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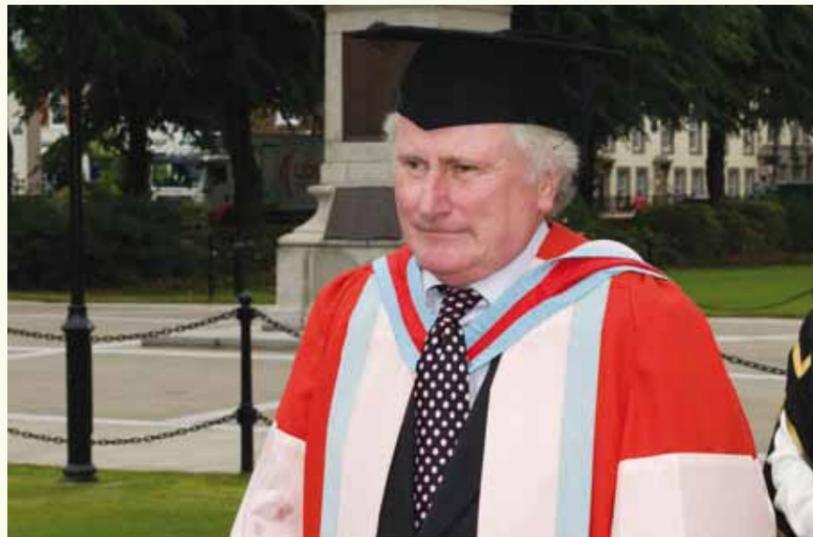
Please find enclosed your personal bookmark with this edition of your newsletter. It is a small gift and a memento of your days here at Queen's. It has been designed to help raise awareness of the Queen's

Foundation as a charity and help celebrate the impact of legacy gifts to the University's pursuit of world-class education and life-changing research.

Graduate of the Year

Lord Brian Kerr, Justice of the UK Supreme Court and former Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, received the Graduate of the Year in July.

Lord Kerr was acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to public life, to the legal profession in Northern Ireland, and to student life at Queen's. Jonathan Hill, President of the Queen's Graduates' Association which presents the Awards with the support of First Trust Bank, said: "Lord Kerr is a graduate of real integrity; someone who has risen to the very pinnacle of his chosen profession and is an inspirational role model for future generations of students at, and graduates of, Queen's."



Dates for your diary

Event: Charter Day Dinner
Date: Friday 30th November 2012
Venue: The Great Hall

Event: East Coast USA Pan Alumni Christmas Drinks
Date: Wednesday 12th December 2012
Venue: Glucksman Ireland House, New York University

Event: Golden Reunion celebrations
Date: Friday 14th June – Sunday 16th June 2013
Venues: Various

In June 2013, there is a weekend of celebrations on campus for alumni who graduated between 1957-1967. There is something for everyone, including a Ladies Lunch at Riddel Hall, a Medical Reunion and a range of tours covering sports, the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, The McClay Library, the Titanic Quarter and a CS Lewis excursion.

For further information on these events, or for a full listing of campus activities, please contact Susan Wilson, Legacy Officer on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or Adele Ward, Events & Reunions Officer on +44 (0)28 9097 5289.

The unusual side of will-making

The shortest...
...goes to one man who wrote his will in a very perfunctory way with the three words 'All to mother'.

The longest...
...ran to 10,000 words, written over four volumes.

The heaviest...
... was left to two sisters of 'their own weight in one pound notes'. One sister received £51,200, the other £57,344.

And finally, the most cheery...
...went to the friend of the will-writer who left him £500 "to have a large gin for old time's sake."

Legacy Information

Legacy gifts to Queen's University Belfast are wholly exempt from UK Inheritance Tax. The Foundation has charitable status for all UK Tax purposes and its unique charity number is XR22432.

