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Welcome to the Friends of Harvard Celtic Studies.
Dear Friend,

You are invited to join us in support of Celtic studies at Harvard University. The Friends of Harvard Celtic Studies was organized in 1993 to provide the community with the opportunity to support and to participate in the numerous innovative programs and activities of Harvard's Celtic Department. The response from the community has been overwhelming, and we are pleased to say that a new era has dawned for the Celtic cultures in our area.

Friends of Harvard Celtic Studies gather periodically for evenings of good cheer and cultural enrichment. Our events have featured superb performances of traditional Irish music, a demonstration of ancient Scottish music, a reading by Seamus Heaney, and the unique work of Belfast artist Ross Wilson. Celtic Studies Chair, Professor Tomás Ó Cathasaigh, is always on hand to brief us on current activities in the department and to share with us his visions for broadening the study of the Celtic cultures in this country. If you haven’t already joined the Friends, we invite you to take this opportunity to do so. If you are already a member, we’re sure you’ll want to pass this on to a friend.

You’ll be happy to know that our Friend and former Celtic Dept. Chair, Patrick Ford, is enjoying his retirement with an active scholarly agenda as Margaret Brooks Robinson Research Professor. Last spring, he taught Middle Welsh while Professor Catherine McKenna was on leave, and this spring, he will contribute to two conferences and make a special presentation to the Library at the University of Wales, Bangor. We appreciate our ongoing connections with Pat and value his continued membership in the Friends.

No doubt you recall the friendly, personal invitation sent to you in early September by Professor Catherine McKenna, then Acting Chair of Celtic. She was delighted to meet many of you at our John Kelleher Lecture early last October. We value our long-standing connections to the Irish community, and we are making new contacts in the Welsh community as well. Our recent Irish Charitable Society celebration was a huge success. St. David’s Day this year promises to bring interesting new guests to our Winter Event. Not only do we celebrate our Irish traditions, we also enjoy a strong sense of “Welsh-ness” at Harvard.

What an exciting year awaits us! These are some of the programs our members support:

• **Exchange Student Program:** We’re proud to announce that one of our students will be working on his dissertation this spring semester in Bangor, Wales. Your support will ensure that we can continue future exchanges like this one.

• **Cultural Events:** The Celtic Department sponsors cultural talks and events to bring out new scholarship in the field and to build connections with the community. This year, our students brought an Irish tenor to Harvard to accompany the film “Irish Destiny”. Your help will continue to bring events like this to the community.

• **Student Fellowships:** Your donation will make it possible for students to attend language programs and conferences here and in the Celtic countries. Consider a special contribution of $1,500 or more to help our students . . .
  - enroll in summer programs overseas (Irish language in Galway or Donegal, Scottish Gaelic in Skye, Welsh in Cardiff or Lampeter)
  - attend Celtic and medieval conferences – presenting papers, meeting notable Celtic scholars and mentors, networking for future jobs

• **Celtic Colloquium:** Your support for our Annual Harvard Celtic Colloquium can help us present our annual three-day conference which attracts scholars worldwide, and it is organized by our students. A special gift from you would help us continue to offer new research in Celtic studies here at home!

• **Celtic Publications:** The *Proceedings of the Harvard Celtic Colloquium* is now available at the Harvard University Press. Sought by scholars and libraries worldwide, it represents a fine student publication in Celtic. You can take pride in making a special gift to support this series!

• **The Kelleher Lecture:** The Celtic Department honors the memory of John V. Kelleher, Emeritus Professor of Irish Studies, by presenting world-renowned scholars, poets, artists, or musicians from the world of culture, arts, history, literature and languages of the Celtic peoples. Your donation will ensure the lasting tradition of this unique lecture series.

**How Can You Help?:**

Please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to us with your check right away. Our goal this year is to exceed $10,000 in gifts. Can we count on your generosity? If you want to give a special gift to be used specifically for one of the programs above, please specify the purpose on the memo section of your check or on the enclosed donation form.

Your tax-deductible membership will include special invitations to our Friends’ events, the latest news of theatrical and cultural presentations, and your ongoing association with the faculty and students of one of the finest departments of Celtic in the world. Please consider asking a friend or relative to join us. They can sign-up online, make a pledge, and send their membership check in to us.

We urge you to consider making a bequest to the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard – to help us, in your name, keep alive the heritage, the scholarship, and the contributions of the Celtic peoples, for this and future generations.

We hope that you will join us, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. We appreciate and value your membership, and we welcome your participation in building the future of Celtic studies here at Harvard University.

Phil Haughey and Jack Réardon, Co-chairs

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