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Front Cover: Wolfson student Henry Agbe presents his work at the Wolfson Research Event, February 2017

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Peter Dowling



FROM THE EDITOR
The past few months have been very turbulent on the political scene, and on the facing page, our President discusses the likely impact of the UK

government's Brexit policy and of the election of US President Trump on the College and the University. On 1 March, the Governing Body elected new Wolfson President Professor Jane Clarke FRS who will have to deal with the longer-term consequences.

On a more positive note, the College has made it on to national television (see page 4) by fielding a very successful team in the BBC2 series *University Challenge*.

The profiles featured in our Meet the College section include a Gates Cambridge Scholar amongst the students, a newly appointed Tutor, Dr Ana Toribio, and new members of staff.

The Development Director's summary is the last one written by Karen Stephenson, as by the time you read these pages she will have left Wolfson for pastures new. Karen will be missed by many, and especially me, as I worked closely with her on many issues of *Ring True* and *The Wolfson Review*, as well as for several years on the Development and 50th Anniversary Committees.

However, the publications are in good hands as I have the support and expertise of Sheila Betts, who has switched roles from College Secretary to Communications Officer.

I couldn't conclude without greatly thanking all the contributors who have responded so kindly to my invitations to write for *Ring True*. These requests never appear to come at a good time, especially given the busy weeks before the end of Michaelmas and the beginning of Lent Term. Lastly, I would also like to thank the production team at H2 Associates for all their commitment.

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PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS

As we move into the uncharted waters of Brexit Britain, our College is in good shape and ready to face the challenges of the future. Over the past years we have materially improved the experience of studying and living at Wolfson, with a major refurbishment programme of the 1970s student residences in progress, and a substantial and continuing growth in the number of bursaries and scholarships we can offer to our students, nearly two-thirds of whom are from outside the UK, and come from no fewer than 94 different countries.

As one of the world's top universities, Cambridge obviously attracts, and needs to attract, the world's top students, postdoctoral researchers and academic staff. Brexit, however, is seriously endangering our ability to do so, and with it the global pre-eminence of the University. Politicians need to recognise that if Britain punches way above its weight in higher education, this is not least because we are able to bring the best from all over the world to study and research here.

On 11 January the House of Commons Education Committee heard evidence from a wide variety of universities

FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD EVANS FBA reflects on the challenges that Brexit poses for the College and UK universities.



Keith Heppell

about the impact of Brexit on higher education. One leading academic after another made it clear that applications from other EU countries for undergraduate places in the UK were already down (by 14 per cent this year); postgraduates, postdoctoral researchers and academics were being put off coming to British universities by the perception that foreigners are no longer welcome in this country – a view common in non-EU countries as well – and research collaboration with other European universities, the major reason for the massive expansion of the

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research base in this country over the past four decades, is seriously under threat.

Yet our politicians have not so far taken any steps to prevent Brexit from inflicting irreparable damage on higher education in this country. Non-UK students are still counted as immigrants. More generally, both the Government and the Opposition are in a state of confusion about how far and in what way to limit immigration in the future.

Wolfson will continue, of course, to welcome students and staff from all over the world and make the College, as always, a friendly and welcoming place where they can all feel at home. And we will carry on working with the University to try and minimise the damage that Brexit threatens to inflict.

NOTES AND NEWS

COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Jocelyn Probert, *CRA Secretary and Governing Body Observer*

Part of Wolfson's commitment to the wider academic community is demonstrated by the creation in 2012 of the College Research Associates' Group, recognising that Cambridge has many academic researchers who do not have any form of college affiliation. The University has become increasingly keen to integrate postdoctoral researchers into Cambridge life beyond their departments, and indeed inaugurated the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs in 2013 to provide such opportunities, so Wolfson can perhaps take pride in establishing its own way of welcoming Cambridge postdocs into the College community.

Many of the original Wolfson CRA members in 2011 were already 'research-active' Senior Members but since then our membership has swelled via a gratifyingly large number of previously unaffiliated postdoctoral researchers who must now apply competitively to join us. We were pleased to welcome several new CRAs last October, bringing our membership to approximately 85.

