FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our new look Ring True! We hope you will enjoy the changes; in future we would like to provide you with even more news and diverse information by making greater use of the College website. So please go and have a look at www.WolfsonPlus.com.

Recently we consulted College members through an online survey about changes to Ring True; the main feedback was that most respondents liked the name Ring True and therefore saw no need for us to change it. The great majority of you also preferred an informal style for Ring True and this is what we will aim to deliver in future.

Ring True will now be sent out annually. In between issues we hope to be updating the website on a more frequent basis. We would therefore be most grateful if you as our readers were to send us your news (by email) of your life and activities, and any other information that would be of interest to the wide community of your fellow Wolfson members.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Seattle Reception 13 July
San Francisco Reception 14 July
1s and 6s Reunion 24 September

Full details of these and other events at:
www.WolfsonEvents.com

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These are challenging times for British universities, which face massive cuts in government teaching funding. To plug the gap, universities can charge tuition fees for undergraduates of up to £9,000 a year. The money will be borrowed and repaid once students have graduated and start earning over £21,000 a year.

How are these changes going to affect Wolfson College? All our undergraduates are mature students, and for people who may have given up a job to study, or have families to support, the new fees pose particular problems. We anticipate a downturn in numbers when the new fees come into operation in 2012. Bursaries, scholarships and contributions to the hardship fund are more urgently needed than ever. Meanwhile, we are working with the three other Colleges that confine their undergraduate intake to mature students to see what can be done.

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Cambridge University, with its huge science research base, is well placed to deal with these challenges. Government teaching funding accounts for only eight per cent of its annual income. Still, even with the £9,000 fee, the University will lose money on every undergraduate it teaches. So it is rapidly expanding the number of its graduate students, who can be charged financially realistic fees. Here too, scholarships and bursaries are a fundraising priority.

Growth in graduate numbers has already affected Wolfson. In 2010 we had to take more students than we could accommodate. Relief will come in the form of a newly founded College in north-west Cambridge, but this is still years away. Until then, we are taking a full part in discussions about the future of graduate studies. The College experience is a vital part of studying at Cambridge for graduates as well as undergraduates, so it must not be diluted by any transitional arrangements the University might put into place.

The College tuition fee for graduate students is likely to be abolished, since the Research Councils are no longer funding it. However, the University has proposed a substitute funding arrangement that will leave us no worse off. More worrying is the government’s determination to cut immigration by reducing the number of students who come to this country from overseas. Cambridge must be able to take the best students from all over the world. As Cambridge’s most international College, Wolfson has a particular interest in ensuring that this remains the case.

These are all serious challenges. But with the help and support of its friends and alumni around the world, the College is optimistic it can weather the storm.
A fascinating talk by PhD student Zubaida Shebani won top oral prize at this year’s Wolfson Research Day. Zubaida, from the MRC’s Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, gave a superb presentation on how moving hands and feet can impair working memory for action-related words. Her research beat several high-quality performances from students, Senior Members and Visiting Fellows, including talks about the effect of climate change on cultural heritage and new energy technology.

A new and extended format for the Day included an afternoon of oral presentations and a series of interactive poster demonstrations, such as librarian Anna Jones’ display about social networking in academia. Professor Mary Beard opened the annual event with an expert plenary talk on constructing an academic biography, a reflective and candid exploration of how academics seek to construct their own biography and those of others.

Senior Member Rebecca Simmons said: “The Research Day provides an important forum for showcasing the wide variety of research talent that we have at Wolfson. We encourage all members to start thinking about their entries for 2012!”

**News in Brief**

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** go to Stefanie Hofmeister, Simon Ross and Tomasz Ujejski, who were the first Wolfson members to graduate from the Executive MBA Programme.

**SENIOR MEMBER TONY DYE** presented his innovative idea for rotary energy conversion devices to a Wolfson audience. The managing director of Epicam Ltd says the devices for gas compression and expansion will result in more efficient energy recovery for petrol and diesel engines.
Intriguing research carried out by Arcadia Fellows at Wolfson will help Cambridge University Library adapt to the digital age.