If you would like to come back to see around your old department, visit a new building, or speak to someone in confidence about leaving a gift in your will, please contact the University's Legacy Officer, Susan Wilson, on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk



The Lanyon Society

Newsletter

The Legacy Newsletter from The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation.
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A Celebration of Legacy Giving to Queen's



As the gowns were folded away after the last Graduation Day in July, it was a good opportunity for me to remember some of the highlights of the past year. Personal legacy gifts have been directed to many areas throughout the University including for the benefit of students via scholarships and for the benefit of medical research.

The impact of these gifts is invaluable. Contributions to cancer research at Queen's supported researchers in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, and consultants

working to improve cancer care in Northern Ireland.

So, on behalf of the students and staff at Queen's who are touched in some way by a legacy gift to the University, I would like to thank all those who are considering, or have chosen to make a gift to Queen's in their will. Thank you.

Warmest regards

Susan Wilson

Queen's aims to go beyond...



Former Irish President and Queen's alumna Mary McAleese returned to her alma mater at Queen's on 19th October to officially open the new Riddel Hall campus.

The opening event was also the platform for the launch of an ambitious £140m fundraising campaign dedicated to helping Queen's go beyond ...to provide the ultimate student experience and address some of the greatest challenges facing society today.

Money raised over the next five years will be invested in projects designed to increase and enhance the impact the University makes on society and the economy, in Northern Ireland and internationally, including:

- continuing to improve cancer survival rates in Northern Ireland while also seeking cures for other major health problems including cystic fibrosis, asthma and diabetes
- research into global food security ensuring our food is safe to eat
- creating a 'Silicon Valley' in Northern Ireland addressing cyber security challenges
- finding sustainable solutions to reducing chemical wastage and industrial pollution
- establishing scholarships to provide students with life-changing experiences.

The campaign has already secured significant philanthropic support including a substantial contribution from legacies of £5m. Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Peter Gregson stated "It is a campaign that will allow Queen's to continue to make its disproportionate contribution to the success of Northern Ireland".

Contact us

If you would like to receive a copy of the campaign brochure and are interested in learning more please contact me.

NICVA welcomes Queen's as member of Will to Give Campaign



Queen's Foundation has joined forces with local charity NICVA (Northern Ireland Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action) to help raise awareness of legacy giving locally by becoming the latest member of the Will to Give campaign.

Founded in January 2011, Will to Give

is a not-for-profit organisation with the vision that one day everyone in Northern Ireland will make a gift to charity in their will.

Chairperson Colin Ferguson commented:

"We are asking people to leave a gift to their favourite charity in their will, after

their loved ones have been taken care of. The people of Northern Ireland are among the most generous in the UK - by giving a gift in a will they can make a lasting impact. We want to dispel the myth that it is only the rich that can leave a gift to charity because anyone can include a gift, or gifts, to their favourite charity or charities."

The true meaning of life...

In June The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation held its annual Benefactors' Lunch for gift club members. Alumni and friends were invited back to the University as a 'thank-you' and to see how their support is helping to transform education and research at Queen's. This year's event was held in the beautiful surroundings of the Riddel Hall campus, Stranmillis.

Patrons of the Lanyon Society, Leslie and Hilary Morrison helped host the event and delivered a very personal speech about the impact of legacies, an extract of which is below.

"Legacies support the people and causes we care about. They extend our impact on the world after we are gone, so it is hard to know whether they reflect generosity, or the extension of play after the referee has blown his whistle. More profound is the grounded wisdom of Nelson Henderson, a little-known Canadian son of an Irish settler who once said: "the true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Parts of Canada are sunnier than here.

Today we sit under the shade of the magnificent Riddel Hall - the fruit of the seeds sown a hundred years ago by the sisters, Eliza and Isabella. Back in 1913, these two wealthy and charitable ladies gifted £25,000 to establish a women's

residence for students of the university. That's equivalent to about £1 million today. Subsequent investment by Queen's has amplified and transformed this visionary gift, now a huge resource for our university, its students and the business community of Northern Ireland.