Our termly gatherings have so far emphasised social and networking opportunities. By the time this article is published we expect to have analysed the results of a survey of all Wolfson CRAs to discover our aspirations for the group and our thoughts about how we can best contribute to furthering the academic and convivial ambitions of the College.

News in Brief

INTRODUCING THE NEXT PRESIDENT *Graham Allen, Vice-President*

Professor Jane Clarke FRS was elected the sixth President of Wolfson on 1 March 2017.



Nathan Pitt © University of Cambridge

Professor Clarke was brought up in Cambridge and obtained a first-class honours degree in

Biochemistry from the University of York in 1972. After completing a PGCE at Cambridge, she became a science teacher and, for a time, served as Head of Science at an inner-London comprehensive school. She moved to the United States in 1987 and was bitten by the research 'bug'. On returning to Cambridge she joined the research group of Professor Sir Alan Fersht FRS in the MRC Centre for Protein Engineering and was awarded a PhD in 1994. She has held a highly prestigious Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship since 2001 and was promoted to a personal

Chair in Molecular Biophysics in 2010. Her pioneering work as an international research leader in the field of protein folding has been recognised by her election as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2013, and as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2015, as well as the award of numerous international prizes.

She is passionate about increasing diversity in higher education and supporting the personal and professional development of students, young researchers, and academics, irrespective of background or origin. Her career and inclusive collaborative leadership style have a particular resonance with the ethos and values of the College. We congratulate her warmly and look forward to welcoming her, and her husband Chris, to our community in October.



Michael Chester mchester.co.uk

BBC University Challenge

Wolfson College fought off local competition to participate in the *University Challenge* 2016–17 series broadcast on BBC2. At the time of writing, the Wolfson team of Justin Yang, Ben Chaudhri, Eric Monkman (captain) and Paul Cosgrove had scored impressive wins against SOAS University of London, Jesus College Cambridge, Balliol College Oxford and Warwick. A hard-fought semifinal against Emmanuel College Cambridge secured their place in the final, scheduled for 10 April.

MEET THE COLLEGE

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



CASEY DARNEL BA STUDENT

Casey is a first-year History student who has a keen interest in Modern Political History. With a background in the armed forces, he enrolled onto an Access to

Humanities course as his route to higher education. After gaining a place at Wolfson College, he hopes to further his interest in History and policy-making by joining the Wilberforce Society to gain an understanding of how policy is made through discussion with like-minded individuals.



ANA TORIBIO FELLOW AND TUTOR

A Wolfson College alumna and CRA, Ana became a College Tutor and Fellow in

September 2016. She was born in Uruguay and explains: "I also lived in France before coming to the UK for my PhD studies under Professor Gordon Dougan. My areas of interest are Microbiology and Genomics and I currently work at the European Bioinformatics Institute." Ana has already delivered some workshops in the Wolfson 'Skills for Academic Success' programme.

"The interaction with the students is one of the most rewarding aspects of being a Tutor. We are here to help them make the most of their studies and their time in Cambridge," Ana says. "It can be quite demanding at times but I'm enjoying every minute of my role and I very much look forward to the next few years and the challenges it brings," she adds.

Speelman Fellow Dr Meredith Hale has co-ordinated a volume celebrating Edward Speelman's establishment of the Speelman Fellowship in Netherlandish Art at Wolfson College in 1971: *Cambridge and the Study of Netherlandish Art*. Six Former Fellows and the present incumbent contribute important new essays exploring aspects of Dutch and Flemish visual culture from the fifteenth to the eighteenth centuries.

They discuss the long-standing traditions of scholarship and collecting in Cambridge, which are reflected in the magnificent holdings of Dutch and Flemish works in the University's colleges and in the Fitzwilliam Museum. This unique volume celebrates the distinguished contribution made by Speelman Fellows to this great tradition.

