many fields into the College for a few weeks every year. These include the MSt in Building History, inaugurated by the Department of Architecture in 2011 in

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co-operation with English Heritage; the new interdisciplinary Master’s Programme in Sustainability Leadership, aimed at top business executives from many different sectors of the economy; and the MSt in Applied Criminology and Police Management, which attracts senior police officers from all over the world.

Talking to the students taking these courses, it’s clear they value and enjoy their connection with the College and continue to feel a strong sense of loyalty to it after they graduate. We now host over 300 part-time graduate students and continue to be open to approaches from the directors of new part-time courses across the University. They make a valuable addition to our core complement of 500 full-time graduate and 175 full-time undergraduate students; another aspect of Wolfson’s openness to the world.

## NOTES AND NEWS

### PRESS FELLOWS

In the Easter Term, Wolfson will again be hosting a number of Press Fellows. Visitors confirmed so far are Albert Oppong-Ansah from the Ghana News Agency, and two journalists from New Zealand: Martin van Beynen from *The Press* newspaper in Christchurch and Mike White from *North & South Magazine*, Auckland. We are also expecting two journalists from Malaysia: Abdul Razak

Ahmad Idris, Assistant News Editor of the English-language daily *The Star*, and Cindy Yeap, Assistant Editor for Corporate and Capital Markets of the English-language business newspaper *The Edge*.

Albert will undertake a study of media practices and regulation in the UK and what lessons these may have for journalists in East Africa. As an investigative journalist, Martin plans to probe how to overcome the difficulties

in reporting on the increasing flow of investment from China and Russia into New Zealand assets and businesses, while Mike proposes to look at miscarriages of justice and how to improve New Zealand journalists' ability to expose wrongful convictions. In addition, Karen Rothmyer, the distinguished American journalist, will be returning as a Visiting Fellow for the Term.

### COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (CRAs)

This category of College membership has been growing steadily, and readers may not be aware of the diversity of researchers for whom Wolfson provides a home. For example, the College has close links with the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), where CRAs Theodore Hong, Andrew McKenzie-McHarg and Alfred Moore are based, working with our President and Vice-

President on the Conspiracy and Democracy project funded by the Leverhulme Trust. Other Wolfson CRAs at CRASSH are Ge Chen studying intellectual property and global regulations and Eleonora Rosati, a specialist in intellectual property and copyright law.

The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law hosts three CRAs, Natália Ferreira de Castro, Vanessa Holzer and Helen Obregón Gieseken, who all participate in

a joint project of the British Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to update the ICRC Study on Customary International Humanitarian Law.

The College now also includes three new CRAs who came to Wolfson via an initiative of the University Researcher Development Committee that is encouraging researchers to become more involved in a College.

### News in Brief



IAIN KING CBE

**FORMER PRESS FELLOW** Iain King (left), Stability Adviser in the Department for International Development, was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2013 for services to governance in Libya, Afghanistan and Kosovo.

**FELLOW** Jan Vermunt has become Editor-in-Chief of *Learning and Instruction*, a scientific journal ranked second by impact factor in 'Educational Research' and also second in 'Psychology, Educational' in the Journals Citation Index.



VASSILIS KORONAKIS

**FELLOW** Vassilis Koronakis has won a seven-year Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award to support his studies of signalling pathways at biological cell membranes.



## MEET THE COLLEGE

Wolfson has a wide-ranging membership which forms a diverse and open community. *Ring True* profiles a selection of its members.



**DAVID FROST**  
FELLOW AND TUTOR

David is Wolfson's Tutor for part-time students, one of the team of Tutors who provide pastoral care for students, acting as their advisers and, when necessary, their advocates. David elaborates on his role: "Part-time students are not as visible as others because they tend to be around the place at odd times of the year, but there are many of them, typically on Masters of Studies courses in subjects such as Criminology, International Relations and Creative Writing."

David also teaches the HertsCam MEd in Leading Teaching and Learning – all Wolfson students – and supervises doctoral students in Education. "Part-time study is not the dominant mode at Cambridge," he explains, adding "I am no stranger to the experience, having left school at the age of 15 years and having obtained all my qualifications, including a PhD, through part-time study." These days, David travels the world promoting the idea of teacher leadership and, of course, the value of belonging to Wolfson.



