

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Advance notice of the
Link House Annual Open Meeting
This will be held on Thursday 23rd March 2017
At
Castle Street Methodist Church
Guest speaker:
Josh Bell of Friends International, Cambridge
ticket information to be announced.**

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The Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York,
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a home from home for international graduate students

It is said that the prosperity of a city can be gauged by the number of construction cranes that are visible along its skyline. Well it would certainly appear by scanning the horizon that here in Cambridge the city is in a pretty buoyant economic position. A fair proportion of the construction work being undertaken is the building of accommodation for the increasing number of students coming to study in Cambridge. We have recently had the opportunity to view some of these new facilities local to Link House, and they are indeed very modern and attractive purpose built apartments, bedsits, studios and rooms, light, clean, well fitted and tastefully furnished. Whilst no functional consideration has been overlooked, there is a distinct sense that these buildings purely meet the residents practical needs and little else.

Here at Link House providing safe,

comfortable, and affordable accommodation is a major consideration, yet we are still unique amongst student houses in all the other things that we offer. These include a real home from home, a community that values the individual and caring hospitable environment with a real sense belonging. Resident Wardens in each house are not merely administrators, they promote a family atmosphere, and provide a point of contact not only for practical requirements but also support, encouragement, occasionally a shoulder to cry on or a friend to share good news with.



Off to a college formal dinner

Linkies in the field

We were recently sent this intriguing photo of one of our former residents, Antonio, taken whilst on a field work dig in Poland



Antonio, as the name may suggest comes from Italy and was in Cambridge studying Archaeology and Biological Anthropology. Being Italian, food is very close to Antonio's heart and he regularly cooked amazing pizza for the other residents, in fact some were almost as large as the excavation you see him posing in above. It is always heart warming when former residents who have moved on in their busy academic lives keep in touch with us and other former residents and share their personal milestones. At one birthday celebration recently the blowing out of the candles could not happen until a former resident from Iran, who is now studying in Holland, joined us via an internet link so she could remain part of the Link House family and celebrate together with us.

Bishop John

Patrons of Link House play a vital role, supporting the Trustees and Wardens in the day-to-day running of the Trust in Cambridge.

The Rt. Revd John Taylor KCVO, (lately Bishop of St. Albans) was until his recent sad death, one of the Trust's most encouraging patrons who took an enthusiastic interest in all that has gone on at Link House.

This is not the place to write a lengthy obituary, but to say that his long personal connection with the University and City, coupled with his work as a theologian and his extensive knowledge of the Christian church in the land of its birth, made him a very special and exceptional friend of Link House.

Time abroad as an "international student" made him knowledgeable and sympathetic with the particular needs of other men and women, working far from home, often in an unfamiliar culture and language.

Bishop John took a deep interest in the work and activities at Link House, making both residents and Wardens a matter of regular prayer.

Bishops John's friendship and wisdom have been invaluable and appreciated by all who have had a

connection with Link House and we wish to express to Mrs Taylor and her family our gratitude and thankfulness for what he did-often quietly behind the scenes. "Thank you Bishop John"



The Revd John Taylor cutting the cake at the Link House 25 years celebration.

Leaving Link House

During the months of September and early October we have many changes in residents at Link House. It is always sad to have to say farewell to people we have lived with and got to know over the previous year. After the farewell party we hold for each resident shortly before they leave, after the hugs and tears on the day of departure, the very last thing we encourage them to do is, "email as soon as you get home so we know that you have arrived safely". It is always a relief to get that correspondence and be reassured they are back without any problems.

Leaving Link House, as we have already mentioned, is not the end of the relationship, it just means another member of the Link House family has moved on.

Testimony from a resident who recently returned home.

"It was an amazing and magic year for me, which totally changed my life and made me brave and clear what I want. I am extremely lucky to be a Linkie not only for making friends with so many nice and intelligent people in Link House but also for being a family member with you. My Mom thanks you for taking care of me".

"Thank you for accepting me to stay at Link House at the very beginning and for all the meaningful talks on a Thursday evening". (Our exploring Christianity sessions).

"I appreciate all that the Trust is doing".



Jialin (right) back home in China pictured with Mom and Brother.

