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Trickling Down – An Editorial

Friday, April the 13th, proved to be a lucky and happy day for your Society, because the ball that evening was reported by our guests to have been even brighter and more fun than last year, and the harp playing during dinner made conversation more possible than when the band was blowing at Beaufort scale 6. You can find some of the verbatim comments of guests on page 3.

Our happy time at the ball was in sharp contrast to the dire situations in which we find many of our clients. While we were enjoying free martinis, and dancing in our finery, many of those who come to us for help are wondering where their next meal is coming from, or how they will heat their houses. So our good times were alleviating the bad times of others. Somehow “market” forces seemed to be working things out, and equilibrium was being partially restored. Our good times were trickling down.

Those of us in the charity game are always looking guiltily over our shoulders to see if we are being self-righteous, or condescending, or feeling superior to those who are less fortunate than we are. Maybe it’s their fault that they are always finding themselves in a pickle. So how can we give without these feelings of self-doubt?

Wordsworth, in one of his Ecclesiastical Sonnets, writes:

“ ... give all ye can!
High Heaven rejects the lore
Of nicely calculated less or more”

To be able to give generously, with an open heart, is surely one of the great joys of life. To make the ball work required an enormous amount of hard work, with careful attention to detail, but to work cooperatively with others in a good cause is one of the most rewarding things anyone can do. And, oh yes, we did make a modest profit.

We will be doing it again soon, when we have decided whether the autumn, as in 2005, or the spring, as it was this year, is the better season. We would welcome your views on this. Meanwhile we are extremely grateful to those who came this year, and to all of those who help us in so many other ways.

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THE BALL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN DUGDALE'S BALL COMMITTEE

The Ball

**Brits, Black Ties, and Black Cats
British Charitable Society Brings Glamour Back
to Boston**

By Thomas Keown

By shortly after midnight there were only stained table cloths, strings of dejected raffle tickets, and members of the Executive Committee dancing solo to Sting. Guy Bennett burst forth from a pile of Glenfiddich bottles to wish the departing safe passage and the Harvard Club knew that it had had a ball.

150 ladies and gentlemen in a steaming cauldron of fun trod with delicate elegance the line between suave sophistication and fiery fiesta. The suits were grand, the dresses chic, and the hairdos a testimony to what patience can accomplish in a world preoccupied by pace. The prewar grandeur of a British Charitable Society Ball was recreated in some style and in surroundings of such opulence and timeless majesty that P.G. Wodehouse could have set an entire series in them. High ceilings, towering columns, candlelight and an immaculate stone floor provided the perfect stage for an evening of fun in the name of compassion, charity and a classiness that it's still ok to enjoy yourself in.

Those who had most carefully read their invitations were the first to arrive -- knowing as they did that scotch tasting and a complimentary martini bar would run for a good hour and a half before mealtime. A typical timeline began with a brief admiring glance at the regal Bentley outside, followed by a warm handshake of welcome from Society President Charles Platt and a light-footed trek upstairs to a King's spread of hors d'oeuvres and gasps of "Oh hello there, so good to see you again," or "Oh my don't you just look gorgeous" or "What a beautiful venue, I've never been here before, have you? Oh you have. Well now that I think about it, I may have been as well. Yes definitely in fact."

A mark of the enthusiasm with which guests greeted the hospitality was that said martini bar exhausted its vodka reserves by 7.30pm -- good news for gin lovers but bad news for this reporter's date whose happiness depended on vodka, and for this reporter whose happiness depended on that of his date. Fortunately Boots the Chemist came to the rescue with a goody bag stocked to the brim with items that the gentlemen were as likely to spread on crackers after tea as on the body after a bath, but which made ladies go "Oooh" contently.



The Cocktail Hour

The instruction to descend the staircase for dinner came moments after eight and generated a final dash around the generously stocked silent auction offerings. From the Red Sox to artwork to go-karting to trips away, there was something for every taste and every budget. It has been said that silent auctions are viewed in most of the U.S. as either an opportunity to be benevolent or to show off, but in Boston as a bargain hunt. Well the generosity with which guests bid this evening put that notion to bed without any supper and fast.

A giant harp and a regularly sized harpist stroked the hungry to their tables for former Society President Tim Hunt to give thanks for the meal. A moment to reflect on how much we have to be



The Band in Full Voice

grateful for and how grateful we should be for it -- and a theme that carried into the later remarks of keynote speaker, British Consul-General Mr. John Rankin. In endearingly few words for a diplomat never mind a Scotsman, Mr. Rankin first reminded the skeptical masses that God lived in Britain, and then reminded all of us of why we were at the Harvard Club that evening.