For the past three years, the Arcadia Project has looked at the role of the academic library in the digital environment. By the time it finishes in December this year, the programme will have funded 18 Arcadia Fellows to investigate topics such as online access of exam papers, unified web portals to help science and technology students and the potential of mobile devices for library services, amongst others.

Academic Adviser John Naughton has run the University Library project from Wolfson with administrator Michelle Heydon. He said: “One enduring outcome of the Project is that there is now a ‘community of practice’ of library staff and others who have been involved in the Fellowship projects. If lunchtime conversations appear to be dominated by topics such as Wikipedia and students’ dependence on Google, it’s all thanks to the Arcadia Project.”

Each Fellow taking part in the Arcadia Fellowship was given membership of Wolfson College to give them a chance to experience life in a scholarly community.

Arcadia Fellow Isla Kuhn speaking at the Internet-Informed Patient Symposium, which she organised in March 2011.

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A TWINNING ARRANGEMENT has been set up with St Antony’s College, Oxford. The event was celebrated with members of St Antony’s at a Wolfson Guest Night.

PROFESSOR JOHN NAUGHTON will take over from Dr Don MacDonald as Vice President on 1 October 2011.

A SELECT GROUP of Malaysian diplomats and senior civil servants are being hosted by Wolfson as they participate in the Cambridge Programme in Public Policy Studies.

ROWING PRINTS are available from the Wolfson College Boat Club’s website. Visit wolfson.rowers.com/?page_id=145

A FINE ARTS COMMITTEE has been set up to create and keep a complete record of all artwork owned by Wolfson. Emeritus Fellow Owen Edwards has agreed to chair the group, which will also look into borrowing artwork from the Fitzwilliam Museum and Kettle’s Yard to display in the College.

Students, Senior Members and Visiting Fellows demonstrated a wide range of topics at this year’s Research Day.
MEET THE COLLEGE

Wolfson has a mixture of bright, friendly and vibrant members. Ring True profiles just some of those who make the College special.

CRISTIANE PRIZIBISCZKI
PRESS FELLOW

Award-winning journalist Cristiane Prizibisczki has come to Wolfson to research British media coverage of climate change. The environmental reporter for Brazilian green website O Eco won the prestigious international Earth Journalism Award for her investigation of Amazon rain forest fires in 2009. She will look at UK coverage of global warming in an urban context as a Press Fellow for the Easter Term. “The media play a vital role as the main source of information and knowledge for urban populations,” Cristiane said.

DAN SAXON
VISITING FELLOW

Dan Saxon spent 12 years as a prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Located in The Hague, he led and participated in the prosecutions of Yugoslav politicians and military commanders accused of responsibility for genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of war laws. He has been Leverhulme Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Law and Visiting Fellow at Wolfson for the past academic year.

“During my time at Cambridge, I have taught international criminal and humanitarian law to post-graduate students on the LLM programme,” he said. "I have also taught students pursuing doctorates in law and lectured at other UK universities. My research interests include the impact of international humanitarian law on the development of new warfare technologies, the ability of the Permanent International Criminal Court to prevent mass atrocities and issues of fairness at international criminal tribunals."

I was also a proud member of Wolfson M3, a novice boat in the College Boat Club, after I learned to row for the first time during Michaelmas Term 2010. Although my Visiting Professorship ends this year, I will return to Cambridge intermittently during 2011 and 2012 to teach an undergraduate seminar in international law.”

FOUR NEW PRESS FELLOWS joined the College for the Easter Term. They are Pamela Stirling (editor, New Zealand Listener), Daniel Nonor (The Ghanaian Chronicle, Accra) and Eniko Kertesz (editor/reporter of the Today Morning News Programme of MTV Budapest), as well as Cristiane Prizibisczki, who is featured left. See also www.WolfsonPlus.com

CARA FERRENTINO STUDENT AND WCSA GREEN OFFICER

Nearly 20 students have offered to be environmental stewards in their block or house to improve College sustainability standards. The team is responsible for making sure that members are recycling and using resources, such as lights and heating, as efficiently as possible.