Tom Laws

**SPYROS FLOGAITIS**  
VISITING FELLOW

This is Spyros' third visit to Wolfson. He was Arthur Goodhart Professor of Legal Science at the Law Faculty and then Yorke Distinguished Fellow. In Lent 2013 he taught LLM students on the State, its concept and evolution and, during this Lent Term, taught administrative law and its unprecedented journey.

Spyros recalls: "It was on 5 October 1982 that Professor Sir David Williams welcomed me to Wolfson. I was a Lecturer at the Law Faculty of Athens University, and had recently been elected Professor of Law at the University of Thrace. My stay in Cambridge that year not only changed my career orientation but, on a personal level, also forged my relationship with my wife, Fay, who was then a postgraduate student in Paris and is now Professor of International Law. Thus, our family became Wolfsonian."

He continues: "I will never forget the late Sir David, who was also President of the European Public Law Organization, as well as the late Stella Soulioti, former Minister of Justice of Cyprus, and her husband Dimitri. And I am very happy that so many of my students are now part of the Wolfson family."

**FELLOW** Paul Mylrea (right), Director of Communications for the University, has been elected to a Fellowship. Among his previous jobs, he held similar communications positions at Transport for London, Oxfam and the BBC.

**STUDENT** Sam Farmer played for the Cambridge team in the Varsity rugby match at Twickenham last December. Sadly the Dark Blues beat Cambridge 33–15.



PAUL MYLREA

Jon Ellnor

**WARDEN** of our sister College St Antony's in Oxford and 2013 Lee Seng Tee Distinguished Lecturer, Professor Margaret MacMillan (right), was Humanitas Visiting Professor in War Studies at CRASSH this February.

**COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE** Sam Aaron has created Sonic Pi, an open source programming environment for exploring ways to engage children with coding.



MARGARET MACMILLAN



Tom Laws

## ALAN FULLER DOMESTIC BURSAR

Our newly-appointed Domestic Bursar joined Wolfson in July, arriving from Magdalene College where he held the post of Catering and Conference Manager for six years. Alan also brings a further five years' experience as Catering and Conference Manager at Queens' College.

Alan's original training as a Chef included a nine-year spell at five-star hotels in London, including The Dorchester. "This is where I first experienced many of the mantras that still ring true in my day-to-day working ethos," says Alan. "The standard of what we do reflects who we are: it's not why we can't, but how we can." Alan spent a further seven years in food and beverage and general management within hotels, before arriving in Cambridge.

Alan looks forward to forming long-lasting relationships with College members, students, Fellows and colleagues within what he describes as "the most welcoming and friendly" of all the Colleges he has worked in.



Tom Laws

## JAMIE TRINIDAD JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

Jamie is a researcher and legal practitioner who specialises in public international and constitutional law. He says he is "particularly interested in international territorial disputes, and the ways in which the populations of disputed territories seek to rely on international law to advance their interests."

His current research projects focus on Kosovo's attempts to secure broader recognition as a State, and on the Anglo-Spanish dispute over Gibraltar and its surrounding waters.

Jamie studied at Wolfson for his Master's and PhD, and was very pleased to be elected a Junior Research Fellow in 2013, saying: "Wolfson is full of interesting people with diverse backgrounds and interests. Every day I spend here brings an opportunity to make a new connection with someone from a discipline other than my own. This is the aspect of College life I enjoy the most."

Jamie is also a practising barrister and he remains associated with Isolde, Gibraltar's oldest law firm.



## MARIE-LOUISE VAN SPYK UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Like many undergraduates at Wolfson, Marie-Louise's path here was unconventional. She says: "As the eldest of six, I was home-educated whilst the whole family renovated our seventeenth-century manor in Lincolnshire, surrounded by animals and lodgers. After sixth form, I taught English as a Foreign Language in Cambridge and Hungary."

She is now in the final year of a History BA, writing a dissertation on Gilbert of Sempringham, a twelfth-century Lincolnshire saint.