"British people in New England who have fallen on terribly hard times depend on the assistance of the British Charitable Society and everyone in this room is contributing to that mission," he said. Without mentioning individual cases the Consul stressed that the Society operates with near zero administrative

costs in order that every precious donated dollar goes right to those families and those individuals who so desperately need it.



The Consul-General Speaks

“This has been great fun,” said Society President Charles Platt afterwards. “But it is about so much more than that. It is about the family in Connecticut who can’t pay their heating bills in winter. And about the lady in Massachusetts who lost her job through ill health, and then her husband, and now doesn’t know how she will provide for her children. And about the dozens of other cases we try to provide help and hope to every year.”



And Charles Platt, the President of the Society, speaks

Fine food and fine wine gave way to the fine music of Kahootz and to dancing which, in the main, was less than fine but laced with enviable enthusiasm and an absence of the inhibition that fuels so many British stereotypes. Couples and singles demonstrated dance from across the generations -- from Victorian rigidity through an Edwardian

abdication of rhythm to ultra modern moves practiced by folk you feel might favor the abolition of lifetime peerages without blinking.

Some of the sharper ladies had by now realized that the gift bags were not all identical and so paired up and swapped with other married sorts in order to get both varieties in their coupling before leaving. On the one hand it was a little cynical perhaps, but on the other hand it was admirably resourceful and evidence still of that indefatigable British spirit that carried the women of empire through two world wars and the bad old days when you couldn’t just go to one big shop for all the groceries.

As closing time hove into view, something involving a woman’s scarf and a group of mixed gender and resembling a ‘how low can you go’ limbo was in full swing in the middle of the floor and it was clearly time to go.

“Even better and even more enjoyable than last time,” said Terri Evans MBE. “Very well organized and the whole evening flowed so seamlessly. If only raising money could always be this much fun.”

You weren’t there? Why on earth not?

Black Cat Ball QuoteBoard – What they said:

“Well I can’t say the evening was healthy but it was certainly well engineered.”

Mr. and Mrs. Sauder (She a doctor and he an engineer – quite punny really)



Paul Downey (l) of sponsor Boston Bentley with friends

“A good evening and a good crowd. What is nice is that the club is the perfect size for the numbers. Everyone is obviously having a great time”

Mr. David Chun of the British Consulate

“The venue is beautiful and the music is wonderful. But a few too many English accents perhaps...”
Scott and Cathy Pale (N.B. – the accents remark was a joke. Really)

“A lovely evening that will hopefully become a regular fixture in the Boston calendar. The British Charitable Society do enormously valuable work and tonight’s event demonstrates that although Americans are known for their philanthropy, the British are pretty good at it too.”
Mr. John Rankin, HM Consul General and Guest of Honor on the evening

“I loved it. Good food, gorgeous venue and shameless enthusiasm on the dance floor.”
Miss Adianez Albelo from Cuba and very beautiful

“Fantastic! Wonderful! I have had a great time and the people have been fabulous.”
Miss Dana D’Alfonso, Bentley



Brian Farnell of Sponsor W.T. Grant

“I feel a tad overdressed. I went to the coat check and ordered a pizza. I’m just in Boston for the weekend and didn’t know what was going on.”
Man in jeans and distressed leather jacket who entered at 11.55pm

“I’ve had a grand time. The food and the networking have been good and it has been a great opportunity to see parents misbehaving. But the singles scene is a bit lacking.”
Mr. Fred Lancaster who may have given a false name.

“Hail Britannia! I’m enamoured with British culture and the fact that’s one of few places where they still like we Americans.”
Mr. Brian Saipe from Milton

“It was a great event to be at. The amount of work it takes to put one of these evenings together is enormous and I pay tribute to the Society and the organizing committee. You did a fantastic job.”
Sister Lena Deevy, Executive Director of the Irish Immigration Center

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held this year on Thursday May 24 at the offices of the Consulate-General on the 15th floor of One Memorial Drive in Cambridge, starting at 6:30 pm. Evening parking is available below the building at \$5 for the evening.

A Case Study

Mrs. Y in Connecticut



**Susan Dugdale
Executive Secretary**

I think many of us would agree that a telephone call to an anonymous body at a remote call center, rarely results in a completely satisfied customer. That is why it is so refreshing for those of us on the Executive Committee

and certainly the inhabitants of Connecticut to have the people at the 2-1-1 Helpline ready and waiting to take calls. Such is the level of awareness and training that sometimes what appears to be an irrelevant line of questioning can produce a result.

