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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Tim Hunt, MBE

As we approach the ending of 2005, there are a number of things worthy of report to the membership.

First, and very exciting, is the upcoming British Charitable Society Ball at the Harvard Club on November 4th. This is the first such function sponsored by the Society alone in living memory (my living memory, anyway!). I do remember stories from members long gone that the British Charitable Balls before World War II were the social events of the season with high political

personages in attendance. The organizers of this event, Diane Bailey-Boulet, Susan Dugdale and a host of other volunteers promise to make it an elegant affair – and if you haven't signed up yet, don't be too late.

Apart from being a social event the BCS hopes to raise a little money and there will be some exciting donations to bid on. Since Citizens Bank has signed on as name sponsor, and that bank's parent is the Royal Bank of Scotland, full highland dress will be especially appropriate. Being a Sassenach myself however, I regret I will not be so attired.

The charitable activities of the Society have continued over the summer, although the Committee takes time off from meeting. The wonders of email allow instant communication and we have been able to attend to a number of cases of need.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to a valued member of the Society, who served on the Executive Committee for several years. Her obituary from the Gloucester paper is included in this copy of the Charter. This describes her many activities locally and elsewhere, but it is an interesting measure of her that it does not focus on her charitable activities that she largely kept quiet about and of which many people were not aware. As a Committee member she drew our attention to a number of families whom she thought the Society could help and became a passionate and effective advocate on their behalf. She would struggle into Boston to meetings despite health difficulties. She kept in

touch with these families and kept the rest of us advised, despite her own increasing weakness.

Jane & I attended a crowded memorial service in Rockport, at which there were many, many tributes. She was a great lady and will be missed.

This edition of the Charter sees the advent of a new editor, Michael Dawson. We are grateful to him for touch with these families and kept the rest of us taking this duty on. We are glad he has the time and computer skills to do it. At the same time, we are most grateful to Roger Tunsley for starting the development of the Charter from the beginning and carrying it through for a decade. It has gotten an excellent reception and we hope the membership will continue to appreciate it and to contribute to it increasingly.

We look forward to seeing many of you in your finest on November 4th.

Eileen Morley

The following is Eileen's obituary, in its entirety, from the Gloucester Daily Times of August the 25th, written by Matthew Joyce. It is reproduced here with permission.



"Eileen (Kirkham)

Morley, 76 GLOUCES-
TER - Eileen (Kirkham) Morley, 76, psychologist, management consultant, photographer, mountaineer, gardener, writer, and

community activist, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Gloucester on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005. "Eileen's childhood was spent in Barnehurst, Kent, England, a suburb of London, where she also attended primary school. During the 1940 London blitz during World War II in England, she and her family spent months sleeping in a home-made air raid shelter. One bomb fell just 25 feet away, but she and her family were unharmed. Later in the war, she was sent to live with family friends in Mansfield, where she continued her grammar school education.

"After graduating, Eileen did secretarial work for the Council of Design in London, and then served as secretary to Alan Campbell-Johnson, press attaché to Lord Louis Mountbatten,

during the partition of India and Pakistan. She received her bachelor's degree in 1953 from Birbeck College, University of London, and in the same year, she married fellow student John Morley. From 1954 to 1958, she worked in London in several personnel departments and began her lifelong interest in organizational effectiveness and employee development.

"In 1959, she and her husband moved to Boston. For several years, she worked at Polaroid Corp., where she had the good fortune to take a photography course with Ansel Adams. In 1963, she became an American citizen. In that same year, she was awarded a fellowship at the newly formed Radcliffe Institute for Independent Study, and then entered the doctoral program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Center for Career Development. This led to cross registration into Harvard Business School courses. She had been unable to apply directly to the Business School's doctoral program because it did not then admit women. "Having received her doctorate in education, she was offered an appointment to the faculty of the Harvard Business School in 1971. A year later, she was appointed lecturer and member of the teaching faculty. She was one of the first three women to hold a full-time faculty teaching position at Harvard Business School and, as faculty adviser, was instrumental in helping the Women Students' Organization become permanently established. During this period, she and her husband were divorced.

