



FIFTY YEARS OF WOLFSON ON THE CHERWELL

— A CELEBRATION —

29 June 2024

Welcome to Wolfson College, and our celebration of fifty years since the College opened on this spot in 1974. We hope you enjoy your day here.

If you need any help with directions, the welcome desk in the Lodge will be happy to help.



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From 12.00

Guests are welcome to enjoy their own picnic across the College grounds. In the event of bad weather, Brunch will be available using a debit card in the Hall until 1300.

From 13.00, The Lodge

Please register at the welcome desk in the Lodge to collect a pin badge and a programme. You need this pin badge to enter several events including for the High Tea, so please ensure your badge is visible throughout the day.

13.30 – 14.20

The Levett Room

Architect Alan Berman and biographer Ian Hembrow speak on 'Wolfson College: The People Behind the Place.' Spaces are limited to 40 people.

The Buttery

Former Head Gardener Walter Sawyer and Home Bursar Chris Licence will lead tours of the gardens, and of the Decarbonisation project. (In the event of poor weather, talks will be given in the Buttery). Spaces are limited to 80 people.

14.30 – 15.30

The Buttery

Dame Hermione Lee will speak on 'Where the Heart Is: Homes, Houses and the writing of Lives.' Spaces are limited to 80 people.

The Café

In the Café, Wolfson Researchers and Graduate Students will give quick-fire illustrated presentations on their research work, using the Japanese PechaKucha programme. There will be some seats, but guests may well need to stand.

15.30 – 17.00

High Tea will be served on the Harbour Lawn and on the Croquet Lawn. In the event of poor weather, tea will be served in the Hall.

17.00, The Leonard Wolfson Auditorium

Michael Ignatieff will give a lecture on 'Isaiah Berlin and the Making of a Liberal Institution.' The lecture will also be broadcast into the Buttery, and the café, and will be streamed live on the College YouTube channel - [click here to watch](#).

17.50, The Leonard Wolfson Auditorium

Farewell remarks in the Auditorium by Sir Tim Hitchens, President.

18.00

Departure via the Lodge. All registered guests will be given a souvenir bag on departure.

- ✿ Throughout the day we will be showing a film in the Auditorium (running time 60 minutes) including interviews with Dame Hermione Lee, former Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick, centenarian Professor Derek Wyatt, Berlin Specialist Henry Hardy, and long-time Wolfson staff member Sue Hales.
- ✿ Guests are welcome to take a guide book from the welcome desk and follow the Twenty Wolfson Gems trail, showcasing places in the College which tell its story; they can also use the QR codes at each location to read descriptions on their smartphone.
- ✿ From 14.30 guests are welcome to visit the Levett Room and see there the new exhibition of items which tell the story of Wolfson since its move to this site. The exhibition will remain up through the summer.
- ✿ Guests are also welcome to see the exhibition of books published by Wolfson academics over the last fifty years, displayed in the library display cabinets on the ground floor corridor.