Such was the case a few months ago when Mrs. Y, through a series of unfortunate circumstances, one after the other, found herself on the brink of eviction, with little food in the house and nowhere to turn for help. When, in desperation she phoned 211 she was surprised to be asked if she was British. Her natural and honest response was negative; she was born and raised in the US. Further questioning however revealed that her previous husband, from whom she was divorced and who was the father of her children was indeed British. She was directed to the Society and soon learned that as it was her children who were suffering, we could indeed help.

Her situation is not unusual. Since their separation her husband had always been erratic with child support payments, usually paying only the minimum, court mandated, amounts in cash whenever he was

pressed to do so. Extra money for both children, now aged 14 and 16 was rarely forthcoming, even less so since he had remarried and had another child 2 years ago. In an effort to preserve a calm atmosphere and maintain a relationship between him and his children, Mrs. Y had let things go for many years and even when funds were tight in the household had used savings from her own wages, rather than press her ex husband. This situation might have gone on for ever, if Mrs. Y had remained healthy, but sadly in 2005 she was diagnosed with a brain disorder which caused her balance to be affected. In 2006 she lost her job and started the process of applying for disability payments from the state of CT. Because her diagnosis was complicated the process was still going on nine months after her initial application. She had been assured that eventually she would enter the system and receive help from the state, but in the meantime she needed constant testing, both medically and financially until everyone was satisfied. When she contacted us she had used up all her savings and the goodwill of family members and friends and had nowhere else to turn.

The British Charitable Society paid her rent for 3 months over the Christmas/New Year period and sent her a donation towards getting school supplies for her children. When the disability benefits had still not been approved by February a further 2 months rent was paid. Since the end of March she has entered the benefit system and is also receiving the medical attention she so desperately needs before she can even consider re – entering the work force at some time in the future.

Susan Dugdale, Executive Secretary

Chris Hall, Our New Webmaster

Chris Hall, the new webmaster of the British Charitable online presence, returns to Boston having spent the past seven years in England working as a Football (soccer) Referee, serving as Executive Editor of the International journal of officiating, *Refereeing Today*, as working as an administrator for the FA Premier League. In addition he also is a Director of Alumedial, an internet consulting firm in Boston, Seattle and London. A member of the British Charitable for over 35 years, he jumped at the chance to get involved with the Society calling it "a unique opportunity to volunteer for a cause where one can really make a difference." Hall grew up in Boston and returns to New England with his wife Kari, a

graphic designer and a six month old son Drew. Below, in his own words, are his plans for the future of our site.



Chris Hall

The British Charitable Society has long benefited from having an online presence and really much of the credit for this must go to the Board as to the previous webmaster Roger Tunsley who put so much of his own time and effort into making the site so visible within the online community. It is a positive

legacy from which we will be working from and we are fortunate to have a good existing site which means we don't have to move quickly and make drastic changes to the site itself. However all web sites should, by nature, undergo revisions and refreshenings every few years, and britcharity.com is no exception.

Working with the Board, we are looking to bring some new imagery to the site as well as some new areas of functionality. This can be a difficult task as we want to stress the positive work of the Society without showing either typical stereotypical images of Britain or images that are expensive to purchase. At the same time, finding the right images that sum up the work of the Society is a difficult task that has already swallowed up many hours. I am confident that we will be able to bring more imagery into the site while still retaining the unique British flavour of the site without becoming kitsch.

We will also be looking to bring new technology to the site that was previously unavailable when the site was originally constructed. One such step will be the ability to donate online in a secure environment. Another step is to broaden our links with other charitable organisations and to improve our site rankings within the search engines. These tasks are currently taking place behind the scenes and we are hoping to unveil a revamped site in the early part of the summer.

As webmaster I would welcome any input of ideas you might have on improving our online presence. The work the Society does is valuable to so many people, and it is important that our web site reflects

not only what we do but also the hard work of our volunteers. We want it to shine as a beacon for others who might be willing to get involved in the important work of the Society. By the time this newsletter reaches you, I will have had the opportunity to meet with many of you at the Black Cat Ball and I very much hope to hear from many more of you with your feedback and thoughts as we move this important project ahead.