"In 1977, Eileen left Harvard to establish her own consulting practice, and for the next 20 years, she consulted primarily to nonprofit organizations in health care and the public sector. She moved to Gloucester in 1981, in order to have her own home by the sea, and also moved her practice here. For a time, she was president of the Cape Ann National Organization for Women, and twice led Cape Ann groups to pro-choice marches on Washington. Another local interest was her involvement in the Rockport Unitarian-Universalist Society, where she served several years as treasurer and member of the board. As a volunteer *wkjm*, she was active in finding support for refugees. She was also a member of Gloucester Rotary.

"After retiring part time in 1991, she spent

many summers in Grindelwald, Switzerland, where she fulfilled her dream of alpine mountaineering, climbing 15 peaks over 10,000 feet. “For a decade, she was a member of the British Charitable Society's Executive Committee, working to ensure support for British citizens in difficulties.

“Eileen is survived in England by her brother, Alan Kirkham, her nieces, Ann Many and Ruth Kirkham; goddaughters, Charlotte and Victoria; her nephews, Paul Chalk, Edmund and David Kirkham; lifelong friends, Aase Eskeland and Tove Hanssen of Norway, Armelle Chevignard of France, Godi and Mirjam Egger of Switzerland; and in the U.S. by her godson, Paul Bastide, David Bastide; by close friends, Donna and Arthur Singer, Mary and Andrew Wittkower; and many other treasured relatives and friends.”

In the Beginning

In 1996, when Roger Tunsley published the first issue of this newsletter, his lead article set forth its mission. We believe in continuing that mission.

“Welcome to this first issue of Charter, the newsletter of the British Charitable Society. We need to raise our visibility in the community, to encourage new members to join, to seek out deserving cases for contributions, and to increase our social interaction. The newsletter is one of the measures that the Committee are taking to help achieve these aims.

“We hope to publish the newsletter every three months or so. You will read reports about committee meetings, learn about new members, and read letters from those who care to share their views and suggestions. “Charter is not a mouthpiece for the Committee; it is your society newsletter. Pass it on to friends and relatives and try to get them to join. Leave it in places where it may come to the attention of the people we are trying to reach. Above all, please contribute freely to it, with letters and articles. Let everyone know how you think the society should be run. Write in with your suggestions for social functions and for newsletter content. I look forward to hearing from you all.”

At the Going Down of the Sun

Flanking one side of Copley Square in Boston, Henry Hobson Richardson's masterpiece, Trinity Church, was the site, on July the 14th, of a Service of Remembrance for the victims of the London bombings. There, amidst the inexplicable splendour of Romanesque brown and gold, we grieved for London, everybody's particular London, and for the as yet unnumbered Londoners who had been killed or wounded so horribly a week earlier.



Trinity has a history of being generously available for support in difficult times. They held a memorial service when Princess Diana was killed, for instance. And they don't wait to be asked. It was Trinity who approached the

Consul-General with an offer of the church, and it was they who designed the service. The choir were a Trinity choir, the clergy were Trinity clergy, and the lay staff were also Trinity people. Nor was it only Trinity who had been generous. A broadcast rock concert in Copley Square, originally designed for the same time, was delayed by an hour to allow the Service to take place in peace.

It was agreed that the Service was just right. It was solemn and dignified, but not morbid or sentimental. There was certainly a good smattering of dignitaries: there were apt remarks from the Governor; the Consul-General himself read the Beatitudes; a Rabbi read from Lamentations; and one of the most moving parts of the occasion came when an Imam read from the Qu'ran - “Repel the evil with the good” – and then apologised for what had been done in the name of his religion. There may have been some dry eyes in the church at this point, but they were not visible from where we sat.

We prayed for the people of London, for the Queen, for the Prime Minister, for the Mayor of London, for the British Consul-General in New England, and for all who serve the common good. We sang “O God our help in ages past” and “I pledge to thee my country, all earthly things above”.

There was a final Choral Benediction from Laurence Binyon's "They shall not grow old ...", and then Ross Wood played us out to Bach's Fugue in *Eb*.

From the Consulate Corner

From Terri Evans, Vice-Consul Public Affairs

When Michael Dawson invited me to write a column for the BCS newsletter, I did what anyone in my place might, and accepted with alacrity. Who could say no to Michael?