Marie-Louise admits to premature nostalgia already setting in, as the end of her course comes into view: "Wolfson has become home, and I will miss many friends among students, staff and academics. I also met my boyfriend of two years here, Matthew Hawkins, a Medical student."

She organises Zumba and Aerobics classes at Wolfson, and considers that "we are fortunate in having such activities for free. Indeed, I cannot sufficiently praise the staff and services provided at Wolfson."



Tom Laws

## MEG WESTBURY

### LEE SENG TEE LIBRARIAN

After 15 years in academic libraries in the US and, most recently, at the Cambridge Judge Business School, Meg became Librarian in the Lee Seng Tee Library in November. She is enjoying her new work enormously saying: "So often we think of libraries as a dusty collection of books and a Librarian saying 'shush', but that stereotype doesn't exist anymore. My role is to ensure that the Library remains the intellectual hub of the College. This entails maintaining an excellent collection of books and a pleasant place to study, of course, but also staying on top of trends in academic research and publishing, and providing training to support the changing ways students and Fellows search for information."

Meg encourages everyone to visit the recently-revamped Library webpages and to follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter for events and tips. "A library is an ever-evolving service," she says, "one that continually strives to meet the needs of its users in the most friendly and efficient manner possible."



## ANTHONY HOWARTH PHD STUDENT

Anthony is a Social Anthropologist and wrote this contribution whilst in a very remote region of the Nepali Himalayas. His research is concerned with the Bhote-Khampa, a little-known group of Tibetan nomads who currently live in Nepal. He explains: "I am interested in the socio-economic transformations undergone by this group, particularly their involvement

with the historic salt rice trade in the western Nepali Himalayas. My research would not have been possible without the bursaries that I received from Wolfson." Anthony is pleased that his thesis research "is not only in the field of anthropology but also engages critically with issues of historiography, epistemology and the construction and dissemination of knowledge."

## ROCÍO GARCÍA CARRIÓN

### COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Rocío works at the Faculty of Education as an EU-funded Marie Curie Fellow. This two-year Fellowship is part of a prestigious research programme that aims to develop links across the European scientific community. After her PhD from the University of Barcelona, she was a researcher at CREA in Barcelona focused on strategies to overcome



educational inequalities in which she involved schools and communities working for social transformation. Currently she develops interdisciplinary research in children's personal epistemology and she firmly believes that being a College Research Associate at Wolfson enables her "to be part of an international academic community."



# CULTURE AND SPORT

## ANDREW GOLDMAN

Andrew came to Cambridge in 2010 to work with Wolfson Fellow Professor Ian Cross at the Centre for Music and Science. With undergraduate degrees in piano performance and neuroscience, he explains: "I found an ideal place to conduct my PhD research. I am interested in questions such as: How can improvisation be understood cognitive-scientifically? How do musicians who improvise understand music differently from those who do not? Why can some do this more freely than others?"

Through the Music Society, Andrew also accompanies the College Choir, organises Saturday Lunchtime Concerts and teaches music theory. He is particularly proud that he "started the Jam Sessions Society with Wolfson students Curtis Sharma and Jon Haines" and has "performed as a concerto soloist, in solo and in chamber recitals." This February, his show *Science! The Musical* was performed in Cambridge, with eight Wolfson students involved in the production.



Tom Lawes



Keith Heppell

## SCIENCE! THE MUSICAL

"*Science! The Musical* began as a joke amongst my lab mates at the Centre for Music and Science two years ago, and blossomed into a full production late last year. It has been inspired by my own experiences as a PhD student and the academic antics I've encountered along the way; almost a parallel dissertation, a commentary on doing a PhD. The primary experience for me about this musical was learning to collaborate artistically – to allow a project which incorporates all the diverse talents of an artistic team to become something that an individual alone could not completely conceive or control, but that is nonetheless unified."

**Andrew Goldman**

### WHAT THE WOLFSON CAST AND CREW HAD TO SAY...

"It was a privilege to work with such a talented musician as Andrew Goldman; no doubt he is destined for great things! For my part as the publishing kingpin, Jay Wiles-Blackley, Abi Palmer (Director) was able to bring out a much darker side of me than I knew was there. It was a highly enjoyable experience."