Chris Hall, Webmaster
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Obituary – R. Anthony Carrigan

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Tony Carrigan on April 4th, 2007. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church in Boston (Old North Church) 193 Salem Street, Boston, which is in the North End, on Saturday, May 5th 2007 at 9 am. Parking is available at the North End Parking Garage at Hull Street at 600 Commercial Avenue. A reception, with light refreshments, will follow the service at the Union Club, 8 Park Street. The wearing of medals and decorations is appropriate at this event.

Tony Carrigan was born in Durham in 1933. At school, he played cricket, rugby, tennis and ran cross country. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1952 and served at RAF Habbaniya (AHQ Iraq Command) until 1954. After his service, he came to the US, joined the Banta Company, a printing firm, and lived in Wisconsin. In 1961 he was re-assigned to Cambridge, Mass., becoming a vice-president of the firm in 1977. He retired in 1991. He had been a member of the British Charitable Society for over ten years, and had been on its Executive Committee.

In 1973, he married Jan Kenney and they have three children, Ashley, Deidre and Anthony. Tony was devoted to his family and proud of the addition of a grandson, Wyatt in December. He had a life-long love of acting, starting as a young boy in theatre and continuing with many leading roles over the years. He also he did dialect coaching and worked in commercial productions and voice-overs requiring his special voice asset.

We hope you will be able to come and honour Tony's memory on May 5th. For condolences, Jan's address is 53 Everett Avenue, Winchester, MA 01890.

Farewell to JR

We are sadly saying farewell to our popular Consul-General, John Rankin, who has returned to London. He has always been a great supporter of the British Charitable Society and we shall sorely miss him. Thank you, John

Phil Budden, from the Embassy, will take office in the autumn as the next Consul-General. Meanwhile Deputy Consul-General David Chung will be in charge.

Cricket in Massachusetts



There is quite a lot of cricket going on in Massachusetts, but it does not seem to be terribly visible to members of the general public. This short article will try to increase its visibility. Cricket is played elsewhere in New England, of course, but most of our members are from Massachusetts, and cricket in this state is a big enough subject to cover in one issue. More about cricket in the other states later.

Not unexpectedly, cricket being cricket, and Massachusetts being Massachusetts, the scene in the Commonwealth is complicated. To begin with, there is the **Massachusetts State Cricket League**, which has 17 clubs divided into two Divisions. These clubs compete with each other for their position in their respective Divisions. They mostly play on each other's grounds which are located in Boston, Wrentham and Bedford. In 2006 124 matches were scheduled. The 2007 schedule, the venues of matches, and directions to get there, may be found at www.mscl.org. The President of the League is Adrian Jordan, 617-947-5279, president@mscl.org, and their public relations man is Bikram Singh, 508-384-7526, bikram@mymandi.com.

In addition to the League clubs, there is a flourishing independent club called Colonial

Cavaliers which was formed by James Fry (978-729-8711) in 2004. In the winter of that year they merged with the Boston Brits cricket team. They play friendly matches against local teams in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut, mostly on their hosts' grounds. They played 27 matches in 2006. They practice once a week. For 2007 details go to their website at www.colonialcavaliers.com.



The Colonial Cavaliers

Three Book Reviews

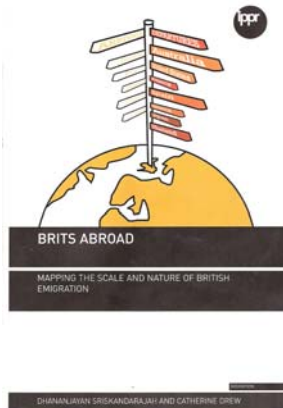
BRITS ABROAD

MAPPING THE SCALE AND NATURE OF BRITISH EMIGRATION

by Institute for Public Policy Research

£11.95 pp. 123

ISBN 1 86030 307 2



Much is known about those people who immigrate into the UK, because it has been such a hot political subject, debated in the media, in academia, in Parliament, and among ordinary citizens.

However very little has been known about Britons who emigrate.

Almost the only source of data has been the

pathetic International Passenger Survey of 755 people leaving the UK in 2004. So last year the Foreign and Colonial Office (FCO) funded a study by the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) in London to find out more about the British diaspora. The IPPR describes itself as “the UK’s leading progressive think tank.”

This is a useful and overdue study, although I wish the IPPR were not as progressive as to use “data” as a singular noun, and to use the demotic term “Brits” instead of “Britons”. What does it tell us? Well ...

- Before this study, really very little has been known about our emigrants
- About 5.5 million British nationals live permanently overseas, 9.2% of the UK’s population, and more than the number of foreigners living in the UK.
- In 2005 198,000 left Britain to start new lives abroad, and 91,000 came back.
- More and more of the emigrants are skilled.
- Most leave the UK because of the allure of the place they are going to; only 12% told the IPPR that they were going because they did not like what Britain is becoming.
- The majority of emigrants fit easily into their new communities, but a significant minority do not. (our emphasis).