Honorary Fellow Susan Kiefel has been appointed as Australia's first female High Court Chief Justice since the inception of the nation's highest court 113 years ago. Justice Kiefel came to Wolfson in 1984 to study for the LLM and in 2008 was elected to an Honorary Fellowship.

Wolfson's first Bredon Fellow His Excellency Dr Mahfouz Marei Mubarak bin Mahfouz GCMLJ FRSA was awarded an Honorary CBE, presented by HRH The Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace, in recognition of his charitable activities in the United Kingdom.

The President, Professor Sir Richard Evans FBA, published *The Pursuit of Power: Europe 1815-1914* (The Penguin History of Europe, Vol. 7) to widespread acclaim in the British and American press. He presented it at events in

Heffers Bookshop, Cambridge and Waterstones, Piccadilly.

Senior Member Dr Sebastian Macmillan, Director of the University's Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment Master's course, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Prydniprovsk State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture (PSACEA) in the Ukraine.

Wolfson Fellow Dr Roland Schwarz was granted the 'Monika Kutzner Award for Advances in Cancer Research' in November by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences for his work during his Fellowship in Cambridge (photo page 2). He has now moved to Berlin as a group leader at the Max Delbrueck Center.

Sir David Williams Professorship of Public Law

Following a generous benefaction from a Hong Kong Life Senior Member with strong Robinson College links, a Sir David Williams Professorship of Public Law was established in May 2016. The Law Faculty Building has also been named after Wolfson College's former President.

Fellow Professor Geoffrey Khan FBA, the Regius Professor of Hebrew at the University of Cambridge, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Fellow Professor Peter Weissberg has been awarded a CBE for services to Medical Research and Cardiovascular Health in the New Year's Honours List.

AFRODITA NIKOLOVA GATES SCHOLAR



Afrodita has come to Cambridge from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and says: "Wolfson has been kind and supportive throughout the transformative experience of my PhD so far. Thanks to my Gates Cambridge Scholarship, I developed and delivered a new programme of spoken word poetry with young men and artists in a prison in my home country."

She believes strongly that poetry can be a universal language of humanity

when shared with others. "As external officer on the Gates Student Council, I co-convened groups exploring the role of poetry in conflict, and of those in the arts sharing research with those in the sciences. I am grateful to Wolfson for supporting the University choir *Sing Inside* in its exhilarating practice of bringing music to prison, which I witnessed first-hand."

Afrodita is delighted that this year WCSA elected a number of student representatives serving various minorities and can't wait to join sessions run by Wolfson's new Feminist Society.

ALAIN KILAJIAN MPhil STUDENT



After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Earth Science, Alain was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research on the environmental and social impacts of mining in rural Thailand. Here at Cambridge, he is a happy Wolfsonian studying for an MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development. "It's an honour to be Wolfson's new Green and Campaigns Officer," he says with a smile.

"I am really looking forward to furthering Wolfson's reputation as one of the greenest colleges of the University." Alain is on track to achieve his goal with his Compost Initiative, having brought compost bins to over 15 of the residential blocks. "It has definitely been good so far, but we still have a lot of awesome ideas on how to 'green' Wolfson, from better labelling of the recycling bins to an epic St Patrick's Day Green Bop."

RICHARD STUDY MST STUDENT



Richard describes himself as a "mid-to late-career student, having spent a decade as an Army officer, and a second career in international aid and development, in fragile and conflict environments, specialising in operational support and security." Due to increasing demands from donors and employers for a Master's-level qualification, he opted

for the Master of Studies course in International Relations, allowing him to continue his career while concurrently studying. He adds, "In year two, I am focused on my thesis full-time, as well as enjoying College life and learning how to row." He lives out of College, but travels in daily to use the study rooms, and appreciates the support of colleagues in College.

LLOYD CARPENTER

VISITING CRA



In the early 1830s, the first British troops landed in New Zealand for guard duty and to secure the meagre colonial treasury. In 1845, they fought the famed Northern Maori chief Hone Heke and 15 years later more soldiers were sent. Those soldiers and the records of their regiments have been the focus of Lloyd's research visit to the Faculty of History.

