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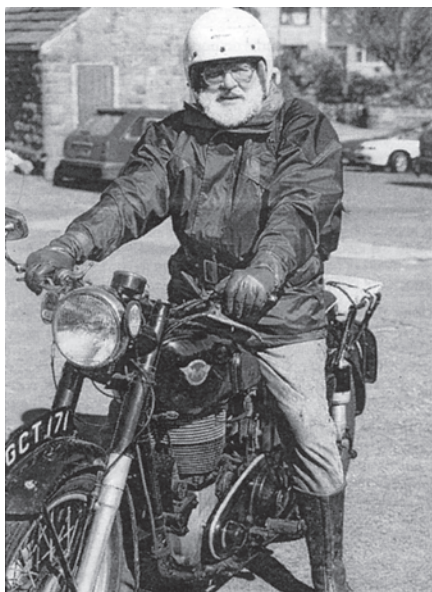
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Generosity that will shape the future

Since 2000, the University has received 42 Legacy gifts totalling over £3.4 million and more than 400 alumni, staff and friends have notified the University that they have left a Legacy in their will. This is a tremendous demonstration of affection for our University, and as Vice-Chancellor it is my great privilege to be able to say thank you to those people who have pledged a gift in their will. Your planned gift will leave a lasting impression on future generations of students.

The University was founded upon the generosity of individual benefactors and my colleagues and I are deeply moved by the Legacies that the University continues to receive. Legacy gifts can be transformational to the lives of our students and over the last century bequests, large and small, have helped shape the University into the world-class institution it is today.

In January, I had the pleasure of opening a suite of rooms named after the late Ray Charlesworth. Ray was one of the University's most loyal members of staff serving for 28 years as Head Storekeeper in the Department of Chemistry. Before his death he made provision for an extremely generous gift of



Ray Charlesworth on his beloved motorbike



The first Charlesworth Scholarship recipient, Rebecca Hylton, with Head of Chemistry Professor Mike Ward (left) and Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett (right) at the opening of The Charlesworth Suite.

£180,000 to provide a permanently endowed scholarship fund, to help gifted Chemistry students who might otherwise struggle with the costs of university.

Cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of The Charlesworth Suite was made particularly special by the fact that £10,000 of donations from alumni, staff and friends were used to renovate the rooms to the highest standard. They are a memorial to Ray's contribution to the Department and his remarkable generosity.

In this first issue of "A Legacy to Sheffield" newsletter I hope you enjoy reading our two scholarship profiles; one of which is a Dainton Scholar, Joy French, and the other an Alumni Fund Scholar, Alexander Nmai. In 2009, Lady Dainton sadly passed away after very kindly setting up the Dainton Scholarships in memory of her husband Lord Dainton who was Chancellor of the University from 1978–1997. I knew both Fred and Barbara Dainton well and it is a pleasure to be able to let their children know just how much these scholarships mean to the students who receive them.

At the University of Sheffield, we are committed to recognising our benefactors and ensuring that their Legacies are used wisely. On behalf of our students and staff, I thank all our supporters who are planning to remember the University in their will.

Professor Keith Burnett, FRS
Vice-Chancellor

A thank you from our scholarship students

In 2009 the Development and Alumni Relations Office awarded 32 scholarships, some of which were funded through generous Legacy gifts. But how much of a difference does a scholarship really make? Two recent scholarship students have provided us with an insight into their lives whilst studying in Sheffield.



Joy French – Plant Sciences

I wasn't planning to come to university here, but came to have a look and really liked the atmosphere. The staff were so friendly and I knew the lifestyle would be good. My scholarship has allowed me to go home and visit my family over Christmas. It has also meant that I haven't had to work full-time through January and have been able to dedicate more time to revision. I hope this shows in my results!

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I'm studying Plant Sciences. This involves some modules from the Animal and Plant Sciences department and some from the Biomedical Science department. I have found the BMS modules more difficult, though this makes it all the more rewarding when I finally understand a complicated bit. Despite enjoying this challenge, I find that the APS modules are my favourite; I find them far more interesting, particularly evolution.