The IPPR’s summary of its recommendations to UK policymakers follows:

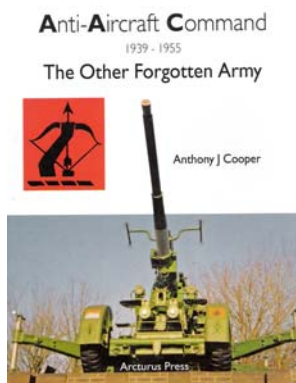
“Given the importance of emigration from the UK, this report suggests that UK policymakers should pay more attention to the issue. The UK government should follow the lead of several other countries and engage more with its diaspora. Such engagement would allow the UK to harness the potential of Britons living abroad to promote trade and investment links, develop overseas knowledge networks and act as cultural ambassadors. More should also be done to promote the political participation of Britons living abroad and to make the most of returning Britons.

“It will also be necessary for the UK government to devise fair and workable rules on how long and under what conditions a Briton living abroad is entitled to British public services. Such provision will not only ensure that those who are entitled to benefits

receive them but will also help minimize the destitution experienced by some Britons living abroad who fall between the gaps of national entitlements. (emphasis ours). A better system of information on who is abroad at any one time will also be critical in ensuring the safety of Britons living abroad during times of crisis.”

The relevance of the above recommendations to the British Charitable Society is the usefulness of the possible engagement of HMG with the local, i.e. New England, diaspora. If, through voluntary registration, the Consulate were to begin to assemble a database of the names and addresses of British National living in New England, we would, of course, not have access to it. But it might be possible for the Consulate to include references to the BCS in their communications, i.e. as a source of help when the Consulate cannot help, and as a worthy recipient of charitable donations. The times they are a-changing.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND
 1939-1955, *THE OTHER FORGOTTEN ARMY*
 by Anthony J Cooper
 Arcturus Press, £10.19 (from amazon.uk) pp.181
 ISBN 0715635441



The author sent us this book which is the result of many years of research into the role of the anti-aircraft defenses of the United Kingdom, and particularly of London, during the Second World War. As a member of the Anti-Aircraft Command himself in the last three years of its

existence, he wants to show for the first time the absolutely crucial part these defenses played in winning the Battle of Britain, of surviving and rolling back the blitz, and of coping with the so-called Baedeker raids and other nuisances, and finally the V-1s and V-2s. All this was accomplished amidst manning difficulties, equipment shortages and inadequacies, and truly awful living conditions at remote sites. Not to mention the arrival of the ATS women with their extra requirements and confused loyalties. The achievements of the Anti-Aircraft

Command have never been fully appreciated; Dr. Cooper has set the record straight.

One of the problems which persisted throughout the war was the fact that, the guns and searchlights were manned by men who were brought in to the Command from a number of different organisations: the Home Guard, the Territorials, the RAF and the Army itself. There was the suspicion that some of these organisations did not always second to the Anti-Aircraft Command their most competent individuals. There was a recurring shortage of personnel in terms of both quantity and quality.

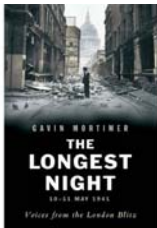
Another continuing problem was the fact that at sundry times and in divers places the guns had to remain quiet in order to leave the skies clear for fighter aircraft to have their turn at the *Luftwaffe*. This silence caused some populations under the bombs to complain that the AA defenses were not doing their job. To counteract this morale problem, General Sir Frederick Pile, GOC-in-C AA Command, arranged with Fighter Command that on some nights the fighters would not fly, but that all guns would fire continuously, almost regardless of whether or not they were aiming at a target. The result was an “impressive and astonishing cannonade ... and most Londoners seem to have loved this amazing spectacle.” However “one person complained that the vibration was cracking WC pans on a local housing estate.” War is hell.

Although this book contains an immense amount of detail, I found myself turning the pages as if it were a thriller – which I suppose it is. I was in part of the blitz myself, but I kept exclaiming “Oh I didn’t know that!” as I read this book. The author is both an historian and a lawyer, and he writes with both hats on, but he describes the drama in the skies of those war years with the deftness and grace of a playwright. Read his book.