I was pleased to be invited, and welcome having the opportunity to let members of the British Charitable Society in on the latest activities of the British Consulate and matters of common interest.

I was reminded only a few days after accepting Michael's offer of our greatest area of common interest – the welfare of British citizens - when I spent the better part of a week at the Consulate-General in Houston in early September following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation of Katrina was massive, and the scope of the destruction still in the process of being reckoned.

In the context of the larger tragedy of Katrina, certainly the British element was proportionally small. But for those in the UK trying to locate missing friends and family, the disaster can be no larger or closer to home. Members of the British press who I spoke with were interested in the larger scale of the disaster but, as you might expect, were keen to learn of the work underway to assist British citizens who were affected by the disastrous events of the hurricane and its aftermath.

I arrived in Houston on September 6 to a consulate that was a beehive of activity. Colleagues from all parts of the office – science, trade and investment, management - had cancelled holidays and put their personal lives on hold to staff a 24-hour 'hotline' for concerned family members. They worked with colleagues in London to keep one another updated. Consular teams from Washington and London were on the ground in the affected areas, tracking down and assisting British tourists and residents alike in and around New Orleans. A similar operation was underway in Mississippi, led by the Consulate-General in Atlanta.

The teams in the field carried supplies of food, water, and supplies for those who were stranded. They arranged for return flights home for numbers of British tourists and, with large swathes of the region's communications and power grid destroyed, a vital link: the offer of a cell phone for residents to use to call and reassure distressed family in the UK.

My counterpart in Atlanta, who was part of the Mississippi field team, summarized the consular effort most eloquently: *"The scope of the disaster is stunning. We see evidence of Katrina's fury – a three-story building turned into a steel skeleton, a blank spot where someone tells us a home once stood – and know how lucky we have been in our searching. We have found many 'missing' Britons, and – though hot, tired, and unsure about the future – they are unhurt and safely housed, with sufficient food and water to get them through, and someone somewhere who cared enough about them to send someone to find them. We will remember the thanks we got from those we found. We will remember their hugs, their smiles, and their tears."*

In support of the larger US relief effort, the British Government offered immediate assistance to the United States Government, and has sent supplies of food and equipment, as well as the services of trained personnel.

As those who attended the July 14 service of remembrance at Trinity Church in Boston may recall, Governor Romney announced that a tree would be planted to honour the victims of the July 7 bombings in London.

On September 22 the Governor and British Ambassador Sir David Manning took part in an informal ceremony on the east side of the Massachusetts State House to mark the planting of a flowering cherry tree in Ashburton Park. Tim Hunt represented the BCS at the event.

A stone at the base of the tree will read *"In remembrance of the victims of July 7, 2005. A gift to the people of the United Kingdom from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts"*.

“Brain Drain” or “Brain Gain” Which Is It?



Dr. Bruce Rogers

A search of any mainstream newspaper's web page, or a cursory Google search of the internet with the words “Brain Drain”, will identify a large number of hits. It seems that periodically there is a flurry of discussion in the political domain concerning the economic impact of a loss or gain of sections of the educated workforce. I think it is generally accepted that those with marketable skills would be more likely to be mobile in a global economy, and movement of educated people continues to evoke a sense of loss or gain in some quarters. For example, a recent article in The Boston Globe commented on the return of Indian nationals to India, who had been trained in the IT sector in the US. This phenomenon was referred to as a “Brain Regain” for India and a “Reverse Brain Drain” for Massachusetts, a new variation on the theme.

I recently made a search of the web pages of Biotech companies listed as members of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (www.massbio.org) and identified no less than thirty Biotech executives with British University educations from the biographical sketches listed. This number does not include non-executive middle managers and scientists which would likely constitute a much higher number. Assuming that these executives are British in origin as well in education, one could conclude that the Massachusetts biotech industry is successfully drawing British talent and expertise to the region. Does this constitute a “Brain Drain” for Britain and a “Brain Gain” for Massachusetts? I do not intend to provide a yes or no answer, but I do wish to comment and speculate on what might attract British professionals in the Life Sciences to New England in the first place. I also think there are possibly two different groups that fuel this trend: one is the junior postdoctoral scientist that comes for a stint (originally temporary) in the US and ultimately stays, and another is the transfer of senior management directly from the UK to the US. I

would contend that each have a slightly different dynamic.