**Julian Robertshaw**

"I'm not a scientist, but when Abi told me that she was directing I jumped in straight away and asked if she wanted an Assistant Director. I'm so glad I did."

**Hazel Lawrence**

"I had never worked in the infamous Cambridge theatre scene and was eager to be involved. I based the set design almost entirely on Andrew's own lab, using the big posters, visual jokes and cluttered excitement as my main inspiration. It's been fantastic to see so much of the talent coming from Wolfson."

**Danni White**

"Being in a lab coat while playing percussion was the perfect visual representation of my academic experiences and somehow felt completely natural. I do hope that we will have the opportunity to perform *Science!* again in future!"

**Lauren Fink**

"Corpus Playroom continues to present new lighting challenges, after over 30 different shows. For *Science! The Musical*, it was finding a balance between the sterile atmosphere of a lab and the quirky nature of the songs. With a Wolfson-based cast and crew, *Science!* has been a particularly enjoyable way to complete my Cambridge theatre career."

**Johannes Ruckstuhl**



## FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

Margaret Greeves, Emeritus Fellow

Michaelmas Term began with a colourful exhibition of illustrations of Aesop's fables by Edward Bawden CBE RA, on loan from The Fry Art Gallery, followed by an exhibition of contemporary prints. Fifteen artists were represented in 26 works selected by Kip Gresham from his Print Studio ([www.theprintstudio.co.uk](http://www.theprintstudio.co.uk)). The exhibition was joined by a textile hanging made by the late Professor Karen Spärck Jones (Fellow and benefactor), generously donated by Microsoft Research. Professor Stephen Robertson attended a dinner to mark the hanging of this historic artefact, together with Karen's niece, Margaret Smart, and her husband Duncan.

The Committee chose a work from the Print Studio exhibition for its first purchase using funds from a benefactor. *Duo* is a monoprint by John McLean (b. 1939), regarded as one of the outstanding British abstract painters of his generation.

Anthony Green RA, Senior Member, brings to the Committee great enthusiasm and new contacts. Very sadly, Committee member Frank Whitford FSA passed away unexpectedly in January.



Top: Microsoft's Stephen Robertson with Margaret and Duncan Smart.  
Above: *Duo*, John McLean (2007).

## MICHAELMAS MUSIC

Lynette Alcántara, Director of Music

The Wolfson Choir celebrated the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten at the Michaelmas Term concert by performing some of Britten's more challenging choral works. The concert also included songs for voice and piano and was complemented by Auden poetry read by Wolfson student Joey Akubeze. Guest cellist Elia Benhamou entranced us playing Britten's difficult cello suite *Op 72, No 1*.

The Choir also provided music for a memorial service for Professor Bob Dewar (Fellow) and our Advent Carol Service at St Mark's. Our Music Society offered three Saturday Lunchtime Concerts, a Friday Early Music recital and two Music and Madeira evenings.

## BOAT CLUB

Nick Salisbury (Club Captain), Lily Chan (Women's Captain) and Rhys Coleman (Men's Captain)

An influx of 30 new members in Michaelmas Term strengthened both the men's and women's squads. Our crews competed in several races and finished many positions up compared to 2012. The First Novice Men's VIII were particularly promising, finishing third in the Queens' Ergs and fourth in the Fairbairns Cup. As I write, trials are taking place for four competitive crews for the Lent Bumps. Rhys Coleman aims to secure a seat with the University Lightweights to row against Oxford in the Boat Race in April.

## FOOTBALL

Alexander Martin, Captain

Our football team can look radically different from one year to the next as many players are on one-year courses. This year we are delighted to be top of the second division of the MCR league and guaranteed promotion, regardless of the outcome of our final two matches.



Maria Angelica DeGaetano (St Antony's)

WOLFSON AND ST ANTONY'S STUDENTS

## WCSA NEWS

Sasha East, WCSA President

The new Committee's aim remains to raise WCSA's profile and to continue organising events designed to appeal to our diversity of students. Our regular green 'Can' Film Festival evenings, a chocolate tasting, a Chinese New Year celebration and Travellers' Tales have supplemented our ever-popular bops. We also hosted students from our Oxford sister College St Antony's last November, and made a return visit in February.

