

## Dear Selwyn alumni and friends,

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to share an update with you on the difference legacies are making at Selwyn every day, and across every area of college life.

All of our undergraduates and many of our postgraduates benefit directly from the support provided by legacies. Additionally, legacy gifts sustain extracurricular activities – sport, music, chapel life and much else besides.

In this newsletter, you will find a snapshot of just a few of the ways recent legacies have made a difference. We are hugely grateful to everyone who has included a gift to Selwyn in their Will.

If you're thinking about leaving a legacy to Selwyn, or have any questions about the impact October's budget may have had on your plans, I would be delighted to hear from you. I'm very happy to help with any queries about wording, as well as discussing how you might support a particular part of college life.

With very best wishes,

**Sam Davis, Major Gifts and Legacies Manager**



A drinks reception at the Houses of Parliament for Friends of Selwyn Boat Club, many of whom have arranged to leave a legacy to support their favourite sport.

## Living legacies – is it time to revisit your plans?

For all sorts of reasons, many of us change our legacy plans at different times of life. If you're thinking about updating your Will in a way that will benefit Selwyn, please consider leaving a percentage of your estate rather than a fixed cash sum, which inevitably can be eroded by inflation.

If you're interested in amending your Will, or would like to let us know about any changes you may have made, please contact me at [sjdd2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjdd2@cam.ac.uk) or 01223 767 845.

## The 1882 Society

We're very grateful to have the chance to thank those who support the college in person. In September we welcomed 71 members of the 1882 Society and their guests back to Selwyn for lunch, preceded by a special visit to the rehoused College Archives.

## Save the date

Next year's event will take place in college on Saturday 6 September – why not join us?

If you have any questions, please contact  
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# Selwyn College Legacy Newsletter



A summer concert in the lower gardens





Richard Harvey  
and his wife Gill

## The Richard Harvey Librarian

In 2024, the college received one of the most generous benefactions it has ever seen, a legacy worth £1.5million from Richard Harvey (SE 1962). Richard had kindly supported the college during his life, typically with a modest annual gift, but chose to make Selwyn College the residuary beneficiary of his estate.

Helpfully, Richard's legacy was unrestricted, which means the college can use it to meet urgent priorities and build the endowment which represents generations of generosity and underpins everything we do.

Richard spent most of his career as librarian at the Guildhall in London, so to commemorate his contribution to Selwyn, our College Librarian's post will now be known as The Richard Harvey Librarian.

## Further academic support

The many smaller legacies that the college receives every year from alumni and friends make a disproportionate difference to our students' lives. These can be directed towards a wide variety of purposes.

James Thompson (SE 1955) left £10,000 for the study of Law. This will enable Law students to visit The Supreme Court of the UK and to meet a Supreme Court Justice.

Many subjects could benefit from the provision of smaller funds, which may cost as little as a few thousand pounds. If you would be interested in supporting a particular subject, please do get in touch with us.



Students and their families  
at a college lunch



Law fellows and tutor with law students

## Establishing the Harrison Fund

During the last year the Harrison Fund has been generously supported by the whole Selwyn community, raising nearly £1 million to support the teaching of science, engineering and maths.

Fifteen legacies received by the college this year have contributed to this important provision.

The Harrison Fund has been created as a permanent fund at the college, open to receiving legacies and gifts for many years to come. If you would welcome wording on how to include the Harrison Fund in your Will, please do let me know.