Firstly, the shared language and relative ease of cross-Atlantic travel in addition to visa policy have together provided incentives for British scientists to readily try out the US early in their career. In fact, a two-to-four year stint as a post-doctoral laboratory scientist has become almost an expected right of passage for newly graduated British Ph.D.'s. The excellent universities and research centres concentrated in Boston are a big draw to this particular area. Secondly, the H-1 visa scheme for new graduates, coupled with well-financed NIH-sponsored grants to universities over the last decade or more, has together played a significant role. Many other nationalities, particularly from Asia, have also been part of the steady stream of new-graduates as well. However, native English speakers have an edge when it comes to verbal presentation of scientific results and mastering the nuances of successful publications and grant procurement. Many of these entry-level scientists most probably come to the US as singles without the intention to immigrate, but for many, events inexorably lead to settling in and transitioning into the local Massachusetts biotech industry or academia. This cohort of British scientists presently constitutes a Massachusetts-grown source of middle management and senior management expertise.

However, Britain has an edge when it comes to executive recruitment to Massachusetts as well because the UK already has had a very well developed pharmaceutical industry base. Additionally, the entrepreneurial biotech industry in the UK is also relatively well developed and arguably ahead of other countries in Europe. Perhaps using Cambridge University as a model, quite a number of British Universities now have associated Science Parks and several have spawned biotech clusters of significant size and import. Hence, there is a depth and breadth of executive talent that can be tapped directly from Britain without the need for a US apprenticeship. This pool, I would suspect, is already well settled in the UK and immigration might constitute a more deliberate and calculating decision-making process.

This westward movement of Biotech scientists from the UK to the US is not without some

peripheral benefit to the UK. It establishes in the US a cadre of high level scientists who can at least theoretically be expected to be sympathetic to British positions, an attitude coloured by the personal friendships forged in British labs. It is these relationships which the economic historian Niall Ferguson calls the real special relationship, as opposed to the ephemeral one referred to by politicians on both sides of the Atlantic when it is convenient to do so.

Let me return to the “Brain Drain” concept as it pertains to another region. A recent article in The Scotsman newspaper caught my attention. The article’s title “Well paid, well educated and over here” played on the well-worn World War Two comment about GI’s in wartime Britain (which omitted the educated part). The article highlighted a couple of key findings from a report by the Institute of Public Policy and Research indicating that in Scotland the immigrant population has grown by more than a third in a decade, with 37 percent of those who move there holding a higher qualification. The number falling into the “higher earner” bracket is almost twice the UK average. The article also referred to the Scottish Executive’s recently launched Fresh Talent initiative to attract foreign graduates in a bid to address the effect of Scotland’s declining birth rate. The initiative is outlined in a very spiffy website, www.scotlandistheplace.com, which made me want to return to the land of my forebears. This scheme allows foreign students who have graduated from Scottish universities to obtain a work visa for employment in Scotland for two years after graduation. So, I guess this scheme can be considered an example of a premeditated government strategy to “Brain Retain”.

Clearly, immigration is a very serious business, for the individual that takes such a crucial step as well as for the sponsoring companies and the governments that attempt to channel and manage it. As a biotech professional, and as a foreign-born immigrant, I have benefited greatly from the opportunities that the burgeoning Life Sciences have offered in Massachusetts. Many others have obviously grappled with these decisions as well.

*Bruce L. Rogers, Ph.D.
Member of the Executive Committee*

The Grand Ball From Diane Bailey-Boulet, Ball Committee Chair



I am happy to bring you some breaking good news about the progress of our planning for our ball on November the 4th which is to be held at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. We hope you will be able to join us for this evening of

elegant fun in support of our mission.

First of all, we are delighted that our Consul-General, John Rankin, has agreed to be our Guest of Honour. He has been a good friend of the British Charitable Society ever since he took office in Boston in October, 2003. He will probably be making a few remarks, but there will be no speeches at event! We are also very grateful that Citizens Bank has generously consented to be the major sponsor of the ball.

