Welcome to the Lent term e-bulletin, for all members of Wolfson College.

The new calendar year is upon us, and while many of us face a tough economic climate, thoughts in the UK turn to celebrations for the London Olympics and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. We send good wishes to our members celebrating the Year of the Dragon and new year greetings to all Wolfson members around the world.

College Life and People

2011 marked the retirement of several of our key members of staff.

August saw the retirement of our much-loved Head Porter David Luhrs, who had been with Wolfson for 21 years and is succeeded by Mike Wignall. Two of David’s team, Adrian Sadler and David Holmes also retired from service, and December brought the retirement of our Head Butler, David Buck, who has kept order at Formal Hall for nine years. We thank them for everything they have done for us and wish them all well in their new lives.

Communications

Thank you to all those who have submitted articles and news of their work for publication on our pages at www.WolfsonPlus.com. It is an exciting showcase for all our members, and illustrates the rich and diverse group that makes up Wolfson College. Do send us your news for publication at WolfsonPlus or in the Wolfson Review: communications@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Many of you will know that we are now on facebook, Twitter, Flickr and LinkedIn. For those yet to come across us, you can find us in the following places:

facebook.com/WolfsonCollege
twitter.com @WolfsonCam
LinkedIn.com group: Wolfson College, Cambridge
flickr.com/groups/WolfsonCollege

And do remember, whether you are a student, alumnus, Senior Member or Fellow, you can stay connected with Wolfson members globally with our own social networking site www.WolfsonNetwork.com
Earlier this month, we were delighted to see over 100 Wolfson members at our annual London drinks party at the Oxford and Cambridge Club.

It is always a pleasure to see our regular attenders and to welcome new ones. Thank you all for making the evening such a success.

You can see more photographs of the evening on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/WolfsonCollege

We have a busy schedule of events planned for the year ahead.

The President will be giving a public lecture at Trinity College Dublin on 2 February – more information at http://bit.ly/xrpku – and we will be holding a Dublin drinks reception and dinner on Friday 3 February, to which all members and their guests are very welcome. Full details and online booking facilities are available at www.Dublin2012.WolfsonEvents.com

Do please sign up to join us if you are free.

For our current students, we will be holding our annual Half Way drinks party in College on Friday 10 February, just before Formal Hall; don’t forget to reply to your invitation by 3 February!

The Lent Bumps will take place from Tuesday 28 February to Saturday 3 March: come and support your crews at the river if you can, particularly after W1’s spectacular Blades success in the Mays!

The Lent Bumps dinner will be held in College on Saturday 3 March, and the Boat Club hopes to arrange a boat-naming ceremony at the river on the following day. Particular thanks to John and ZZ Friedman, for their generous donation of a new Four. Full details of the ceremony, when finalised, will be sent to all Friends of the Wolfson College Boat Club and will be listed on our events calendar at www.WolfsonEvents.com. Look out also for details of this year’s sponsored ergo session.

For the May Bumps, we plan to once again have our marquee by the river on Friday 15 June: further details will be available online.

In August, the President will be visiting South Africa and we hope to hold an alumni event in Cape Town on Thursday 23 August. Please email alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk if you are interested in joining us.

In College, the alumni reunion will take place on Saturday 22 September for those who started at Wolfson in academic years beginning October 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002, and invitations will be sent closer to the time.
All Formal Halls are open to all members of College, and some have been designated as being of particular interest to specific groups throughout the year, as follows:

- **Friday 20 January**: Vets and Medics
- **Tuesday 24 January**: Chinese New Year
- **Friday 27 January**: Burns Night
- **Friday 10 February**: Half Way Hall
- **Tuesday 21 February**: Geography, Land Economy, Architecture and Economics
- **Friday 24 February**: Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies
- **Tuesday 28 February**: Senior Members
- **Friday 2 March**: St David’s Day
- **Saturday 3 March**: Lent Bumps Dinner (email alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk for information)
- **Tuesday 6 March**: Maths and Management Studies
- **Friday 16 March**: St Patrick’s Day
- **Tuesday 24 April**: St George’s Day
- **Friday 4 May**: Engineering
- **Friday 11 May**: Physical Natural Sciences and Computer Science
- **Friday 18 May**: Biological Natural Sciences
- **Friday 25 May**: ASNAC, MML, Arch & Anth, Linguistics
- **Friday 8 June**: Senior Members
- **Saturday 16 June**: May Bumps Dinner (email alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk for information)

To book for Formal Hall, please either sign the book at the Porters’ Lodge or email formal-hall@wolfson.cam.ac.uk For all events open to alumni and current members, check our online calendar which is updated weekly, at www.WolfsonEvents.com

**Fundraising**

A special thank you this term goes to our students who once again chose to hold a ‘bop’ in support of the Student Emergency Fund at Wolfson: they raised almost £500.

Support from our donors grows ever-more important in the current economic and political climate, and, as always, we are enormously grateful to everyone who contributes to Wolfson: you really do make an enormous difference.

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