I'm aware that I am not the only person in my situation; many people must work hard to get by and this does detract from the university experience, both academically and socially. The donations are from people who understand this and want to help. I think scholarships do help more than just financially; the alumni and other donors add their well wishes and make Sheffield University feel like a community.

I would like to send my heartfelt thanks and hope that they understand that not only the money, but also the gesture are important to me. This is why I hope that I can do the same in the future.



Alexander Nmai – Management

After attending the open day I knew that Sheffield offered everything that I was looking for in a university. Not only did it combine a highly prestigious academic reputation along with great social events, but also a wide and varied combination of resources and facilities that primarily enhance student life.

Being awarded the scholarship means I can free up time from my part-time jobs to concentrate upon the academic aspects of my course. Buying course textbooks is no longer a worry and in essence the scholarship has also relieved many of the financial pressures of being a student. Above all, the scholarship has given me peace of mind coupled with drive and determination to achieve the best of myself whilst at university. I now feel in a comfortable position with fewer worries, enabling me to take full advantage of all the opportunities that come my way.

From finishing my first year studying Management, I have found many aspects of the course to be challenging and rewarding at the same time. The biggest challenge has been adapting to the independent learning, though staff are always very willing and supportive to help. I also find challenging the Accounting and Financial Management, Statistics and Economics modules. Working hard to improve my knowledge of these areas has been highly rewarding in itself because I accomplished tasks that I presumed I was unable to manage.

I undoubtedly underestimated the costs associated with coming to university. That is why donations are very important as they enable students not only to participate in activities that they would not otherwise be able to do, but fundamentally relieve the stress placed upon students regarding their finances. Scholarships enable students to gain recognition from the University so that they are able to give back to Sheffield the opportunities that have been presented to them.

I would just like to send a warm and kind thank you to all the donors and friends who have been so generous to make donations to the University, and also for being chosen as an alumni scholarship student. You have undoubtedly contributed greatly to the profound success of the University and made a huge impact upon a number of students' lives.

Legacy gift to the Library inspires students



The late David Ryan

The late David Ryan MB ChB, 1970 (1946–2009) was grateful for the education he received at the University and very kindly left a Legacy to the Medical School Library.

Currently the Medical School Library is part of the Health Sciences Library, which serves the staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine and staff of the NHS in Sheffield. Its collections cover medicine, dentistry, nursing and midwifery. The donation is being put towards a flexible study space so that medical students can move furniture around and create a space that is relevant to the work they are taking part in.

David was a specialist in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care and spent most of his working life at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne.

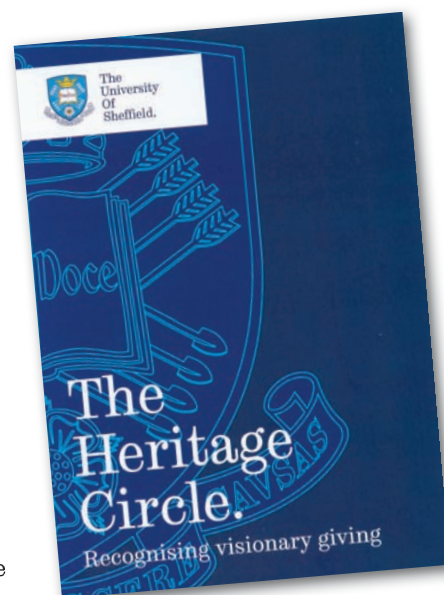
Vic Grant, Faculty Librarian for Medicine said, "We are very grateful for the Legacy gift from the late Dr Ryan, and the flexible study space will provide a superb learning environment for our current medical students."