If you are considering a charitable gift in your will, after having provided for family and friends, please remember Queen's. Each and every legacy made to Queen's has impact and each has special meaning to the donor. Whatever meaning a particular gift would entail to you, you can be confident that Queen's will nurture the seeds you have sown and that it will

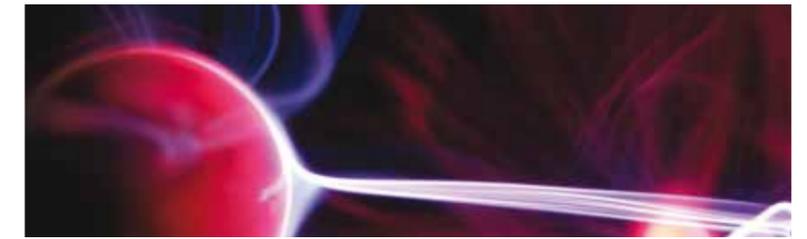
multiply their yield many-fold.

By way of thanks for your support, a couple of fellow graduates who are keen gardeners, and possibly poets, have instantiated a well-worn metaphor by depositing on your table some seeds. Go forth and plant them as a reminder from the Lanyon Society that 'every oak tree started out as a couple of nuts who decided to stand their ground'".

If you were unable to attend the event (and are a keen gardener), please contact us and we would be delighted to send you some seeds to plant!



The Power of Three: how three of last year's legacy gifts are making an impact



Helping research treatment of diabetes

Christina Kerr kindly left £6,000 in her will to support research into diseases of the eye. Funding like this is crucial in supporting the work of the team at the Centre for Vision and Vascular Sciences. It helps support internationally renowned research into major sight-threatening diseases including child and adult diabetes.

Supporting students

A graduate of English, Dorothy Eagleson left a gift in her will to help support the Queen's Graduates' Association and fund a scholarship. As a member of Queen's Women Graduates during her lifetime, she highlighted the need to help mature women students come to Queen's after leaving work with little or no education. She certainly took to heart the motto of the City of Belfast 'pro tanto quid retribuamus' and gave back so much in return for her own education.

Funding vital cancer research

In March, a legacy gift of £24,000 was received by the Foundation for medical research. This gift enabled Dr Julia Miskelly, a post-doctoral research fellow based in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, to continue her research into hereditary breast cancer. Without this gift, her post would have fallen under threat and vital work would have been under-resourced. The fight against this disease would have been undermined.

News from campus

Darren Clarke makes 'major' gift to Queen's



Darren Clarke OBE, the 2012 Vice-Captain of the winning European Ryder Cup team and 2011 Open Golf Champion, visited Queen's University Belfast on 14 September to present a cheque for £80,000 from the Darren Clarke Foundation to the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB).

Presenting the cheque, Darren Clarke said: "I am delighted to support the Centre for Cancer Research at Queen's University through my Foundation and I am hopeful this is the start of a long-term relationship."

The gift was received on behalf of the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology by Dr David Waugh, Acting Director of the CCRCB in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at Queen's.

"This generous gift from the Darren Clarke Foundation will enable us to continue our research into aggressive forms of cancer, including breast cancer, and accelerate the pace and quality of cancer research worldwide," concluded Dr Waugh.

CS Lewis chronicles donated to Queen's

A rare collection of previously unpublished letters from renowned writer CS Lewis was presented to the University over the summer.

Eleven of the author's letters, written between 1944 and 1960 and sent to Captain Bernard Acworth, were donated by the Captain's son, the Rev Dr Richard Acworth. Captain Acworth's granddaughter, Phyllida, a 1994 Queen's English graduate, was also present at the presentation.

In the letters Acworth discussed his views on the incompatibility of evolution and Christianity, while Lewis explained his views on the question of origins.

The handover took place in the CS Lewis Reading Room, in the University's McClay Library, which is entered through a replica of the wardrobe door used in the feature film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

