

Your invitation to join the 1749 Society



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1749 House



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If you have included Downing in your will, please let us know and we will invite you to join the 1749 Society.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE 1749 SOCIETY



f all the College jobs I've kept on since retiring as University Lecturer, the most completely enjoyable is that of President of the

1749 Society. The reason is simple: the purpose of the Society is to increase the sum total of human happiness.

"If you have already decided to leave a legacy to the College, or are thinking of doing so, do let us know."

Here is how the 1749 Society came to be created... Some 22 years ago, it began to be appreciated and regretted that, although the College regularly benefited from generous legacies, there was, by the nature of things, no way of thanking the donors. In most cases, there was no prior knowledge of the legacy. So it was decided to form a society warmly to thank legators in advance of the receipt of their donation.

Why call it 1749? That was the year in which the will of Sir George Downing, eventually founding the College, came into effect. That was just the beginning.

It is hard to put into words the massive contribution to the wellbeing of the College made by subsequent legacies. Suffice it to say that the most recent development on the Downing Domus, a building to accommodate some 28 graduate students, has been named '1749 House'. This is in recognition of the decisive contribution of those who have remembered Downing in their wills. In addition, every July there is held, in the Master's Garden, a reception and lunch (complete with string quartet) for those who have indicated a provision for Downing in their wills. It is the event of the Cambridge season. So, if you have already decided to leave a legacy to the College, or are thinking of doing so, do let us know.

DR PAUL MILLETT

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“I want to see Downing College continue to grow and give opportunities to talented young people who will give back to society. It makes me rather happy to think that I can be a little part of that legacy.”

LYDIA JONES 1980



HOW YOUR LEGACY WILL HELP

By remembering Downing in your will, you can make a lasting difference and help to accommodate our growing needs. Your gift will help us to create the best possible learning environment for our students while also building a supportive College community rich in cultural, social and sporting activity. Recent legacies have supported scholarships in Maths and Medicine, student support and the Chapel organ as well as Downing's general purposes.

Pledging a legacy to Downing will cost you nothing today but will leave a lasting impact on future generations of students. Anyone can leave a legacy, and

any gift, large or small, will make a real difference. A provision in your will can demonstrate your appreciation of what Downing has done for you and make a lasting connection with your College into the future.

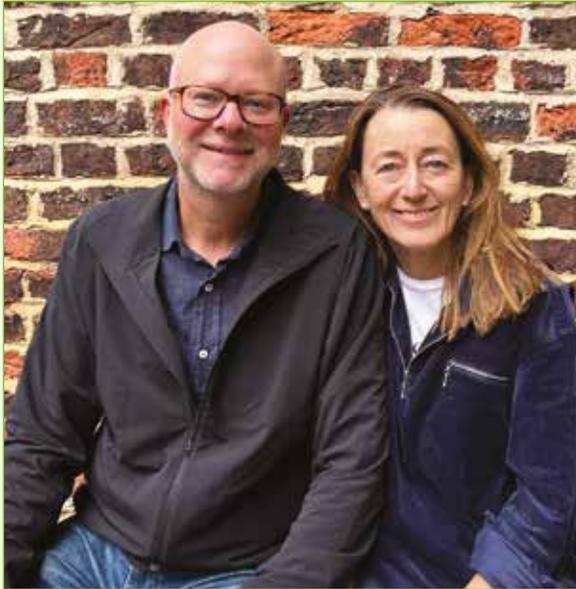
We're always delighted to hear from you. For further information or suggested legacy wording, or to let us know that you've already made a provision for Downing in your will, please contact
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"I've benefited immensely from the support Downing has provided whenever I needed extra help, be it financially, pastorally, or educationally.

These resources allow every student to experience an enjoyable university and college life without being limited by the lack of support. Thank you for everything Downing!"

RAGAVI VIJAYAKUMAR 2019
(NATURAL SCIENCES - BIOLOGICAL)



“Downing was the obvious choice for us when we thought about giving to a charity through our wills. The College continues to pursue excellence in all it does and we felt confident that our legacy will be used wisely. Downing grads can and do make a huge difference in the world. It was very easy to set up and of course one can discuss one’s wishes as to how the money might be spent.

We are delighted to be able to give something back and contribute in a small way to securing the future of this very special place.”

DAVID AND JANE SHALDERS 1985

DOWNING COLLEGE IS A CHARITY (NO. 1137455)

A will can help reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax which might be payable on the value of the property and money you leave behind. In the UK, by giving 10% of your estate to charity, you can reduce your inheritance tax liability from 40% to 36%. Please note, however, we recommend you seek professional advice for accurate inheritance tax calculations.



"This bequest is made because when I was at College I found the purchase of text books very onerous."

DONALD PERRY 1942

*These were the words of Donald Perry 1942,
who left a legacy gift when he died in 2021.*

HIS SON CHRISTOPHER PERRY WRITES:

"My father always spoke with great fondness of his time at Downing during the dark days of the war and was proud of the way the College helped to shape the future of an uncultured boy from the East End of London who, due to evacuation, effectively left home at fourteen."



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