Being based at Wolfson has given him the experience of College culture. As a Maori scholar from New Zealand, Lloyd says: "I have felt welcomed and supported here, and have embraced that unique experience of a Wolfson lunch, discussing topics as diverse as biochemical research, earthquake phenomena, Maori culture, red squirrels and the nature of postgraduate work at Wolfson. So, as I return to New Zealand, please accept my warm greetings to you all: nga mihi nui ki a koutou Wolfson!"

RICHARD BRAMWELL

COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE



Richard is Lecturer in Communication and Media Studies at Loughborough University. He joined Wolfson as a CRA while working at the University of Cambridge, saying "Wolfson has a vibrant cosmopolitan character, with a warm, friendly intellectual environment."

His research is focused around black British popular and vernacular cultures, especially literature and music. He is currently principal investigator on the AHRC-funded project, 'Performing hip-hop Englishness: The performance of alternative British identities through rap'. In June 2016 he convened the first International Hip-Hop Studies Conference in the UK, which aroused widespread media attention: "For two days Wolfson became the centre of hip-hop studies, bringing together over 100 scholars from more than 15 countries in its tranquil grounds."



EMMA ADLARD
DEPUTY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

After completing her PhD in Music at King's College London, Emma moved to Cambridge in 2014 to work in the Development office at Pembroke College. Two years later, she was thrilled to be offered the newly-created role of Deputy Development Director at Wolfson. "I joined the Development & Alumni Relations Office at a very opportune moment: the College is now in the final year of its 50th Anniversary Campaign and I am brimming with ideas and enthusiasm to help achieve the best possible outcome for the Campaign." Emma's role is perfect for someone who enjoys meeting new people: "I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know so many of the College's members from all walks of life, and am trying to meet as many alumni as I can individually in person."

Outside of Wolfson, Emma is a keen ballet dancer and pianist and volunteers at the in-patient unit of the Arthur Rank Hospice.

NIKKI CAMPIN AND REBECCA BURTENSHAW
CONFERENCE & EVENTS OFFICE

Nikki came to work at the College in mid-2014 as Catering & Functions Administrator, following jobs at the CBI (Confederation of British Industry) and the NHS (National Health Service). As a result of a recent internal restructuring, she now heads up the new Conference & Events Office, along with new colleague Rebecca, who joined from Hughes Hall in October 2016.

"Rebecca and I are delighted to be in the newly-formed Conference & Events Office based in the Chancellor's Centre. It is already shaping up as a popular and lively hub for events." She adds: "Together with our newly formed Food Services Team, we hope to provide an excellent service to our members and external clients, from residential conferences to celebratory receptions, whilst bringing in revenue to the College."



Wolfson is such a friendly place and the work is rewarding – although not without its challenges! We hope to keep building on our offering and our reputation as the years go by."

TOM SHALLAKER
DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER



After studying at the University of Sheffield, Tom started working at Sheffield Theatres, where he joined the Development team as a Fundraising Trainee. During his time in Sheffield, Tom managed the theatre membership scheme, worked

with corporate sponsors and solicited gifts to support the company's campaign to refurbish the Lyceum Theatre. Tom elaborates: "I then moved to Leeds to become the Corporate Development Officer at Northern Ballet – raising funds to support the company's outreach work in communities across the country."

After seven years of working in the Arts, Tom was ready for a new challenge and in November 2016 joined the Development & Alumni Relations team at Wolfson. "I'm really excited to be in Cambridge and particularly here at Wolfson. Everyone at the College has been so welcoming, and I can't wait to meet as many alumni as possible at events during the coming months."

CULTURE AND SPORT

ART AT WOLFSON

Margaret Greeves, Emeritus Fellow
Anna Dempster, College Research Associate



RE-IMAGINING THE CITY

As part of Kettle's Yard's celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jim Ede's gift of his house and collection to the University, and while the gallery is closed for refurbishment and extension, this exhibition of works from the reserve collections graced the Combination Room. Henri Gaudier-Brzeska's (1891–1915) sketchbooks, drawings by Ben Nicholson and Christopher Wood of real and imagined cities, and Dieter Roth's (1930–1998) rarely seen *German Cities* series, were enjoyed throughout the Michaelmas Term.

