Lent 2010 e-bulletin

Welcome to the Lent term e-bulletin from Wolfson College, where we begin the year and the new term under a blanket of snow.

Following the passing of our much-loved former President, Professor Sir David Williams, on 6 September of last year, we can now confirm that a Memorial Service will be held for David at 2.30pm on Saturday 13 February 2010 at Great St Mary’s, the University Church.

Last term was a busy one, and we are delighted that many of our Local Association groups around the world were able to meet for the first time, and that our established groups remain strong. Very many thanks to all our energetic co-ordinators, without whose enthusiasm and dedication the events would not have been possible.

The President and Mrs Johnson were very pleased to see so many Wolfson friends in India during their visit in November, and particular thanks must go to Senior Member Mr Manas Saikia, for his support in arranging the trip and sponsoring a lovely lunch in Mumbai, and to Mr Gautam Philip for a wonderful party in New Delhi.
December saw spectacular celebrations in the USA of the University’s 800th anniversary year. We were delighted to meet alumni in Harvard, New York, Seattle and San Francisco, and very much look forward to staying in touch.

Closer to home, our event at this year’s Varsity rugby match at Twickenham was a great success, and we were pleased to see so many of our members there. A hearty lunch and afternoon tea were well received, and the light blues delighted us with a 31 to 27 victory over their Oxford rivals.

This term, we have several plans for events in Cambridge and overseas. To mark the close of the University’s 800th anniversary year, a spectacular light show will be given in the centre of Cambridge during the weekend of 16-18 January. There is no charge, and the event is open to all. Please see www.800.cam.ac.uk/events/18/ for further details.

There will also be various subject-related Formal Halls held in College for alumni, students and Fellows, as follows:

26 January: Engineering and Management Studies: online booking available now at www.EngineeringandManagement.wolfsonevents.com
16 February: Vets, Medics and Natural Sciences
23 February: Theology and Religious Studies, Classics, ASNaC, Archaeology and Anthropology
2 March: Land Economy, Geography, Economics and Politics, Psychology and Sociology
27 April: History
4 May: Computer Science and Mathematics

Online booking for these dinners will be available via the alumni pages closer to the time, or you can sign up at the Porters’ Lodge in the usual way.

Wolfson members may like to know of an exhibition currently on public display at the Fitzwilliam Museum, entitled ‘A Lifetime of Connoisseurship: Graham Pollard and the study of the medal’. The exhibition brings together over seventy medals spanning six centuries, in celebration of a key figure in the life and collections of the Fitzwilliam Museum - Graham Pollard (1929-2007), a former Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College. The exhibition runs until 31 January and there is no charge for admission.

Further afield, the President and Mrs Johnson will be in Washington DC on 3 February for a drinks reception hosted at the British Embassy. Online booking for this alumni event is available now at www.washington2010.wolfsonevents.com, and places are strictly limited, so please book by 10am Eastern Time on Friday 15 January if you wish to join them.
Plans are also underway for visits to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore in March, and we very much look forward to meeting Wolfson members living in these regions. We will be in touch with more information shortly.

And in mid-April, we will be holding a reception for Wolfson alumni in Berlin: details will be posted on the events calendar at www.wolfsonevents.com as soon as they become available.

This year’s quinquennial and decennial reunion dinner will be for those who joined Wolfson in academic years beginning October 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000. The dinner will be held on 25 September and invitations will be sent closer to the time. Online booking will once again be available.

The Wolfson Network continues to grow, and we are now beginning to look for Mentors willing to become involved, on an informal basis, with careers advice for other Wolfson members – both current students and alumni. If you would like more information, do please contact us at development@wolfson.cam.ac.uk.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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