Meanwhile the list of donations for our silent auction has been growing. (In a silent auction you bid by writing down your bid, not by shouting or waving your programme - much more suitable for a British event!).

SOME OF THE PARTICULARLY GLAMOUROUS SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- Two nights at the luxurious Abaco Resort in the Bahamas, with dinner and breakfast. The resort is in the Abaco Islands, just east of Grand Bahama Island (www.abacoclub.com)
- Two nights at Bovey Castle country house hotel in Dartmoor, courtesy of Peter de Savary (www.boveycastle.com)
- Afternoon Tea for four at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston (Arlington Street) Luxury tea gift basket, courtesy of Tea Forte Speciality Teas (www.teafort.com)
- Luxury coach travel to and from New York City on Limo Liner (www.limoliner.com)
- Private tour with lunch at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

- Portmeirion "Botanic Garden" centerpiece bowl, courtesy of Portmeirion USA (www.portmeirion.com)
- British Beer Company pub and hotel gift certificate (www.britishbeercompany.com)
- Day sail and lunch around Marblehead on the President's boat
- F1 Boston passes (for Michael Shummaker hopefuls) (www.f1Boston.com).
- Winter weekend accommodations for 8 people in a large house in the White Mountains
- Landscape design consultation with Viburnum Landscape Design (www.viburnumdesign.com)
- Framed painting courtesy of Salvatore Michael's Framed Art Superstore
- A case of claret from Simon Fennell
- Round of golf for four at Carnegie Abbey, Portsmouth, RI (www.carnegieabbeyclub.com)
- Saturday night for two at the Langham Hotel in Boston, including a Sunday morning jazz brunch.

We will be updating this list from time to time in the weeks leading up to the ball, and providing you with details. The exciting thing about holding this ball is the enthusiasm which it has generated. The last one was in 1938, and it might be thought that it would be difficult, to say the least, to resurrect it after so long a time. But not a bit of it. The good will towards the work that the Society does, coupled with a nostalgia, perhaps, for a more elegant time, has resulted in a heartening response. Many tables are now filled, but you can still obtain tickets by calling me at 781-674-0498. I should add that valet parking is available at the Harvard Club, and rooms may be booked by calling the front desk at 617-245-4500. The cost is \$199 a night. I look forward to meeting you at the ball.

A Successful Case

In April 2005 Miss G contacted the Society, having been referred to us by the Association for Abused Families. As her story unfolded it became apparent that here was another case clearly illustrating the amazing diversity of need that the Society now encounters. Miss G. was born in Edmonton, London, 41 years ago. She was the eldest of 6 children. When she was in her early



Susan Dugdale
Executive Secretary

teens, her mother left the entire family, including her own abusive husband, and came to the US for a fresh start. Miss G spent the next few years caring for her brothers and sisters, before she too came to join her mother in Boston. She herself then married an abusive man, (coincidentally, he too is English) with whom she lived and had two children until he was finally deported back to England in early 2005, having been imprisoned a number of times for crimes against her and her children. Her latest injuries were such that she was unable to work as a hairdresser because of pain in her back and neck.

Despite the abuse her husband was a good provider and in all these years she has never had to resort to outside agencies for any help. When he was deported however, her sole source of income dried up. She tried valiantly to get help from the state, but as is so often the case, the help is available, but never immediately when it is often most acutely needed. At the time of her application she was receiving a modest amount of social security for her children, which was about to be reduced as her son would soon become 18. She described herself as 'drowning in bills and having nowhere to turn.'

She sent copies of everything that had mounted up in the 6 months since her husband was ejected from the country. These included all her utilities, plus insurance, rent and a small credit card. The Society was able to pay off much of the critical overdue amounts and make a contribution towards paying down some of the less urgent charges. This saved her from being without fuel, light and telephone and helped her get back on track. Since then, we have kept in touch and she has been able to start a limited child minding operation in her own home which is bringing in much needed income. Also the SSI payments for herself have now started and she has been able to pay off more of her debts whilst keeping current with her bills. Six months after her first contact with the British Charitable Society, Miss G is leading an independent life and is certain this wouldn't have happened without our help.

