





At Wadham I found my vocation and met the love of my life – I donate to help the College change other people’s lives, too.

LEON PICKERING (English, 2003)



It’s fantastic to support Wadham in widening access, giving everyone the chance to receive a world class education.

FREDERIC KALINKE ,  
(International Relations, 2007)



I was very lucky to have been educated at Wadham and I support its efforts to break down the barriers of privilege and make access for all a reality.

JUDITH ALFREY,  
(Modern History, 1977)

## Your part in Wadham’s future



Dorothy Wadham worked tirelessly and selflessly to establish a College where students of all backgrounds could benefit from scholarship and be able to put themselves into the world to make a difference. The spirit of Dorothy and Nicholas’ vision was progressive for its time and is very much alive today and a part of the Wadham legacy.

Wadham’s reputation as a dynamic centre of learning and research is reflected in our unwavering commitment to inclusiveness, excellence and independence. The College continues the tradition of nurturing the most brilliant young minds, regardless of their economic background, gender or ethnicity. We value independent thinking and research and we know that well-planned college finances are the key to sustaining this into the future.

As public funding of higher education continues to decrease, we know that an Oxford education depends on the generosity of our alumni and friends and that is why your involvement in the future of Wadham is both vital and deeply appreciated.

By remembering the College with a gift in your will, you can help to support scholarships, bursaries and Fellowships; and you can enhance our College environment. I very much hope you will join the vast community of alumni and friends who, over the centuries, have contributed with their generosity to make Wadham the progressive academic institution it is today and can be tomorrow.

ROBERT HANNIGAN CMG, 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, PRESIDENT OF THE 1610 SOCIETY**  
(Classics, 1969)



The most able should get to study at Wadham, irrespective of their financial situation or the school the attended.

**JEREMY EVANS**  
(Law, 1991)



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

**JOE ROMIG**  
(Physics, 1963)

## There is so much a gift in your will can do

Being an ambassador for Wadham has been the highlight of my degree, and so getting to personally say thank you to the generous alumni who make Wadham what it is (a community!) was very special.

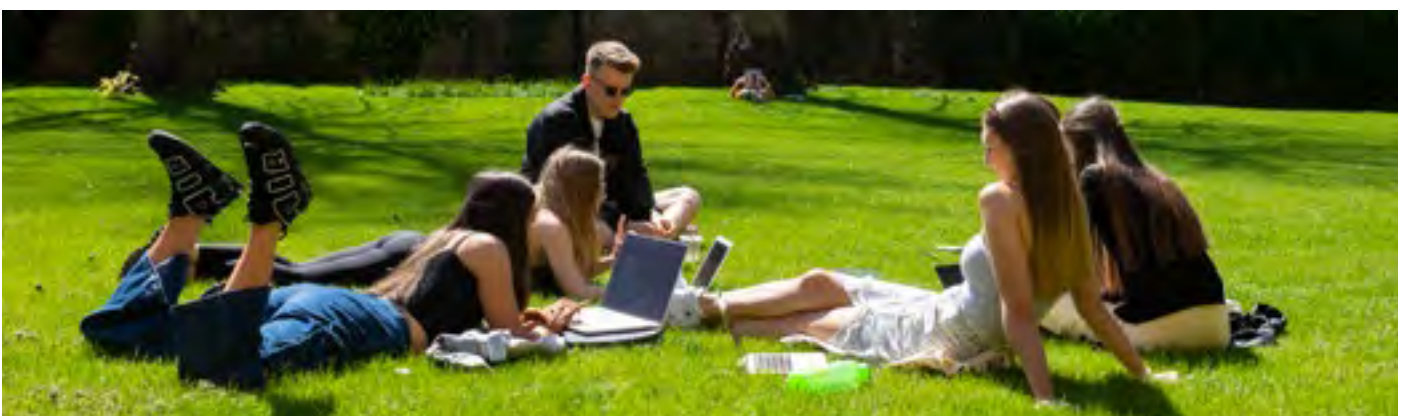
**ZAHRA GRIEVE**  
(Classics, 2018 and 2021 Telethon caller)

As Access Officer on Wadham's SU, one of the things I was most struck by was the genuine interest of alumni in our access work, and their subsequent generosity.

**DAN GUNN**  
(PPE, 2017)

It's so heart-warming to know that the College truly is and has always been dedicated to making every student feel like they have and deserve a place at Wadham.

**ALEXANDRA WRIGHT**  
(Classics and English, 2020)



# Supporting the ethos of Wadham



## **Broadening access:**

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Wadham's wide-ranging access and outreach programme aims to raise the aspirations 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 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.

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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. Between 2009-2019, nearly £15 million was 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 £95 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 every year the College has a £4 million deficit. 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.

Alumni and friends of the College who choose to leave a legacy to Wadham become part of the 1610 Society, which exists for the College to acknowledge and thank those who are making a gift in this way. Currently we have over 400 members in the 1610 Society.

If you would like to be part of the 1610 Society, 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.

