

The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



◆ News & Notices ◆ July / August 2007

Letter from the President

We end this year of the Harvard Club on a high note. Our members continue to arrange great events. Last month, 100 members participated in a Justice class with Prof. Michael Sandel and for two hours, Harvard graduates from many decades thought they were back at the College. As a follow-on, the HCUK has been asked to participate in a pilot online Justice course wherein members will watch the lectures on line and discuss the issues in local book clubs with Prof. Sandel and teaching fellows available for electronic office hours. A few weeks later, Harvard Club member and interviewer (and Nobel Prize winner Orhan Pamuk's translator) **Maureen Freely** introduced her latest book to similar enthusiastic numbers. June ended with the Cambridge dinner at which 120 of us gathered at Emmanuel College to honor the Harvard/Cambridge scholars.

The schools program continues to thrive. A few weeks ago, we welcomed the class of 2011 at our annual June reception - most of the nearly 30 students and their parents were there and they demonstrated the growing success of our outreach program which led to students from 124 schools in the UK applying to Harvard. Not so many years ago, most applicants came from a handful of schools and usually had strong American ties. Now not only are students from all backgrounds and from all corners of the United Kingdom applying but most applicants did not grow up in the States.

We are also pleased to announce that **Sir Ronald Cohen** has been elected a member of Harvard's Board of Overseers. He joins fellow club member **Lisbet Rausing** as an Overseer. **Scott Malkin**, **Sanjay Patel**, and **Brooks Newmark** are elected directors, so the UK is well-represented on Harvard's governing bodies.

The club functions as a result of the dedication of its members. Several of our Officers who have contributed so much over the years are moving back to the States. **Deepak Abraham**, the Vice President for Events will be moving to New York during this next year. Deepak was a UK admit to Harvard from Christ's Hospital and returned here after graduation. For much of the past decade he has been actively involved in running the events area as well as interviewing and recent grads activities. In these months before he leaves, he will be acting as a mentor to many of our new recruits to the events subcommittee. **Julian Ha** who began the year as Club Secretary and brought considerable enthusiasm and insight to our deliberations moved to Northern Virginia shortly after the birth of his son. Newsletter editor **Martha Genieser** became Club Secretary after Christmas and has now moved to New York. She and her husband Rob supported Harvard's efforts in the UK over many years and were great mentors to a number of UK admitted students. We will miss them, and on behalf of the club, I want to thank Deepak, Julian, and Martha for volunteering so much of themselves over so many years to make the club a success.

We have a great lineup of events planned for next year, including a special celebration at Southwark Cathedral for the 400th anniversary of John Harvard's baptism there, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our diverse gatherings next year. Have a great summer!

Brandon Bradkin AB '89, JD '92

Upcoming Events

◆ 20 July 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Second US Alumni Summer Reception
Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, London W1
Contact Natalie Teich (nmt4@cornell.edu)

◆ *28 July 1-5pm

Recent Grads event - Saturday in the Park
Kensington Gardens
Contact Mark Best (Mark.Best@carlyle.com)

◆ *11 September 6.30 pm

HCUK Book Event - talk and book
discussion with Clotilde Dusoulier,
author of *Chocolate & Zucchini*
The Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place,
London W1J 5JD

◆ *19 September 6.30 pm

An Evening at Handel House Reception,
Exhibition, Tour and Concert
23/25 Brook Street, London W.1. £25/£30
numbers strictly limited - apply early!
Contact Jenny Lo (jennylo@msn.com)
(Nearest Tube Stop: Green Park Station)

◆ *26 September 6.30 pm

Independent Education in the UK - Edward
Gould, Chairman of the Independent Schools
Council.
The Lecture Room, Westminster School,
Little Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PF
Contact Evi Kaplanis (evi@kaplanis.com)

◆ *6 October 11.00 am

Constable Country Walk
Contact: Jane Bird janebbaird@yahoo.com

◆ *25 November 11.00 am

Choral Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral
in celebration of 400th anniversary of
baptism of John Harvard in Southwark.
Rev. Professor Peter Gomes (Minister of
Memorial Church at Harvard) with Dean of
Southwark.

** invitation enclosed*

See also events listing on www.hcuk.org

Introducing "Justice Online: Reconnect with Harvard"

Join acclaimed Professor Michael J. Sandel and the Harvard Club of the United Kingdom for the online version of the most popular undergraduate course at Harvard. Tackle issues of political and moral reasoning, from Aristotle and John Stuart Mill to contemporary philosophical issues and questions.