COUNTERPOINTS

From October 2016 to February 2017, Wolfson College hosted a major show by contemporary artist Alexei Lantsev, entitled *Counterpoints*. Twelve large-scale canvases, ranging from evocative paintings of oversized fruit to colour-field abstracts, added a vibrancy to the Dining Hall over the dull winter months. A further 20 paintings from the artist's *Travel Sketches* series spanning Europe (including Cambridge) adorned the Gallery, and 20 artist-signed prints in the Lee Hall echoed the international qualities of the College community.

Paralleling its use in jazz in particular, the exhibition's title, *Counterpoints*, relates to the artist's interest in finding



balance within colours, rhythms and forms. Inspired by music, as well as avant-garde and colour-field painters of the past, Lantsev's exploration is both practical and philosophical.

Around 100 Members and guests attended the opening of Counterpoints



MICHAELMAS MUSIC

Lynette Alcántara, Director of Music

Michaelmas 2016 flew by in a musical flurry with the exciting introduction of a Wolfson Jazz Night, jointly hosted by WCMS and WCSA. A fast-paced evening of modern jazz was given by pianist Sam Leak and friends. In a gentler contrast, Music and Madeira saw early music ensemble Charivari Agréable present *Ravish'd by Magic*.

As usual, WCMS President Juan Pablo Robledo del Canto presented our Lunchtime Concert Series as well as playing several rhapsodic piano solos by Brahms and Rachmaninoff. The College Choir, accompanied by harp, sang Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* at the Michaelmas Concert, and excerpts from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with a moving solo by tenor Andrei Smid. The Choir provided



Charivari Agréable

music at the University Sermon at Great St Mary's Church, and led the College in song at the Advent Carol Service at St Mark's Church, accompanied on the newly-refurbished organ by James Downs.

Wolfson Choral Scholars sang lead roles in the CU Gilbert & Sullivan Society performance of *The Gondoliers* (mezzo Gwen Davis and tenor Thomas Stell), and Wolfson's Arkansas Visiting Fellow Er-Gene Kahng currently leads the CUMS Symphony Orchestra.

SPORT

Dennis Mubaiwa, Sports & Societies Officer

In the Michaelmas Term a new women's football team was established through the initiative of third-year Law student Harriet Harper, in a joint effort with Darwin College. They play matches most weekends. The Men's football team is also a joint effort with Darwin.

This year we have two strong table tennis teams, with most of their fixtures being in the Lent and Easter Terms.



ROWING

Valtteri Tulkki, WCBC Captain

With both Wolfson M1 and W2 gaining Blades in the May Bumps in 2016 and several of the rowers remaining here, this year looks promising for Wolfson College Boat Club. Novice term is always important for WCBC as our turnover tends to be faster than that of the undergraduate colleges, which is why we rely more heavily on the new intake. Led by our excellent Novice Captains Sonny Smart and Alex Munster, we had another year of successful novice

recruitment, and four WCBC novice boats took part in races in Michaelmas. The Novice Women had a strong Michaelmas with Nicola Duffy being invited to the CUWBC erging session as a highlight. The Novice Men did not do quite as well but had two even teams and several successful races. Wolfson student Aleksander Malowany is rowing in the Cambridge Eight in the Cancer Research UK Boat Race on 2 April, a first for a Wolfson rower.

WCSA NEWS

Justin Yang, WCSA President

The newly-elected WCSA Committee is enthusiastic, energetic and excited to bring new ideas to improving College life. Having ended Michaelmas Term with a great week of 'Bridgemas' celebrations, we are all committed to fantastic Lent and Easter Terms. The highlights included celebrations of Chinese New Year, International Women's Day, National Hug Day, Valentine's Day and a St Patrick's Day green-themed bop.