Michael Dawson

THE LONGEST NIGHT
 10-11 MAY 1941
 VOICES FROM THE LONDON BLITZ
 by Gavin Mortimer
 Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2005 £12.91 (from Amazon.uk)
 pp. 384
 ISBN: 0 297 84638 8

By happy coincidence BCS member Michael Wynne-Wilson recently drew our attention to a worthy companion to *Anti-Aircraft Command*,



above, namely *The Longest Night*. This how Michael described it to us in an email:

“It is nor everyone’s cup of tea, naturally, but should anyone want, really, to get a feel as to what that

terrifying performance was like, I recommend it.”

At the time, Michael was an RAF officer in Fighter Command, based at West Malling in Kent, some 30 miles ESE of London, and would regularly come up to London during the Blitz for a little R & R.

What this book is about is a minute-by minute, person-by person, street-by-street, crisis-by-crisis account of the worst and longest air raid on London during the Blitz, (c. September 9, 1940 to May 11, 1942). The Blitz began just before the official end of the Battle of Britain, and is usually said to have ended with the Longest Night, although Birmingham was attacked shortly after. If the Battle of Britain had gone on for as little as two more weeks, it might have been lost, so exhausted were both crews and aircraft. Similarly if there had been another big raid on London following the one on May 10, her defenses could well have been too weak to offer any protection. And where would we all be now?

This is a harrowing tale, one not for the faint-hearted. The raid killed 1,436 people, seriously wounded 1,800, and rendered 12,374 homeless. The House of Commons was destroyed, there was major damage to Westminster Abbey, Saint Clement Danes and other Wren churches, the Elephant & Castle in Southwark was destroyed, and, of course, the docks. It had been a clear night with a full moon, and the *Luftwaffe* had simply used the river as a well-lighted motorway leading from the Isle of Dogs in the east, to Mayfair in the west. They had hung their high explosive bombs with two-pound incendiaries, like a Christmas tree, and the fires they started made the targets even more visible. One German pilot described London that night as bubbling like a pot of boiling tomato soup.

During this night there were examples of extraordinary courage and endurance, true heroism. But there was also looting, with shameful and disgusting accounts of fingers being cut off corpses to make it easier to get at their rings. There were high

examples of both the best and the worst of humankind that night.

One major effect of the raid was to change the nonchalant, we-can-take-it posture of most Londoners, to one of intense rage. How dare they do this to us? Just you wait! The raid had marvelously concentrated the minds of those who, up until now, had thought of the war as some sort of game.

Actually there was not a long time to wait. Just over a year later, on May the 30th, 1942, 1,046 aircraft of Bomber Command stooped upon Cologne from the blackness between the stars, and great was the destruction thereof. And this was only the first of many 1,000 bomber raids on Germany. By the end of the war 49,400 tons of bombs were dropped on Berlin alone. The Hun had sown the wind; he was now about to reap the whirlwind.

Michael Dawson

Coming Events

Summer Tea Party

On Saturday July the 14th the British Charitable Society will be having a garden tea party at the home of Frederick Rice in Manchester-by-the-sea. (Rain day will be the following Saturday, July the 21st.) Mark your calendars. Invitations will be forthcoming.

ART: Through British Eyes: British Art at the Mead Art Museum, Amherst College

Works by British artists from the 17th century to the present are featured in "Through British Eyes: British Art at the Mead" on view at the Mead Art Museum at Amherst College from Tuesday, Jan. 23, to Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007. Drawn exclusively from the Mead's permanent collection, the works in this exhibition reflect the breadth and depth of the museum's British holdings, one of the strengths of its European collection. From the stately 17th-century decorative paneled interior permanently installed in the Rotherwas Room in the Mead to the contemporary drawings of the environmental sculptor David Nash, the exhibition showcases a variety of media, including paintings, drawings, watercolors, prints, photographs and decorative arts.

23 January - 26 August 2007

Mead Art Museum
Amherst College
At Routes 9 and 116
Amherst, MA

www.amherst.edu/mead or call 413/542-2335

Miscellaneous



**John Inman, Mr. Humphreys of
"Are You Being Served",
died in March
"I'm free!"
(from the BBC Website)**



**Leading Seaman Faye Turney
of HMS Cornwall
"Home is the sailor,
Home from the sea ..."
(from the BBC Website)**

**WHEN YOU ARE IN DEEP
TROUBLE, LOOK
STRAIGHT AHEAD, KEEP
YOUR MOUTH SHUT &
SAY NOTHING.**



**Royal Transport
Paul Downey's Bentley
Continental Fast Spur
Outside the Harvard Club**



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