Susan Dugdale, Executive Secretary

From Our Members

Recently we invited members of the Society to write about some of their experiences which other members might like to hear about.

A Grateful Daughter

Dear British Charitable Society:

Writing editorials are not my forte. I have never written in to a column to advertise my life or write my opinion. But, when I saw Mr. Dawson's request for members to forward their summer holiday experiences, I thought I might have something to add to the news letter. I spent this summer holiday differently than I had imagined. This spring, we sold our home of seven years. We rented a home for what we thought would be a suitable amount of time. We wanted to renovate our new home and we thought we would move in before the beginning of summer. Inevitably, things never work out as planned. We changed plans. It was at that point that we (myself, my husband, our two younger children and my two older children) were welcomed in, by my always giving, very selfless and, "there in the time of need," parents. Though they have only one guest room, they accommodated us for more than six weeks, without hesitation. In fact, often, my mother asked if we would be "home" for dinner; she shopped and prepared the food, making sure that it was something the varied group would enjoy.

For six plus weeks, my parents welcomed us into their home-- they *helped us* move there. They helped wash and fold the laundry, dress the 3 year old twins, car pool the older children, watched the younger children while we worked, did errands for us, etc, etc. etc.

My parents even HELPED CLEAN OUR NEW HOME AND PHYSICALLY MOVE US IN, when our new house was ready.

Never ONCE did they complain to us that the visit was longer than we first planned. They didn't complain that the younger children woke them up countless nights. And they didn't complain when the teenagers were "acting like teen-agers do!" All of that, in addition to giving up their comfortable, relaxing sun room. They insisted we "have our space."

I felt blessed; it confirmed what I had known for so long: I am lucky.

Then, just after we moved out, I was away celebrating a friend's birthday. My father said -- almost commanded--"Go Relax." Like, I was the one who had given up *her* summer to accommodate *them*!

My father has been fortunate to be in a position to help British Subjects in need; my mother has always been beside him.

People known to the British Charitable Society have been aware of it because of his duties as President.

I have been honored to be able to tell people that he is the President of such an organization. I am honored to tell people he was recognized in England.

Now, I am honored to tell you what a fantastic father/grandfather he is.... And for every woman out there... she knows that behind a great man, is a great woman.

Thank you: Tim and Jane Hunt-- Mum and Dad, for giving me an extraordinary summer-- and for being extraordinary parents.
I love you both.

Lindsay (Hunt) Zagarri

Travelling Without a Plan (from Mr. Roy Mann's email covering an account of his planless travelling)

In the last 5+ years my trips are usually associated with the aims of my Foundation www.microplate.org. Prior to that, it was my time in Corporations in the UK and USA that enabled me to travel around.

I support the Plastics Historical Society in UK in memory of Dr. Tony Challis, one of my mentors. They use the money to put up plaques on houses where some famous pioneers of plastics lived in England, and they also collect books for a library. The Society is run by fine old Brit's who were leaders in the UK plastics industry when I was building a career in the 1960's and 1970's. Some guided me in one way or other.

We also give Awards for Innovation to Biologists, Chemists & Engineers in using plastics at meetings of the Society of Biomolecular Sciences USA, and MIPTEC in Basle Switzerland.

I am also one of the sponsors for the Young Designers Award in UK organised by the Institute of Materials, Carlton Terrace, London.

The other area I get a lot of satisfaction from is providing basic support for small rural schools for children e.g. one school needed toilets in Pune, India; another school for the Deaf & Dumb needed a small addition for a library and craft shop.

We get a big bang for our money in India e.g. the building of toilets for boys and girls costs less than \$5000 and the 1000 sq. ft. Library & Craft shop was \$ 11,000. I am due to make a trip next year to a desert part of India where they had an earthquake few years back and we got hem special equipment for cataract surgery. As you may know, England is my adopted home and India my original home. I was very fortunate I came to England and got a lot of support and encouragement from many people that helped me to be what I am today. BOC (British Officers Club) has also come to mean a lot to me, as I was welcomed and given a lot of moral support when I was struggling in the 1980's and early 1990's.

