



# THE WADHAM LEGACY

SUPPORTING A TRADITION OF INCLUSIVENESS,  
EXCELLENCE AND INDEPENDENCE





‘Whether it’s books or people or anything else, you look for the good in them, not the bad’: per Maurice Bowra in my first collection, Michaelmas Term 1967.

SIR ANDREW SMITH (Classics, 1967)



Wadham celebrates diversity and has allowed me to meet a wide range of people from backgrounds very different to my own.

BENJAMIN ZARANKO,  
(Economics & Management, 2013)



Wadham is the place where I have learnt to both think and live independently.

RUTH CAMERON,  
(English and German, 2012)

## YOUR PART IN WADHAM’S FUTURE



Nicholas Wadham had the idea - progressive in its time - that the College founded by his legacy should leave ‘every man free to profess what he liked, as it should please God to direct him’. His intent was to ‘nourish and train up men unto learning’ and having done so, he wanted them to ‘put themselves into the world’ and make a difference.

The spirit of Nicholas and Dorothy’s ideas are part of the Wadham legacy today. The reputation which Wadham enjoys as a dynamic centre of learning and research reflects our commitment to inclusiveness, excellence and independence. This means nurturing the brilliance of the most capable students irrespective of their financial situation, gender or ethnicity. It means maintaining the highest quality of scholarship and research. And it means ensuring independent thinking is guaranteed by well planned College finances.

Competing with the finest academic institutions in the world makes this an exciting and challenging time. That’s why your involvement in the future of Wadham is so greatly appreciated. By remembering the College with a gift in your will, you can help to support scholarships, bursaries and grants; to fund Fellowships; and to enhance our College environment. I very much hope I can encourage you to join the alumni and friends who, over the centuries, have helped make Wadham what it is today and can be tomorrow.

**KEN MACDONALD**  
WARDEN

Without a College scholarship I might never have been able to attend Oxford. Now I want to help future generations benefit from the same inclusiveness.

COLIN DRUMMOND  
(Classics, 1969)



I support Wadham because it opened my eyes to a world of new possibilities.

LEON PICKERING  
(English, 2003)



Barbara and I are leaving a portion of our estate to Wadham College in appreciation for a splendid education and lifelong friendships.

JOE ROMIG  
(Physics, 1963)

## THERE IS SO MUCH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN DO

If you support Wadham, you are helping to introduce students from non-traditional backgrounds across the world to the possibility of studying at a place that will give them an experience like no other.

MAEVE SCULLION  
(English, 2011)

Wadham challenged me to step out of my comfort zone in innumerable ways and for that I will always be grateful.

MAX MCGENITY  
(PPE, 2011)

By supporting Wadham, you are bringing together different ideas and mind-sets and helping to create something new, something great.

MARIANNA HUNT  
(French and Russian, 2013)



# SUPPORTING THE ETHOS OF WADHAM



## BROADENING ACCESS:

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Wadham's wide-ranging access and outreach programme aims to raise the aspiration and attainment of students who could be trying for a place at Oxford. We encourage applicants from under-represented backgrounds. We provide advice and guidance to help them make competitive applications. We also ensure they are aware of the financial support available. Legacy gifts can support these and many more aspects of our access programme.

## STUDENT SUPPORT:

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As the increasing costs of a university education are now met by students, greater responsibility falls on the College to ensure their time at Wadham is not compromised by short-term financial difficulties. Hardship grants provide a lifeline to students dealing with unforeseen financial problems and legacy gifts are one of the key sources for these funds.

# REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF BRILLIANT PEOPLE



## TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

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The tutorial system sets the undergraduate experience at Oxford apart as one of the foremost in the world. Securing Fellowships in perpetuity gives Wadham the independence to retain its own choice of subjects, without having to rely on uncertain external funding. Legacies provide the funds to invest in an outstanding academic community with global links, to support tutorial teaching and foster a culture of excellence.

## SECURING FUNDING FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

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Wadham has a longstanding tradition of promoting graduate talent, and the College is firmly committed to encouraging the most talented students to contribute to Oxford's ground-breaking research. With the opening of the McCall MacBain Graduate Centre, Wadham has become a destination of choice for talented graduates applying to Oxford. However, funding available to graduate students remains limited, and more than one in three applicants turn down their offer due to lack of funding. It is a top priority for the College to increase the scholarship provision for graduates, and legacies can make a very significant difference to the next generation of academics by funding scholarships in all subject areas.

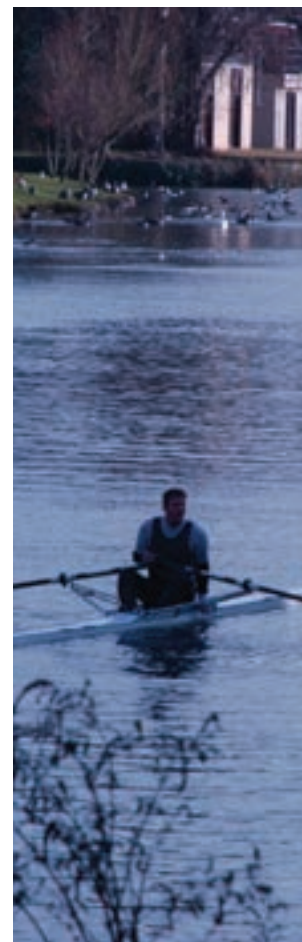
## A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT:

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Our historic College buildings, Library, study facilities, lecture theatres, sports and music facilities all contribute to the stimulating environment that characterises Wadham today. Legacies play a key part in maintaining and extending these vital components of College life.