WCSA Green Officer Cara Ferrentino, who co-ordinated Harvard Law School’s sustainability programme before coming to Wolfson, said: “We hope to increase environmental awareness and reduce resource use as much as possible by working with both staff and students.”

In May, Wolfson held its first ‘Sustainability Night’, which featured informative presentations and lively discussions on green issues and a responsibly-sourced Formal Hall.

‘Green Reps’ bolster Wolfson’s environmental credentials.
From the president
I am very proud of where I am now and of how far I’ve come.

I have taught most areas of genetics but now my research interests are in human evolutionary genetics and why humans came out on top of the primate evolution competition.

Don has combined his post in genetics with the position of Director of Medical/Veterinary Education in the Faculty of Biology. This carries overall responsibility for looking after the first three years of medical and veterinary training in Cambridge, as well as dealing with bodies like the General Medical Council and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on behalf of the University. He says: “Managing the tensions between academic education and professional training has been an interesting task.”

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I try hard to appear like I haven’t got a problem at all but I know I’ll never be able to do a lot of the things most people take for granted. However I am very proud of where I am now and of how far I’ve come. I’m excited to find out what the future holds.”
RAY PALMER EXECUTIVE CHEF

Executive Chef Ray Palmer first worked at Wolfson between 1975 and 1985. He then taught catering at Cambridge Regional College for 10 years and lectured in New Zealand for a year but returned to Wolfson in 1995, when he was asked to take charge of the kitchen. He has been here ever since.

“The College of my first 10 years was very different to the Wolfson we see today,” Ray said. “The kitchen was where the College Office is now and the Dining Hall was a temporary structure on the lawn at the back. We moved into a purpose-built Dining Hall in 1976. At the time, it all seemed an enormous amount of space for relatively few students. However, we now sometimes struggle to fit everyone in for meals.” Ray, who prepared menus for the Queen’s Royal Lunch for her 1977 visit to the College, says today’s challenges include providing food for various dietary requests, which can be time-consuming with a small team.

ROLAND SCHWARZ JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

Roland Schwarz says Wolfson has become like a “second home” since he started his postdoctoral Fellowship at the Cancer Research UK Institute, at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. “The thought of becoming a member of a university renowned for its traditions, history and excellence excited me,” he said. “The collegiate system, which I had never experienced before, also intrigued me. I heard about the friendly, open and international atmosphere at Wolfson from friends, so I applied without hesitation.”

Roland, who moved to Cambridge from Würzburg, in Germany, was offered a Junior Research Fellowship, starting in October 2010. “Since then, Wolfson has become a second home, inspiring my research and giving me numerous chances to talk to people from different backgrounds,” he said. “It has also provided countless social opportunities, from singing in the choir to playing badminton.

Recently, I was nominated for the College Council. Together with other JRFs, our first project will be a programme to improve the integration of other young Wolfson researchers into College life. I hope to help make every student’s stay at Wolfson as memorable and as pleasant as my own has been.”

Sculpting enthusiast Ray recently held an Open Studio exhibition of his artwork with four other Wolfson members. “I think there is a great connection between sculpting and cooking – particularly patisserie, which is my main field of interest,” Ray says. “The big difference is that sculpture is permanent and that cooking is not – or at least not if it’s any good!”

GABRIEL ADEOLUWA ONAGORUWA GATES SCHOLAR

Gabriel Adeoluwa Onagoruwa was first admitted to Wolfson to take the LLM degree in Corporate and Commercial Law. After successfully completing the course, he has now been accepted to study for a PhD, with a scholarship from the Gates Cambridge Trust.

“I have always nursed the idea of pursuing a PhD,” Gabriel said. “I discussed my ambitions with my College Tutor, who readily gave his support and advice on the next steps. I am very happy to stay on at Wolfson due to the wonderful experiences I have had here so far.”

During the course of his PhD, Gabriel got married and has now been joined by his wife from Nigeria.
SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Tom Harrington received a Full Blue and a sports bursary from WCSA for playing in the Rugby Union Varsity match against Oxford at Twickenham. Tamara Hornik won a Full Blue and a bursary after rowing for Cambridge University Women’s Boat Club at the Henley Boat Races, and Debbie Bin Deng took part in the Cambridge Women’s Blues Volleyball team that came fourth at the British College and University Sports competition in Sheffield.