Our main projects this year are improving the Club Room, modernising the gym and increasing welfare provision for part-time students and student parents.

## KAREN STEPHENSON



**As we approach our 50th Anniversary in 2015, plans are under way for celebrations to mark this important point in the College's history.**

Wolfson is, above all else, a centre of academic excellence. With this in mind, we are co-ordinating a high-profile lecture series which will run throughout the calendar year. The speakers are all Wolfson members, and the theme of the series is the last 50 years in a wide range of fields. The opening lecture in January will be introduced by the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Lord Sainsbury of Turville, and will be given by human rights lawyer Professor Conor Gearty (1980). The speaker for the closing lecture in December will be the University's Vice-Chancellor, Wolfson Fellow and Honorary Fellow Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz (1988).

The full list of lectures will be publicised on the 50th Anniversary section of the College website at [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50th\\_Anniversary](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50th_Anniversary) and all Wolfson members are welcome to attend. The series will be podcast, to allow our members worldwide to see and hear these inspiring lectures online.

We are also planning a summer weekend of celebrations which will be open to all members. The weekend will begin on Saturday 4 July 2015, and will include a keynote lecture by Wolfson President Professor Sir Richard Evans and a special celebratory dinner. A Sunday morning concert will take place on 5 July, followed by an afternoon garden party. A full calendar of the year's events and booking details will be available towards the end of this year on the College website.

We have received many exciting ideas to mark our 50th Anniversary, including the planting of 50 trees in Cambridge, an online photographic collection of 50 students from 50 countries and an exhibition on the College's history. More details of these initiatives, and information about 50th Anniversary commemorative merchandise, will follow. If you have ideas which you would like the 50th Anniversary Committee to consider, please email [development@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@wolfson.cam.ac.uk)

Many members have already sent us their summary of 'Wolfson in 50 words' and we welcome further additions to the project. You can read some of the entries on page 11, and send your own contribution to [communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk)

Our 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign has also begun well. We aim to raise £5 million to support our students, both with bursaries and scholarships, and with improved accommodation and facilities. The Wolfson Foundation gave a tremendous boost to the launch of the Campaign, with an exceptional gift of £1.25 million towards the refurbishment of our buildings originally begun with the first Wolfson Foundation grant in 1972. Two blocks were refurbished last summer and are already making a real difference to our students' lives. Our members have also contributed generously to our student hardship fund, and have given over £1.3 million for scholarships to attract the brightest students from around the world.





Wolfson is the largest and most international Cambridge College for postgraduate and mature undergraduate students, and our Campaign aims to support them in their work while they are here. Financial difficulties can be brought about by something as straightforward as an exchange rate fluctuation or as unforeseen as a family member's change in employment arrangements: a hardship bursary at Wolfson could help a student affected by such an event. In many cases, the world's brightest students do not have the financial means to fulfil their academic

Karen Stephenson



*A scholarship at Wolfson could transform a student's life.*

potential: a scholarship at Wolfson could transform their life. You can read more about the Campaign at [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50th\\_Anniversary](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50th_Anniversary)

All gifts, however large or small, will make a real difference to current and future generations of Wolfson students.

[www.WolfsonGiving.com](http://www.WolfsonGiving.com)

## WOLFSON IN 50 WORDS

*The trip to Wolfson was intended to give me a break from my work as a newspaper sub-editor and to refocus my career. Wolfson turned out to give my career a second wind, thanks to wonderful Press Fellows and the inimitable Bill Kirkman.*

**John Kibe Kamunyu, Press Fellow (1991)**

*In 1993 my country, South Africa, was on the verge of major transformation and I needed to understand what it meant. Coming to Wolfson at that time exposed me to people of many nations and backgrounds. Talking and discussing with them opened my mind to our own possibilities and I was able to go back and make a great informed contribution to the transformation process. Thanks to the many people of Wolfson!*

**Tleli Makhetha, Wolfson Course (1993)**

*Wolfson was, quite simply, the start of the best of my life. Without it I would not have my wonderful husband and two beautiful children; my finest hour on stage; my love of rowing; my appreciation of after-dinner conversation and my lifelong affinity with the inspirational city of Cambridge.*