Internally, the Committee is looking to advance a number of changes, including the expansion of a student life survey to help guide Committee planning as well as a number of overdue constitutional changes. We also hope to continue to refine our new website by increasing functionality for all members of the College.



Back Row (L-R): Sian Bradshaw (Ents Officer), Christian Harvey (Ents Officer), Sebastian Wrobel (External Officer), Azita Chellappoo (Equality & Diversity Officer), Eric Swanson (LGBT+ Representative). Front Row (L-R): Alain Kilajian (Green & Campaigns Officer), Ben Chaudhri (Junior Treasurer), Justin Yang (President), Jason Phan (Vice-President), Dennis Mubaiwa (Sports & Societies Officer)

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

KAREN STEPHENSON

WOLF50N



Fran May

As I write early in 2017, income to Wolfson's £5m 50th Anniversary Campaign total stands at £5m, with a further £2m pledged and another nine months to run, alongside the President's term of office. And so,

I must begin this year's piece with a heartfelt thank you to each and every member who has given so generously to Wolfson. Your support really is making a substantial difference: since the beginning of the Campaign, we have been able to increase the College's provision for scholarships and bursaries from £34,000 to over £470,000 this year for student support, thanks in no small part to the generosity of our donors, and the College's endowment has doubled in size. We are planning a celebratory event for all donors to the Campaign in late summer 2017.

Over the last year, we have been privileged to partner with both new and long-standing benefactors.

Miss Kirsten Rausing DL DUniv with the President, and student recipients of ALBORADA Scholarships Mr Paul Doran, Mr Paddy (Patrick) Scopes and Mr Max Welch



Keith Heppell

One exciting project, generously funded by The Frank Jackson Foundation, will establish a Research Fellowship and a PhD studentship at Wolfson. The individuals will work in collaboration with the Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI) on a three-year interdisciplinary project to study the role that nature plays in climate change. We are enormously appreciative of The Frank Jackson Foundation's visionary generosity, and delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with the Foundation and colleagues at CCI.

We are also very pleased that a new Wolfson-Geistlich PhD studentship will begin in October 2017, to advance the understanding and application of tissue regeneration and biomaterials. The College is immensely grateful to Senior Member Dr Terry Hart and his colleagues at Geistlich Pharma AG for enabling this wonderful new initiative.

Following the unprecedented Campaign gift of £1.5m from The ALBORADA Trust to support up to 50 three-year scholarships for Veterinary and Medical Science students, we were delighted to welcome Honorary Fellow Miss Kirsten Rausing and her Trustees to name The ALBORADA Building at a ceremony preceding the Commemoration of Benefactors Dinner. The stone sign adorning the building was crafted by the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop and mirrors that of the facing Jack King Building. A photograph of champion racehorse ALBORADA herself also graces the entrance hall of the building, meaning that generations to come will know more about the marvellous support of the Trust and its origins.

We were also very pleased to welcome our Bredon Fellow HE Dr Mahfouz Marei Mubarak bin Mahfouz GCMLJ FRSA, with two of his brothers, for a naming ceremony to mark the opening of the HE Dr Mahfouz bin Mahfouz Room in the Chancellor's Centre, to recognise his outstanding philanthropic support for the College.

Every gift to Wolfson is hugely valued and has real impact. The Senior Members' WOLF50N Fund has enabled a further two Master's students to stay on for their PhDs this year and, like all our students, they are carrying out work which has value far beyond the College walls. Other charitable gifts help us to enhance the fabric of the College and provide the welcoming, congenial living environment in which our students can

flourish, and to build on Wolfson's rich programmes of art, music and sport. Gifts to the endowment allow Wolfson to keep pace with competition from within and outside Cambridge, and help the College to plan with security for the future.

And finally, on a personal note, this will be my last Development Director's report for Wolfson. It has been a privilege to work with, and get to know, so many of you over the past nine years, and your support has made a significant difference to the College.

Establishing Wolfson's first Alumni and Development Office has been

so fulfilling because of the College's warm and loyal members, and, with the alumni community strong and the 50th Anniversary Campaign secure, thanks to so much wonderful support, I now feel the time is right to move on.