Also at University level, Werner Bäumker competed in triathlon, rowing and cycling, and Maki Jitsumura took part in the Cambridge University Women’s Ice Hockey team. Elizabeth Campbell gained Club Colours after competing for the Cambridge Small Bore Rifle Club, and Christopher Craggs played ice hockey for the Cambridge University team.

MUSIC AT WOLFSON

The Music Society’s main project for Lent Term was a performance of Duruflé’s meditative and challenging Requiem. The College Choir joined forces with Hertfordshire-based Voix de Vivre, conducted by BBC Singer Neil MacKenzie. Soloists included Heather Moseley (cello), Lynette Alcántara (mezzo soprano) and Dan D’Souza (baritone). All were ably accompanied by organist Richard Carr. Both choirs enjoyed singing in the beautiful surroundings and warm acoustics of Little St Mary’s Church for the first time, as well as the opportunity to mix with like-minded singers. The sell-out concert raised £620.05 for the British Red Cross Japan Tsunami Appeal.

Trinity Hall’s Music Director Andrew Arthur gave the first Wolfson performance on our new harpsichord. The beautiful, dual-manual Flemish-style instrument was made by Boston harpsichord builder William Post Ross. It was generously donated to the College by Fellow Brian Moore.

Andrew’s programme at Music and Maderia earlier this year included works by Bach, Handel, Rameau, D’Acquin and Couperin.

STOP PRESS:
Congratulations to W1 for also winning Blades in the May Bumps!

Wolfson Darts Society finished an exciting season with several new team members and some nail-biting finishes. Will, Christine, Amanda, Alex, Imoh and Bek travelled to a number of college bars to defend Wolfson’s honour and, despite only winning a single match, had tremendous fun. The society has brought students, Fellows and Senior Members together and looks forward to next season.

Rowing: St Radegund Mile
Wolfson College Boat Club’s first women’s crew (cox: Evelyn Tichy, stroke: Filipa Gonçalves de Azevedo, 3: Elizabeth Friedman, 2: Tamara Steijger bow: Zhen Sun, pictured on page 2) left the opposition behind at the St Radegund Mile. Despite being without a powerhouse rower and their usual stroke pair or cox, the team finished first over the 1600m course, winning the first set of pots in a number of years as the fastest novice women’s IV+. Watch WCBC’s performance at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pH6LBINSSVI
FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

KAREN STEPHENSON writes about our alumni and development activities across the world.

College communications
Our aim is to help you make the most of your Wolfson life membership and, following a consultation about College communications, we have received interesting feedback on services we can offer you. The website will shortly be redesigned, with new features which we hope you will find useful.

Help with your career
One service available to all alumni, students and members is the Wolfson Network. There are now 1,300 people on the Network, established in 2009 to help Wolfson members keep in touch, search for alumni around the world and make valuable career contacts. To register, please visit www.WolfsonNetwork.com

A forthcoming feature of the Network will be the Career Mentoring Programme, where members can receive email advice from experienced volunteer mentors. However, we need more volunteers before we can launch the service.

If you would like to help your fellow Wolfson members, please contact us on +44 (0) 1223 335929 or alumni@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Fundraising
We are delighted to report two new partnerships. Firstly, we have signed an agreement with Santander Bank for £30,000 over the next three years to support our students. Secondly, the Oxford and Cambridge Club of Kenya and the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust have agreed to pay, between them, the full cost of one Master’s student from Kenya each year.

Meanwhile, you, our members, continue to support your College, for which we are very grateful. You, our members, continue to support your College, for which we are very grateful.

gives just £10 per month, this will result in an astonishing £840,000 in annual income. You can support Wolfson at www.WolfsonGiving.com

And if you make all your Amazon purchases through our link at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/alumni, the College receives five per cent of everything you spend. Over the last few years, members have raised over £6,000 for the College in this way.