The following are some excerpts from Mr. Mann's travels:

- Driving a convertible for the fist time, he gets trapped in it by marble-sized hail stones during a storm.
- He photographs a double rainbow and finds there is no film in his camera
- He was in Zermatt when an American F-14 zooming low cut through the cables of a ski lift
- If you want get some really good cigars free, it is helpful, he found, to have connections to the Consul-General in certain places. (No questions, please).
- Roy could have told Mrs. Robinson that plastics were the coming thing long before the Graduate did. Just ask him.

Coming Events – from the Consulate-General's website

Play: Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing"

The brilliant British wordsmith Tom Stoppard explores the complex joy and pain of being in love in "The Real Thing," a clever and deeply felt drama about relationships playing at the Boston University Theatre.

9 September - October 9

Huntington Theatre

Huntington Street

Boston MA

UNESCO art project in Boston

Over 100 tiles (works of art) have been donated by diverse group of international artists, including Susan Rowe Harrison and Alison Smart from the UK. The tiles make up a series of art installations that will go on display in major cities around the world between 2004-2006. Boston's installation will be unveiled by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino on October the 11th at the Pauline A. Shaw School.

11 October, 10 am

Pauline A. Shaw School

429 Norfolk Street

Boston MA

www.transculturalexchange.org/tileproject

Concert: Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Boston Chapter, American Guild of Organists Centennial Celebration presents a concert by London's Choir of Westminster Abbey. James O'Donnell conducts and Robert Quinney is the organist. The choir will perform the great English anthems from Westminster Abbey including music of Benjamin Britten, William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, Francis Grier, Herbert Howells, Philip Moore, Henry Purcell, and William Walton.

16 October, 3 pm

Trinity Church

Copley Square

Boston MA

Preferred \$40, General \$20; students and seniors \$10

Tel: 617-867-0252

E-mail: WestminsterAbbeyTickets@yahoo.com

www.bostonago.com

The British Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sir Emyr Jones Parry, will be

the speaker at the UN Association of Greater Boston's annual luncheon to mark UN Day.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, October 21, and details may be found on the website of the UN Association of Greater Boston

(www.unagb.org) or on the events calendar of

the British Consulate-General

(www.britainusa.com/boston/).

Play: Wendy Wasserstein's "The Sisters Rosensweig"

"The Sisters Rosensweig" is Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winner Wendy Wasserstein's warm and funny play set in London about one evening in the lives of three Jewish-American sisters and their British friends, playing at the Boston University Theatre.
 4 November - 4 December
 Huntington Theatre
 Huntington Street
 Boston MA

Arts Exhibition: The Worlds of Francis Wheatley

Francis Wheatley (1747-1801) is best known to visitors to the Yale Center for British Art for his group portraits, or "conversation pieces," which include the masterful and perplexing portrait of the Oliver and Ward families.

31 August - 31 December
 Yale Center for British Art
 1080 Chapel St.
 New Haven CT

Concert: The Tallis Scholars

The world's leading Renaissance choir, The Tallis Scholar makes its annual Boston Early Music Festival appearance. "To hear them perform live is one of the great live music experiences of our time." (Boston Globe)

9 December
 Jesuit Urban Center
 Tickets: \$59, \$41, \$25
 Tel: 617 661 1812
www.bemf.org

Concert: The Black Watch with The Band of Welsh Guards

The Black Watch with the Band of Welsh Guards will perform live on the 30th of January 2006 at the Mechanics Hall in Worcester Massachusetts. Tickets cost \$36-39. To book tickets for this event please call Tel: 508 754 3231 or 508 752 0888
 30 January 2006, 8 pm
 Mechanics Hall
 321 Main St.
 Worcester MA
 E-mail: info@mechanicshall.org
www.mechanicshall.org/html/calendar.html

Informal Welsh speaking group

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John Betjeman

**We welcome comments on this issue, and we invite you to contribute to the next one, which will be out early in December. It will be a special issue, largely devoted to describing and discussing the November ball, what was good, and what we should do better next year. Your comments on that event will be very helpful in planning the next one.
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