It has been a genuine pleasure to be a part of Wolfson's engaging and friendly community. I am enormously grateful for all your support, and for the lovely messages which so many of you have kindly written to me since the news was included in January's e-bulletin. I hope our paths will cross again in the future.

www.WolfsonGiving.com



Keith Heppell

WOLFSON IN 50 WORDS

Fond memories of Bredon House and University College in the beginning, helping my Bursar dad with weekend inspections of the building works, and later helping to furnish them – for a holiday pittance and penance! Fifty years on, enduring King family pride that the House that Jack built (with others!) is famously flourishing.

Jonathan King, Senior Member (2007)

Wolfson has a cosmopolitan, as well as a caring and friendly, atmosphere. Its lack of high table and its all-embracing ethos mean it provides a rich and diverse place to study and opportunities to engage with people from all over the world. The gardens, trees and integrated new buildings make it special.

Miranda French, Alumna (1981)



To see the full collection of **Wolfson in 50 words entries**, you can scan the QR code with your mobile, or visit:

www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/50words

The **June Event** is back in Wolfson College with a 'Big Bang' on Friday 23 June 2017! This year's event, entitled 'Aeons', will take you on a journey through the life of the planet Earth and into the future.

The Committee would like to invite all Wolfson members to come together once again for a night of entertainment and celebration at the end of another academic year. Tickets may be purchased from www.wolfsonjuneevent.co.uk
We look forward to seeing you there!





Phil Stigwood

EXOTIC ANIMALS IN THE GARDEN

Phil Stigwood, Head Gardener

Many British gardens contain spring-flowering bulbs, shrubs and perennials, but how many have structural topiary (animals) for year-round interest, structure and 'wow factor'?

Wolfson has a penguin standing four metres tall (photo above) and a roadrunner in Fuchs Antarctic Garden, both shaped from yew, and a lion holding a bunch of balloons in East Court, plus other unusual topiary specimens throughout the gardens. Many fine examples of topiary animals in British gardens are sculpted from yew and buxus. The Japanese are masters of tree topiary, cloud-pruning even mature pine trees into incredible transparent shapes.

Evergreen shrubs can also be pruned to create interesting shapes. The strawberry tree (*Arbutus*) in Lee Court has been pruned to expose the tactile shaggy bark and lower branches, leaving a cone-shaped top bearing flowers and strawberry-coloured fruits. This enables bulbs and plants such as snowdrops or lavender to carpet the ground underneath. The *Osmanthus* shrubs alongside Lee Hall have been cloud-pruned and underplanted with bulbs and woodland perennials such as hellebores and pulmonaria.

ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

2017 REUNION

- 1967 This year's quinquennial and decennial reunion on Saturday 23 September will begin after 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.
- 1972
- 1977
- 1982
- 1987
- 1992 If you arrived at Wolfson in the academic years beginning 1 October 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007 or 2012, your invitation will be sent to you by email later this year. Please be in touch with alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if we do not have your current email address. Online booking will open in June.
- 1997
- 2002
- 2007
- 2012

FUTURE EVENTS

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

- 4 May** A Woman's Skin, exhibition of works by Eileen Cooper RA, Opening Event
- 5 May** Music and Madeira
- 11 May** Lee Seng Tee Distinguished Lecture
- 18 May** City Networking Party (London)
- 16 June** May Bumps Marquee
- 18 June** Benefactors' Reception 2pm
(by invitation to all donors in the current year)
- 18 June** College Garden Party 3pm
- 18 June** Mary Bevan Recital 7.30pm
- 23 June** June Event (www.wolfsonjuneevent.co.uk)
- 7 July** Guest Night
- 17 September** 50th Anniversary Campaign Celebration
(by invitation to all donors to the Campaign)
- 23 September** Alumni Reunion *(by invitation: see information above)*
- 16 November** Commemoration of Benefactors Dinner
(by invitation to all Morrison Society members, with a guest, and major benefactors in the current year)
- 15 December** Wolfson Alumni in Cambridge Drinks Reception

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

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