More than two years in the making, "Justice Online" redefines the global classroom and continues the Harvard Alumni Association's mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities for alumni. With the first course ever to be fully filmed, the HAA returns the discovery of learning from a master teacher and the excitement of a Harvard-classroom discussion to alumni. Beginning in September, this 24 online-lecture course will challenge viewers' thinking through facilitated discussions for Harvard Club members, online office hours with Professor Sandel for Harvard Club members, and a course blog. Alumni may view lectures at their convenience through the course website or download podcasts. You will be able to register later in the summer at <http://www.hcuk.org> to take part in this engaging session and see what makes Sandel's class at Harvard legendary.

HCUK Set Up for the Course:

At the moment I have agreed to help organize the set up of the course for the club. This is a unique initiative of the HAA and we are one of the pilot clubs being included in the course. You will have to be a member of the club (so please renew early in September) and we would prefer to have registration on the club's website. Depending on demand we will need to set up various groups with a leader. If you took Professor Sandel's course and want to steer the discussion groups, please contact me. I would envision some evening sessions and possibly weekend ones, depending on volunteers. This will only work with club member's involvement. If you wish to offer you house, work place or any club space for this, please let me know. I expect participants to be pro-active. If anyone wishes to help me organize this, please contact me right away as I will be away for a portion of the autumn. (Joan MacIver – contact tel. no. 01440 785 244 email: jpmaciver@post.harvard.edu). This course is only available to Harvard alumni and registered members of the club. If you have not yet registered on line with www.post.harvard.edu, please do so now to be ready to start the course in September.

Joan Porter MacIver AB'75

SATURDAY IN THE PARK JULY 28th 1-5pm

Kensington Gardens (South of the duck pond, near the Gazebo - look for the crimson and white balloons)
A chance to get to know the other recent grads in London and enjoy the summer sun (we hope).
Bring a blanket, a picnic (food and drink not provided), a frisbee (or your sporting equipment of choice)

The HCUK Recent Grad Class Reps

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Past Events

Over ninety club members revisited Harvard's most popular class with Prof. Michael Sandel on May 17th at Freshfields auditorium. The lively discussions about the issue of 'single sex marriage' and the myriad views of the audience highlighted the style of Sandel's course "Justice" which he has taught for more than 25 years. As promised in the invitation, Prof. Sandel certainly did cause us to stretch our views. You can continue to do so by joining an on line classroom this coming September (see separate article). If you signed up on the night, please be pro-active and do so again when an email notice is sent out to members.

Sylvia W. Houghteling '06, the Lionel de Jersey Harvard Scholar was a gracious host to a full crowd at the annual Harvard Dinner on Saturday, the 23rd of June, at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and the heavens were kind as the downpours stopped for the night. Brooks Newmark MP, AB '80, MBA '84 was the guest speaker for the evening with a talk "A Yank At Westminster". Brooks was born in the US and is only the 3rd American to have become a Member of Parliament (Nancy Astor in 1920s, Chips Channon in the 1930s and Brooks in 2005). Brooks has been a past President of the Club and a HAA Director and his son Benjamin is currently at Harvard College. The other 2006-07 Harvard-Cambridge Scholars are Om Lala, Jonathan Blazek and Joseph Hanzich, who were all there with guests at High Table. We look forward to seeing some of you next year on June 21st 2008 and welcoming a new batch of Harvard Scholars this autumn – as Brooks said this is one of the wonderful representations of the 'special ties' between the USA and the UK.

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On June 12th, Maureen Freely discussed her latest novel ENLIGHTENMENT at the Lansdowne Club under the auspices of the HCUK and her publisher Marion Boyars Publishers. The event provided a unique insight into the author's writing and background. After a reading from the book and providing background information, the guests enlivened the evening with a series of very probing questions, which provided even greater insight into this intricate novel. This is Maureen's third appearance on the HCUK scene – first with a book reading of her novel *The Other Rebecca* (in the 90s) and then in a conversation with Orhan Pamuk on his Nobel Prize winning book *Istanbul*, which she translated (this event was jointly hosted with the Istanbul Heritage Fund in April 2005). We thank Maureen for giving so generously of her time. The event was such a success that we are working with her publisher, Catherine Kilgariff of Marion Boyars and hosting an event on September 11th with Clothilde Dusoulier (see event listings and the flyer.) These events could not be possible without the generosity of the Lansdowne Club and its staff.

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