

# The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



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## Upcoming Events

◆ **13 August 6.30pm**

**An American in Curzon Street:  
remembering Albert H Gordon**

G Heywood Hill Ltd., 10 Curzon Street,  
London W1J 5HH Contact: +44 20  
7629 0647 for an invitation

◆ **\*10 September 6-9pm**

**"8: Ivy League Football and America"**

Screening of the award winning  
documentary with a panel discussion of  
ex-Ivy footballers. Lecture Theatre,  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer,  
65 Fleet St., London EC4Y 1HS  
RSVP: [www.hcuk.org](http://www.hcuk.org)

Contact: [robertgould@post.harvard.edu](mailto:robertgould@post.harvard.edu)

◆ **7 October 3.30pm**

**Five Minds for the Future Speaker**

**Howard Gardner**, Hobbs Professor  
of Cognition & Education, Harvard  
Graduate School of Education,  
Roedean School, Roedean Way,  
Brighton, BN2 5RQ £30 Contact: Lisa  
Pennington - [lpe@roedean.co.uk](mailto:lpe@roedean.co.uk)

◆ **\*21 November 3-8pm**

**THE Game Live!** Live telecast of

Harvard v Yale from Cambridge  
preceded by the screening of the  
award winning documentary "Harvard  
Beats Yale 29-29" Lecture Theatre,  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer,  
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## Letter from the President

**H**arvard's oldest graduate, **Albert Gordon AB'23, MBA'25** died in May at **107 years old**. Al was a remarkable person who had deep ties to the UK as well as being a devoted alumnus. He began his career on Wall Street during the Jazz Age, and following the Crash at age 29 took over the bankrupt Kidder Peabody which he ran until it was sold to GE in 1986. Al Gordon stories became urban legends on Wall Street. He ordered all his key people to read Strunk and White's Elements of Style. He paid people to quit smoking and always travelled in economy. If he saw a Kidder employee in first class, he would pass up a note asking "How's the food up there?"

Al was very involved with Harvard, serving as President of the Harvard Club of New York as well as donating the Track and Tennis Center. He was incredibly dedicated to exercise and twice ran the London Marathon (the first time was at age 81). His son went to Winchester College, and Al became a great patron of Winchester Cathedral. He also developed a love for Anthony Trollope, who created the great swindler Augustus Melmotte in *The Way We Live Now* and was chairman of the Trollope society. For his philanthropy, he was awarded an O.B.E. in 2001.

Heywood Hill bookstore on Curzon Street (where Al bought many of his books) has organised an exhibition in his honour which will open on August 10 and run until September 4.

**Brandon Bradkin AB '89, JD '92**

## Jim Baker honoured in English/Wampanoag

**O**n May 1, 2009, Jim Baker was honoured by members of Harvard's English and Native American community for mentorship, friendship, and for strengthening the 1650 Charter (that calls for the education of English and Indian youth of the country), in a ceremony that combined English and Wampanoag Indian elements. The ceremony took place in Cambridge, Massachusetts during the HAA spring meeting.

Dr. Judith Sanford-Harris of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe opened the ceremony with a prayer in the Wampanoag language; Brooks Newmark MP ('80 MBA '84), continued with an

address outlining some of Jim's contributions to the Harvard community; I, with the assistance of Ms. Shirley Mills, a respected elder from the North American Indian Center of Boston, "blanketed" Jim in a traditional Native American blanket in a portion of the Ceremony where Jim also received a pipe (*see picture right*); and The Black Brook Singers, the community drum of the Aquinnah Wampanoag people on Martha's Vineyard who were also honoured at the ceremony sang an honouring song in tribute to Jim. The honouring ceremony concluded with a performance of two undergraduate students, Ryaan Ahmed AB '11 (on lute) and Pamina Smith AB '11 (vocals) who performed "Never Weather Beaten Sail" by Thomas Campion.

**Patrik Johansson MPH '01 Elected Director 2006-2009**



Jessica Fletcher, winner of the Harvard Book Prize at Francis Holland School (Clarence Gate) with Helen Forbes (left), Head of Sixth Form and Hattie Hartman (right), coordinator of the Harvard Book Prize programme for HCUK. The book was awarded at a school assembly introduced by Head Vivian Durham. For more information about the Harvard Book Prize see article overleaf.