To read more scholarship profiles please visit:
www.shef.ac.uk/alumni/support/scholarship_profiles.html

The Heritage Circle

Gift clubs enable us to recognise donors who have made, or have planned a gift to the University. We are pleased to announce our newest gift club, The Heritage Circle, which will be launched this year. The gift club has been established to recognise the special commitment of people who choose to support the University through a planned gift in their will. We will be sending brochures out during 2010 and members of The Heritage Circle will receive:

- Priority invitations to selected alumni events at the University and across the country
- An invitation to a special donor event each year
- A commemorative Silver Arrows pin badge
- The University's annual donor newsletter



Generous Legacy Gift to Archaeology

At the end of 2009, the University received a very generous Legacy gift from the late Mr Peter Glover (BA 1974). £114,935 has been donated to the Department of Archaeology and we will be reporting soon on how the money has been used. We are extremely grateful for Mr Glover's foresight to allow this money to be used by his old department.



The Donor Honour Board in the Information Commons

A Benefactors Board for Legacy Gifts

A 'Legacy Benefactors Board' will be erected in the foyer of one of the University's most prestigious buildings later this year. After the success of the Donor Honour board in the Information Commons, we realised it was important to find a public location to say thank you specifically to our Legacy donors. Since 2000, £3.4 million has been received in Legacy gifts and we want the name of each Legacy donor to be included on this new board.



The University of Sheffield rugby team prepare for an encounter

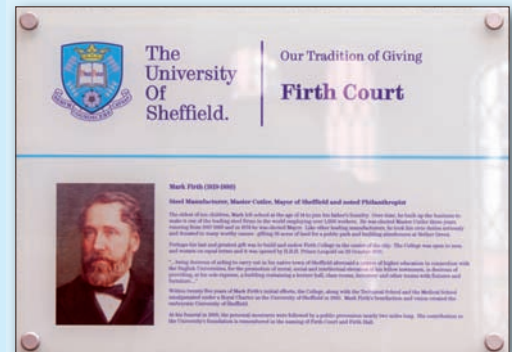
Support for Sport – Scholarships to be awarded to talented athletes

In 2010, the Development and Alumni Relations Office will be working closely with USport to set up Sport Scholarships aimed at encouraging elite athletes to choose to study in Sheffield. At present the University has 26 elite athletes registered on its bursary scheme, despite the minimal funding available to help cover the high costs incurred by athletes while studying for a full-time degree. With the help of donations from businesses

and individuals we hope to be able to encourage more elite athletes to study at Sheffield, and help them with their costs of travelling to compete overseas, or purchasing the very best equipment.

Sport has a rich tradition at Sheffield and Legacy gifts in this area can make a real difference to students and facilities. Please contact us if you would like to discuss further a gift for sport at Sheffield.

Recognising Benefactors old and new



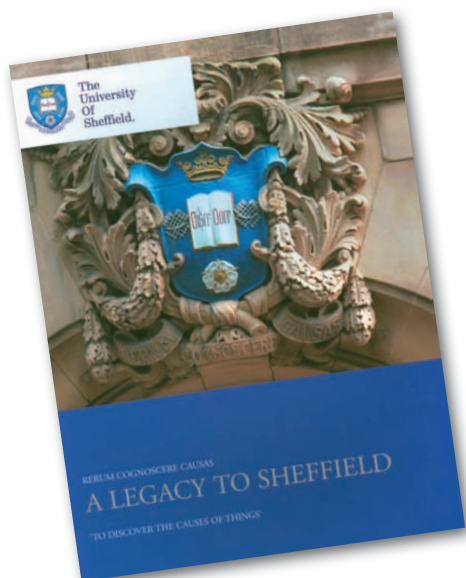
The Mark Firth plaque situated inside Firth Court.

The University of Sheffield has an inspiring and proud tradition of support from an array of philanthropists. While many of the buildings across the campus are named after these generous benefactors, their story and connection to the University remains unknown to most of today's staff and students.

Now, a new series of plaques will briefly detail the biographies of our benefactors, and provide some context of what their gifts have meant to the University. Some of the plaques include: Mark Firth (one of the principle founders of what would become the University) and Sir Frederick Mappin (who helped to found the Technical College, which later became the Faculty of Engineering).

Next time you get the chance to visit the University, see if you can spot them.

