

House, owner of Belgravia pubs The Orange, The Thomas Cubitt and The Pantechnicon. Guests enjoyed wine and canapés from Cubitt House and there was an auction and a raffle with fabulous prizes, including a skydive.

Carl Muller, managing director of Friends of Music, which produces the Eaton Square Concerts, said: "We're extremely pleased to work with two other

abuse and bullying. The charity is based in Grosvenor Gardens.

Claude Knights, director of Kidscape, said: "We were very grateful to be the chosen charity for the event, and the money raised will provide vital funds, especially in these extremely tough economic times."

The total amount of money raised will be announced in the next issue of *Belgravia*.



from the press gallery at the House of Commons.

While other female journalists confined to writing about frocks and frippery, Mrs Beer spoke out on national and international significance almost 100 years before another woman took the helm of a national newspaper.

First Lady of Fleet Street, by Eila, is published by JR Books, priced

Red light

Traffic problems in south Westminster, including the ongoing issue of rat running, to be tackled in a new project organised by Grosvenor.

The traffic-management scheme will assess the impact of current traffic schemes and develop plans for long-term traffic management in the area. It aims to cut rat running and congestion, and tackle the effects of traffic on residents, workers and pedestrians, including air pollution, noise and visual impact.

Grosvenor hopes the improvements will result in an economic boost for the area, which includes Belgravia, Knightsbridge, Pimlico, St James's Westminster and parts of Kensington and Chelsea.

James Wright, chairman of the Belgravia Residents Association and a member of the steering group overseeing the project

Teacher dies in open-air pool

Pupils and staff from a Belgravia school have paid tribute to their "lovely" and "kind" music teacher, who died tragically of a heart attack, aged just 27.

Richard Turner, who taught the trumpet at Francis Holland girls' school on Bourne Street, collapsed as he was swimming in the open-air pool at Brockwell Lido, Herne Hill, in August.

Lifeguards desperately tried to save him and were joined within minutes by three ambulance crews, but he later died at a south London hospital.

Miss Stephanie Pattenden, headmistress of Francis Holland school, said: "This is very sad and shocking news. Richard will be remembered as a kind and generous colleague, a very valuable member of the music department, and a talented and enthusiastic teacher and musician."

Mr Turner was a successful jazz trumpeter and composer who played with the Mercury Prize-nominated band Friendly Fires. The teacher, who lived in Camberwell and was described as being in peak physical condition before he died, had just released an album with his own band, Round Trip.

Friendly Fires said in a statement: "Rich played trumpet in our live gigs on and off for three years. He was an exceptional musician and his contributions to our shows will be hugely missed."

A Francis Holland pupil wrote on Londonjazz.blogspot.com: "Richard taught trumpet at our school for a year. He was a really lovely, kind, interesting and immensely talented man. His pupils will be devastated, as indeed will the rest of the school."



Photo courtesy of Jazzwise

Sweet treat

Legendary French chef Pierre Hermé popped into Belgravia to hold a book-signing at his Lowndes Street boutique.

The pâtissier, described as the "Picasso of pastry" by *Vogue* magazine, is world-renowned for his macarons – brightly coloured mini meringues with soft fillings in the centre.

He is famous for redefining the French delicacy, inventing bold and explosive new flavours such as olive oil and vanilla, white truffle and hazelnut, and milk chocolate and earl grey tea macarons.

Asked why he opened his first British stand-alone shop in Belgravia, Hermé said: "I just love the area, it is like a little village and there is a great community feel."