## John Harvard Dinner, Emmanuel College, Cambridge

**This year's Harvard Dinner was full to capacity with a mixture of Harvard grads and their guests and Emmanuel College past and future Herschel Smith Scholars.**

HCUK President, Brandon Bradkin, represented the club at High Table. We were very honoured to have Lord Rees as our guest speaker and the audience thoroughly enjoyed his talk with reflections on life and astronomy preceded by a witty introduction from Lord Wilson, Master of Emmanuel College.



*The 2009-2010 Cambridge-Harvard Scholars: Laura Kolbe (Jesus College), Gerardon Con Diaz (Trinity College), Mishy Harman (Pembroke College) and Erika Helgen (Emmanuel College) with Joan Porter MacIver, Past HCUK President and the co-organiser of the dinner with Erika Helgen.*



*Benjamin Newmark (class 2010) and Brooks Newmark MP ('80 MBA '84) with the Guest Speaker, Professor Lord Rees, Master of Trinity, and Astronomer Royal.*

At the event we had Mark Hoffman '59 (a former HCUK President 1990-93) who had just attended his 50th Harvard reunion but he was outdone by Ann Grace '39 who came almost straight off the plane from her 70th Radcliffe Reunion and attended the evening with her granddaughter, Katherine Waters. The weather was kind and the beautiful dining hall basked in the lingering light of a midsummer evening. A good time was had by all.

The HCUK appreciates the support of the college and the work of Dr Sarah Bendall in making this event possible and the continuing joint financial support from the Harvard Cambridge Scholarship Committee to subsidise the recent grads and current students - judging from the numbers attending this is a winning combination.

**Joan Porter MacIver '75,**  
Harvard Dinner Organiser and Past HCUK President

### Harvard-Yale London Alumni Football Match

**The now annual H-Y London recent alums football match took place on Sunday June 28th at the Battersea Park all weather pitches.** It was a great game and a glorious day with two talented teams and the fight for victory was long and hard. Yale were stronger in the first half, opening up the goal scoring with their first at 34min, followed closely by another at 37min. but with superstar Harvard keeper Ian Mok ('05) in goal, Yale were thwarted for the rest of the half with Harvard coming back strong to close the half with a goal at 44min.

After a bit of haggling over rules and regulations, the second half kicked off. Entering the half with the confidence of a goal under our belt Harvard dominated, pounding the goal with shot after shot until we scored our 2nd goal at 59min. Unfortunately Yale launched a ferocious counterattack, scoring two further goals within two mins at 61 and 63min. Not to be put off by this minor hiccup, Harvard struck back strongly, taking back dominance and scoring a third goal at 73min and then hitting the crossbar at 75min and narrowly missing at 77min. We held off Yale for the remainder of the match and just didn't manage to slip another goal past the Yale keeper before the 90min whistle blew.

While Harvard clearly brought the better (and more diverse) team, Yale ultimately triumphed with an all-male crew seemingly possessed by an intensely competitive spirit. But the 4-3 scoreboard did not accurately reflect the skill and heart brought to the pitch by the crimson who very much dominated in the second half with far more shots on goal and several very near misses.

But it was all forgotten in the pub afterwards where the alumni mixed and enjoyed a few beers and some great food sponsored by the clubs.

Attendance was high for this fantastic event and we only hope to get higher numbers next year. **Sarah Eno '03**

### Harvard Book Prize 2009 Looking for Club members to sponsor schools

**Would you like to do outreach for Harvard at a UK secondary school? If you are a graduate or parent at a UK secondary school or simply interested in 'recruiting' for Harvard, sponsoring a Harvard Book Prize is an easy way to get involved.**

Each year HCUK selects a book which is sent out to about 100 secondary schools to increase awareness about Harvard and encourage top students to apply. The book is awarded to "an outstanding student in the penultimate year, who is academically excellent, has exceptional personal qualities and makes a significant contribution to school or community."

This year's book, Mary Beard's *Pompeii, The Life of a Roman Town*, went out to 108 schools. To see the full list of schools, go to: <http://clubs.harvard.edu/olc/pub/HAA/university/involved.jsp?chapter=64> and click on Book Prize Programme. Schools which are already sponsored are listed in bold.

Club members can 'adopt' a school by underwriting its book prize for a contribution of £30/year. A three year minimum commitment is preferred in order to build a relationship with a school. If interested, sponsors may also serve as ambassadors for Harvard at the school by awarding the book prize in person and/or getting to know the staff member responsible for university admissions and encouraging qualified applicants to apply.

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