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The events calendar is updated every week on the website. For a direct link, you can scan the QR code with your mobile, or visit: www.WolfsonEvents.com
**WCSA NEWS**

*Imoh Ilevbare, WCSA President*

WCSA has a new and much improved website. Every student has a page and it is much more interactive and social, with a fresh look and vastly greater functionality. You can even upload your own content to the site. Just visit [www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/wcsa](http://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/wcsa)

A link has been set up with the student bodies of our three neighbouring Colleges. The West Group Alliance will promote greater interaction between Wolfson, Selwyn, Newnham and Robinson Colleges. It will organise intellectual events and social activities, as well as arrange to share resources. It was launched earlier this year, with one of the largest parties ever hosted by Wolfson.

Wolfson now has a BBQ to spice up open-air events. A new TV has been installed in the Lee Room and the Clubroom has been livened up with a karaoke machine. There is also a new projector so students can enjoy the screening of popular events, like the recent Royal Wedding.

**50th anniversary**

All these initiatives are leading to Wolfson’s 50th anniversary in 2015. We are making a film to record College life as it is today, which will show its alumni, Fellows, staff, students and Senior Members, and will look forward to the next half century.

Also, in preparation for the 50th anniversary fundraising campaign, Andrew Papworth joins Kate Hampson and me in a new role in the Alumni & Development office. He will be responsible for making funding applications to trusts and foundations and will oversee production of our newsletters and online communications. A trained journalist, Andrew has broad experience of writing for different media. We are delighted to welcome him to our team.

Kate continues her sterling work with alumni groups and the Wolfson Network. She also continues to organise events, help alumni with their enquiries and keep our donation records accurate and complete.

From left to right: Leigh Anenson, Giles Yeo, Josef Martens, Chris Faigle, Rachael Hawks, Chip Abernathy, David Johanson, Mark Parascandola and Christina Parascandola at the Washington DC reunion.

Wolfson events

Wolfson has been active in the UK and overseas this year. In January, London members congregated at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall; in February, Kevin Greenbank gave a lecture to alumni in Delhi; in April, Giles Yeo hosted an alumni dinner in Washington DC and the President and I recently visited old and new friends in Hong Kong and Singapore. News of forthcoming events is overleaf.

**Coming in 2012...**

A film about the life of the College and the start of the fundraising campaign for Wolfson’s 50th anniversary in 2015.

**FUNDRAISING**

For a new coxless IV was greatly helped by a 24-hour Ergo Challenge by Boat Club members, current students and their friends. They “rowed” a distance of 428,519m and raised more than £1,000.

From left to right: Cara Ferrentino, Sid Bagaria, Alex Dixon, Imoh Ilevbare, Amber Ruigrok, XinLing Li, Lauren Fulton.
ALUMNI REUNION

Places are filling fast for this year’s Alumni Reunion.

A day of celebration on Saturday 24 September will start with brunch, before Fellow and Tutor, Kevin Greenbank, gives a fascinating insight into the film and audio collections of Cambridge University’s Centre for South Asian Studies at this year’s Alumni Lecture.

Members can also enjoy afternoon tea, as well as a tour with the President, Professor Richard Evans, and a drinks reception before dinner in the Hall with Grace sung by the Wolfson Chamber Singers.


FUTURE EVENTS

13 July  Seattle alumni event
14 July  San Francisco alumni event
5 August  Gardens Open for the National Gardens Scheme
20 September  Professor Richard Evans: Gresham Lecture, London
24 September  Alumni Reunion Day and Dinner
18 October  Professor Richard Evans: Gresham Lecture, London
1 November  Law Formal Hall
15 November  English Formal Hall
16 November  Guest Night
27 November  Michaelmas Term Concert
9 December  Guest Night
12 January  London Drinks Reception
10 February  Student Half-Way Drinks Reception

Please make sure that we have your contact details, as invitations will be sent by email.

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WOLFSON GARDENS

You can now watch and listen to Phil Stigwood, our Head Gardener, on the College website at www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/gardens/film

His short films highlight the diversity of plant varieties and the peaceful, natural feel that his new plantings bring to the College gardens.

The short ‘Winter garden’ film displays the rainbow of colours, winter flowers and scent to be found behind the Lee Hall.

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