**Victoria Banham, Alumna (1976)**

*Wolfson (University College then!) in 1967 and 1968, the years of Protest at the Senate House! I came to Cambridge for the first time. Wolfson (consisting of Bredon House only) embraced me with its warmth, and we first five research students mingled freely with senior members of the University. Beautiful summer gardens, white lawns and frost in winter, wine, good food, events in the Old Combination Room. John Shaw laying down the College wine. Friendly helpful and humorous gardeners and Porters; they are present in my mind's eye even now...*

**Virginia (Ginni) Bunker, Alumna (1967)**

*Fifty delegates from 45 countries on the 1971 Development Studies course – me the only Brit! Culturally cosmopolitan but comfortingly coherent, we watched Top of the Pops together every week on the College TV, and our multi-national May Boat got three bumps with a huge-hatted lady cox. Worldwide friendships still flourish.*

**John Leonard CBE, Alumnus (1970)**

*As a non-graduate, 'City' person of 55, a gap in my CV could only be filled by a Cambridge Degree. A more 'traditional' College directed me to Wolfson, which kindly offered me a place. I remain enormously grateful to both Colleges! Wolfson was amazing. I 'shared' a first day with the then new President and was mistaken for him, a factor to overcome! So many good points then kicked in: no high table; incredible cultural variety; helpful tutoring and general support; some super people at all levels; general friendliness and the Boat Club, for which I think I may still be the oldest undergraduate to win a Blade. Three years as a student gave me new perspectives and impetus to my life. Thank you Wolfson.*

**Richard (Dick) Shervington DL, Alumnus (1992)**



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Phil Stigwood

## ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	2014 REUNION	1969	This year's quinquennial and decennial reunion on Saturday 27 September will begin with brunch before the annual Alumni Lecture. Afternoon tea will be served and there will be a tour of the College before dinner in Hall, with Grace sung by the Wolfson Chamber Singers.
		1974	
		1979	
		1984	
		1989	If you arrived at Wolfson in the academic years beginning 1 October 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 or 2004, your invitation will arrive by email later this year. Please be in touch with <a href="mailto:communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk">communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk</a> if we do not have your current email address. Online booking will open in June.
		1994	
		1999	
		2004	

## FUTURE EVENTS

*Events are open to all College members, except where noted.*

<b>1 May</b>	Lee Seng Tee Distinguished Lecture
<b>2 May</b>	Wolfson Research Event
<b>20 May</b>	Music and Madeira
<b>13 June</b>	May Bumps marquee
<b>14 June</b>	Boat Club Dinner ( <i>by invitation to Boat Club members and Friends: contact <a href="mailto:alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk">alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk</a> for information</i> )
<b>15 June</b>	2pm: Benefactors' Reception ( <i>by invitation to all donors in the current year</i> )
<b>15 June</b>	3pm: College Garden Party
<b>15 June</b>	7.30pm: Mary Bevan Recital
<b>20 June</b>	Wolfson June Event: <i>New York, New York</i>
<b>29 June</b>	President's Cup cricket match
<b>4 July</b>	Guest Night
<b>27 September</b>	Alumni Reunion ( <i>by invitation: see information above</i> )
<b>20 November</b>	Commemoration of Benefactors' Dinner ( <i>by invitation to all Morrison Society members and major benefactors in the current year</i> )

*Please make sure we have your contact details, as invitations will be sent by email: [communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk)*

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## CHINA, THE 'GARDEN OF THE WORLD'

PHIL STIGWOOD, HEAD GARDENER

China has the most abundant plant life in the world, with nearly twice as many species of higher plants than the US and Canada combined. Glaciation destroyed numerous species in North America that survived in China. Many of our citrus fruits originate from Southern China, such as the orange, still called the 'Chinese Apple' in Holland and Germany.

Many of the great plant hunters were British, including George Forrest, who brought back from China an Acer with white striated, purple bark. Acer 'George Forrest' can be seen in Wolfson's Winter Garden, along with many other plants of Chinese origin including Tree Peony, Witch Hazel, Camelia, Wisteria Sinensis and Prunus 'Tibetica'/Serrula with the most amazingly-coloured bark.

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