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Pictured above is the new updated version of the University's Legacy brochure. The brochure has all the information you will need to make a gift in your will to the University and includes suggested wordings and a codicil form. To receive a copy, please contact David Meadows, Development Officer – Legacies and Individual Giving, on the details at the bottom of this page.

A Donor Day for our Gift Club members

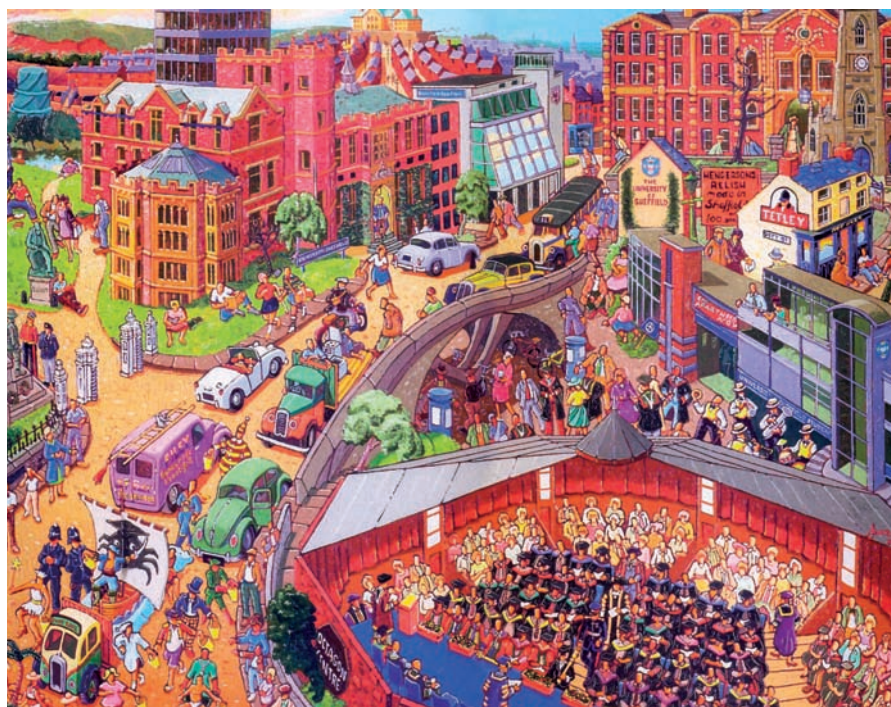
In August this year we will be launching the first Donor Day event for the members of our gift clubs. They will be invited back to the University to see how their donations are helping to transform the lives of students here in Sheffield. We will be hosting the event in various locations around the University, including our new exhibition space in the Western Bank Library and the University's new library, the Information Commons.

Invitations for the event will be sent in June and staff in the Development and Alumni Relations Office are looking forward to saying a personal thank you for your support.

Mr Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, is pictured below with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Burnett presenting Mr Martin Fry with a Silver Arrows pin badge. Martin is the lead singer of the famous eighties band ABC and was the special guest at last year's Annual Alumni Reunion. Also pictured is Mrs Ruth Stanley, Deputy Director of Development and Mrs Julie Fry.



From left to right – Miles Stevenson, Julie Fry, Keith Burnett, Ruth Stanley and Martin Fry



Grab a print while you can

The University commissioned local artist Joe Scarborough to paint "Our University" in celebration of its centenary in 2005. The 500 signed copies sold out helping generate £18,000 for scholarships. Fortunately we still have a few unsigned copies available in the office. To purchase a print for £15.00 plus P&P and help our scholarship fund, please telephone +44 (0) 114 222 5592 or email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk.

Has Sheffield left an impression on you?

What do you remember about Sheffield? Is it a tutor who inspired you, the nights out at the Students' Union, or the support you received at university? If you have any interesting anecdotes, specific memories, videos or photos we would love to hear from you. If you would like to share your stories, come and visit 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 Development Officer for Legacies and Individual Giving, David Meadows, on +44 (0) 114 222 1073 or e-mail d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk.

