Having just returned from the warmth of Asia, we are delighted to begin the Easter term at Wolfson in glorious sunshine, with the spring bulbs in full bloom and the trees about to burst into leaf; a fitting beginning following Cambridge’s superb victory in the Boat Race on Easter Saturday. This was the 156th Race, with the first having taken place in 1829 as the result of a challenge between a student at Cambridge, Charles Merivale, and his school friend, Charles Wordsworth (nephew of poet William), who was at Oxford. Congratulations to all in this year’s crew.

We are also thrilled that The Professor Sir David Williams Fund continues to grow. Thank you so much to everyone who has made a gift to The Fund at Wolfson, which currently stands at just over £18,500, and increases every day. It will make a significant impact on the teaching of Law and the support of students in College.

Further afield, we were very pleased to see new and long-standing friends of Wolfson during our recent visit to Asia, which began with a successful networking dinner in Hong Kong, hosted by the President and Mrs Johnson.

In Kuala Lumpur, Wolfson alumni, including Press Fellows and members of the Wolfson Course, joined us for drinks and dinner in the iconic KL Tower, with superb views over the city. Our particular thanks are owed to Ms Elizabeth Lee (1984) for all her help with the organisation of this excellent event.
We then moved to Singapore, where Dr Y Y Wong and Mrs Geok Choo Wong, parents of alumni Dr Meng Ee Wong (1995), Mr Meng Keet Wong (2004) and Miss Meili Huang (2005) very generously hosted an elegant lunch party for Wolfson alumni at their residence. We are extremely grateful to them for all their support, and look forward to building on the excellent relationships already in place in this part of the world.

While spending time in Singapore, we were also delighted to be given the opportunity to meet with Wolfson’s long-term friends Dr Lee Seng Tee and Mrs Betty Wu Lee; Honorary Fellow Professor Wang Gungwu and Mrs Margaret Wang; and Visiting Fellow Dr Anthony Teo and Mrs Margaret Teo. The visit also provided a marvellous forum in which to meet new members of the Wolfson community in Singapore, and we very much look forward to expanding the existing networks across Asia for our members.

As the Wolfson Network continues to grow, we are particularly grateful to those alumni who have offered their services as Mentors willing to become involved with careers advice for other Wolfson members – both current students and alumni. When the list reaches an optimum size, we will publish further details of the service. In the meantime, do please contact us at development@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you would like more information.

As we write, we are about to visit alumni and business contacts in Berlin. If you would like to join us for the Wolfson drinks party at Oxymoron on Friday 16 April, please register at www.berlin.wolfsonevents.com, where full details of the timing and venue are available.

We will also be holding a drinks party at London’s Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall on Thursday 17 June. There will be no charge for the event, and online booking facilities are available now at www.london2010.wolfsonevents.com.

Wolfson sport continues to flourish, and the College’s very own Daniel Gwyther will be taking part in the forthcoming Varsity Football Match later this month. The game will this year be played at Cambridge United’s ground, the Abbey Stadium (Newmarket Road), on Friday 30 April, with kick off at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available online at www.football.wolfsonevents.com. For more details see www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=109399032421921&ref=ts
In College, the June Event Committee have been working hard in pursuit of excellent entertainment and refreshments for this year’s event, which is set to be better than ever. The Event will be held on Friday 18 June, and the theme is The Crystal Maze, with Medieval, Futuristic, Ocean and Aztec Zones providing delight until dawn. Tickets are fast selling out, but there are a few non-dining tickets left: to secure yours, go to www.wolfsonjuneevent.co.uk.

During the forthcoming weeks, the following subject-related Formal Halls will be held in College for alumni, students and Fellows: 27 April – History; 4 May - Computer Science and Mathematics. Do let us know, at alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk, if you would like to come along, or you can sign up at the Porters’ Lodge in the usual way if you wish.

And a reminder that this year’s quinquennial and decennial reunion dinner on Saturday 25 September will be for those who joined Wolfson in academic years beginning October 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000. Invitations will be sent closer to the time and online booking will once again be available, but do please make a note of the date now.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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