

The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



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Upcoming Events

◆ **29 January 6.30 pm**

An Evening of Chinese Art
with Robert D. Mowry, Alan J.
Dworsky Curator of Chinese
Art, Harvard Art Museum,
Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall,
London SW1Y 5EP Contact:
Ann Starnbach (ann_starnbach@
harvard.edu)

◆ ***19 February 6.30 pm**

**All Ivy Plus Winter Cocktail
Reception** East India Club,
16 St James's Square, London
SW1.. Contact: Natalie Teich
(nmt4@cornell.edu)

◆ ***21 May 7.30 pm**

Royal Ballet Mixed Bill at the
Royal Opera House, Covent
Garden. Contact: Evi Kaplanis
(evi@kaplanis.com)

**invitation enclosed
See also events listing on
www.hcuk.org*

Letter from the President

I am often asked about how events happen. Let me give the background of a recent one. On Friday evening January 16, Dean Harry Lewis lectured to 60 members on the diminishing zones of privacy in the digital environment. The event originated when the HAA told us just before Christmas that Dean Lewis had a meeting in England and would be happy to stay over and speak to the Club. On January 7, we confirmed the date, time, and venue, and a team led by Events VP Don Guiney went into overdrive contacting people to make them aware (apologies if you received multiple emails and calls). Last October in an elevator, I met Ed Han who had just moved to London and said he was a Harvard grad and a computer science major. I immediately contacted him and was pleased to learn that not only was he a former student of Dean Lewis, he was also his teaching fellow. Ed agreed to introduce Dean Lewis and act as host for the evening and describes the talk in greater detail below. While we maintain a forward calendar and most events are months in planning, I am pleased that so many members in their first week back in the New Year worked together to make this happen.

Brandon Bradkin AB '89, JD '92

*Congratulations to Brandon and Ann
on the birth of their second son, Thomas!
(pictured right)*



Thanksgiving Dinner

HCUK organized and hosted the 6th Annual American Thanksgiving Dinner in London, held 30 November (the Sunday after the holiday) at Smollensky's on the Strand. Over 115 adults and a further 25+ children tucked in to either a traditional turkey dinner or delicious non-traditional offerings such as pumpkin risotto and Boston fish.

We made new friends from many London-area American alumni clubs – including Brown (2), Columbia (22), Duke (4), GW (6), Georgetown (6), LBS (1 – just an Amerophile!), MIT (6), NYU (2), Northwestern (4), Princeton (4), Stanford (2), UCLA (2), UVa (8), and Yale (2). Since the dinner, HCUK has received more invitations for inter-Ivy events, and particularly new events that were previously open only to the host club's members – a result of which we are extremely proud! In fact, well into 2009 we continue to receive compliments on the “best-run”, “most delicious”, and “most reasonably priced” Thanksgiving luncheon to date. Although we receive these thanks with grace, we know that a Harvard-hosted event is nothing less than spectacular! Perhaps it was all those balloons and pop-up Tom Turkeys ... See you for the 7th Annual sit-down in November!

Sarah Otner AB '06



THE Game live!

It was another great turnout for THE Game live! On 22 November. More than 90 alums (and a few undergrads) revelled in the special atmosphere that football's oldest rivalry engenders, even 3,000 miles away from Harvard Stadium. As in years past, the vast majority attending were recent grads which is particularly pleasing to the HCUK and its Yale counterpart. "It is always great seeing so many young alumni at this event," said Joe Vittoria, Yale club president. "These are graduates who are difficult for clubs to track down so this event gives both clubs an opportunity to engage these alumni and, hopefully, get them involved in club activities on an ongoing basis."

On the field, Harvard continued its recent dominance of Yale with a 10-0 victory, sufficient for a share of the Ivy title with Brown. However, in addition to enjoying the next best thing to being in Cambridge in person, most attendees were just happy to partake of the great food, beverage and camaraderie that makes this flagship event on the club calendar so unique.

As always, THE Game live! would not be possible without the very generous support of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and **Don Guiney**, Events Committee Co-Chair, who supplied the venue, technical support and catering. However, it would really not be possible without all of the behind-the-scenes work of Don's PA, **Jackie Bulmer**, who does all of the heavy lifting to make this event come off as flawlessly as it does every year. The club gives its sincerest thanks to Jackie, Don and Freshfields.

As Yale alums are now used to saying, "Wait until next year" - which, by the way, will be **21 November, same time, same place and, hopefully, same result.**

Robert Gould AB '67

Seven Colleges Book Club

Here is the 'second semester' reading list and schedule of the 7s Book Club. The books chosen continue to be wide ranging and will provide broad scope for our discussions. Sue Rees continues to lead the group.

There is a fee of £4 for the participation in each meeting. Please ring the host if you plan to attend. All meetings are held from 12 noon to 2pm on a Wednesday. Join us!

21 January The Madonnas of Leningrad - Debra Dean

Tamara Haggard's home tel: 020 7584 4869
tube: Knightsbridge

25 February The Return of the Native - Thomas Hardy

Alice Reid's home tel: 020 8742 3708
tube: Turnham Green

25 March The Towers of Trebizond - Rose Macauley

Julia Kellerman's home tel: 020 8458 6113
tube: Golders Green

22 April The Reluctant Fundamentalist - Mohsin Hamid

Jenni Buhr's home tel: 020 7431 4425
tube: Hampstead

20 May The Road - Cormac McCarthy

Lisa Beslity's home tel: 020 7584 7138
tube: Knightsbridge

10 June The Carpenter's Pencil - Manuel Rivas

Sue Rees's home tel: 020 8455 8609
tube: Golders Green
tube: Knightsbridge

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If you have an article, review of an event, announcement or details of an upcoming event which you would like included in the next issue, please email Cindy Levy (cindy_levy@mckinsey.com) by Monday 2nd March 2009. All contributions welcome!