Throughout its history, Wadham has been shaped by individual legacy gifts. These gifts, large as well as modest, have benefited Wadham in many ways. Some are specific, but most are left to the discretion of the College and provide invaluable flexibility. It enables Wadham to use the funds where needs are most pressing at the time.

Remembering Wadham in your will is one of the most powerful ways in which you can be part of the College's future. In doing so, you will be helping future generations of students to develop the intellect they will bring to the communities they serve worldwide. Every gift made in a will – no matter its size – contributes to this shared vision.



## WHY EVERY GIFT IN A WILL MATTERS

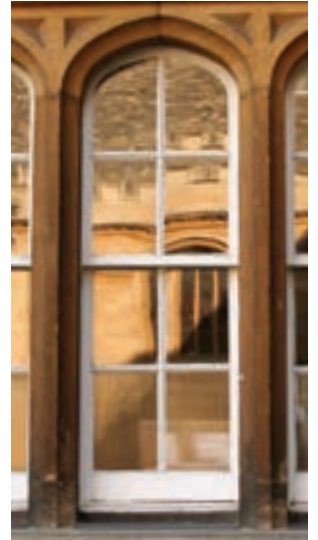


Legacies are a vital source of income for most charities, and this is particularly true of Wadham. The College owes its very existence to the generous benefaction of Nicholas and Dorothy Wadham, and for more than four centuries, legacies from alumni and friends have formed the bedrock of Wadham's financial existence.

It is well known that generous benefactions have helped endow Fellowships and scholarships, constructed new buildings and preserved our cultural heritage. It is less well known, perhaps, that legacies of all sizes continue to make a significant difference to the future existence of the College. In the last decade alone (2004-2014), more than £5.25 million has been received from legacies of all sizes, corresponding to (on average) 20% of the College's annual philanthropic income. With proficient management of the College's funds, our endowment has in recent years increased to £73 million, placing us in the midrange of Oxford colleges. However, with the continued reduction in government support, the unique but costly tutorial system is under increasing pressure, and this means that legacies and donations are vital if we are to sustain the high standard of education for future generations of students.



- The majority of alumni who leave a gift in their will have modest estates.
- Looking after family and friends will be the priority in most cases. Any additional bequest such as a percentage of the residue of the estate can make a huge difference to the future of the College.
- If you already have a will, you can add a codicil to it. A codicil form is enclosed and your solicitor can advise you about it. You will also find a description of the main forms of legacy listed below.
- If you are making a new will, you can find guidance on legacy wording on the following pages.
- As Wadham has charitable status, legacy gifts in the UK are tax deductible and can significantly reduce liability to Inheritance Tax. Benefits vary internationally and your accountant or solicitor can advise you further.



## HELPING YOU WITH THE NEXT STEPS

We appreciate that leaving a gift in your will is a personal matter and one you may wish to keep private. However, if you would like to discuss plans you may have, we are always ready to help.

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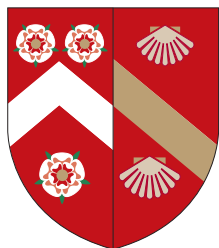
Thank you very much for your interest in leaving a gift to Wadham in your will. You are welcome to call me on +44 (0) 1865 277 997 for a confidential discussion. I would be pleased to let you know about the College's long-term objectives and help make sure your wishes can be carried out effectively. Around 200 alumni have been kind enough to let the College know if they have left, or plan to leave, a gift in their will to Wadham. If you are able to do the same, it would make a big difference to the College's forward planning and we would be extremely grateful. You will find a legacy pledge form enclosed. Naturally, all our legacy discussions are kept confidential and we always respect your privacy.

With very best wishes,

**JULIE HAGE**  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



# LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO WADHAM



It is simple to include a legacy to the College in your will at the time you arrange it with your solicitor. A legacy to Wadham should refer to the College by its full official title. An appropriate form of words would be:

*I give to the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of Wadham College of the Foundation of Nicholas Wadham Esquire and Dorothy his wife in the University of Oxford, \_\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of the College and declare that the receipt of the Finance Bursar for the time being of the said College shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.*

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE 1610 SOCIETY

Membership of the 1610 Society allows Wadham to recognise all those people who let us know they intend to leave a legacy to the College. Gifts in wills concern families as a whole and we are delighted to welcome your family to our annual 1610 Society Dinner in College. As well as enjoying the company of other 1610 Society members, you and your spouse, or a guest, can also take the opportunity to talk with the Warden and Fellows about developments at Wadham.

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Wherever possible, the College would like to acknowledge larger benefactions with naming opportunities which allow you, or a person you choose, to be remembered in perpetuity. Naming opportunities include Fellowships, bursaries, scholarships, staircases, rooms, buildings and sports facilities.

# TYPES OF GIFT YOU CAN LEAVE IN YOUR WILL

The main types of legacy with which you can support the College are listed here

## GIVING A SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE

A Residuary Legacy is the gift of all or part of the net residue of your estate, after all specific legacies, debts, fees and other liabilities have been met. This gift is particularly simple as you neither have to quantify the sum nor worry about inflation when you draw up your will.

## MAKING A GIFT OF A FIXED SUM OF MONEY

A Pecuniary Legacy allows you to give a specific sum of money to Wadham. The disadvantage of this kind of gift is that the value could decrease with inflation and it does not account for changes to your estate.

## LEAVING PROPERTY OR VALUABLES TO THE COLLEGE

This is called a Specific Legacy and allows you to gift specific personal possessions such as property, stocks and shares, works of art or jewellery. Please consult us in advance with a legacy of this kind.





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