

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Link House Annual Open Meeting 2015** will take place at **Castle Street Methodist Church** on **Friday 27th March**.

Come and meet some of the Link House Residents.

Two course meal with coffee : 6.15 for 6.30.

Meeting starts: 7.30. Reports on the work of Link House, followed by our guest speaker **Mr Howard Norrish** speaking on

**The privilege of living in the Arab world**

**Tickets for meal priced £7.50 are available through the Link House office (Before 23<sup>rd</sup> March)**

All Welcome



A limited number of parking places are available at the side of the church.

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**Patrons:** Lord Anderson, Lady Catherwood, Prof Sir Brian Heap CBE FRS, The Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, The Rt Revd John Taylor KCVO, Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, Prof Hugh Williamson FBA

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# Link News

SPRING 2015

**Link House Trust**

*'a home from home for international graduate students'*

**Spring is always a time of renewal** and a time of excitement for the year ahead. At Link House we know the year ahead will be a busy one, it would be disappointing if it wasn't. Part of the plan for the year ahead is a programme of improvements and updates to the houses. East Hertford Street house is now over 10 years old and having been home to many students over that time, wear and tear is inevitable. 17 and 19 Chesterton Road, being old properties, are a bit like the Forth Bridge, needing constant work.

Of course any works being carried out must be undertaken in such a way as to cause minimum disruption to the running of the houses and not interfere with the peaceful environment the residents need for their studies.



### **Burns night celebrations held in the Garden Room**

One of the highlights of the Link House social calendar is the Burns Night celebration we hold in the Garden Room. As well as the usual 'address to the haggis', the residents get the opportunity to sample some Scottish cuisine (including Iron Brew). The decks are then cleared for a ceilidh dance.



**(Above)** The newly refurbished lounge at Chesterton Road.

## Christmas celebrations 2014

Christmas 2014 is quickly becoming a distant memory, however a great time was had by all residents too far from home to be with family and friends at that special time. As is the tradition at Link House, the remaining residents met together on Christmas Day to enjoy a typical British Christmas dinner followed by present giving and party games.



**(Above)** one of the residents negotiates the tricky manoeuvre of pinning the tail on the donkey.



**(Above)** A number of residents attended a candlelit carol service at St Andrews The Great.

## Congratulations to Leeann Moe.



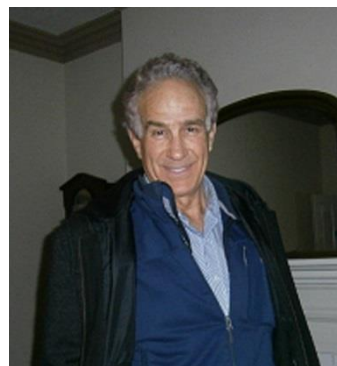
**(Above)** Some of the cast of 'Till We Meet Again'.

Leeann has recently returned from an brief visit to her home in Arizona. This wasn't altogether a social visit although she was able to catch up with family and friends. The main purpose of Leeann's visit was to be guest of honour at the last night performance of 'Till We Meet Again', a musical production set at the time of the Second World War and written by the very talented Leeann.

The story is set in London prior to America's involvement in the war. Two New York performers sympathetic to the British struggle arrive in the capital to work in a war canteen. As the two friends experience the plight of the people they have come to know, especially as the blitz takes its toll, they are faced with a difficult decision

regarding their own neutrality. At the time it was illegal as US citizens to be otherwise.-----

**Over the month of January** it has been our delight at Link House to host Dr Greg Jesson who is a professor of philosophy from Luther College in Iowa, USA. Dr Jesson has been in Cambridge at the invitation of Christian Heritage at the Round Church. Over the last month he has engaged in a hectic schedule of 30 lectures and countless discussions held at colleges, churches and other venues throughout the city. *"Even at the best universities the ultimate questions of life can easily be avoided"*.



Amongst the topics Greg has been speaking on are reconciling science and religion, the problem of knowledge, the nature of truth, the evidence for the existence of God, the problem of evil and the New Atheists.

## Sir Fred Catherwood

A memorable thanksgiving service was held in Eden Chapel Cambridge on January 17<sup>th</sup> for Sir Fred Catherwood who died on November 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, only a few weeks before his ninetieth birthday. In a long career, he was a noted industrialist, government advisor and Conservative MEP. He and his wife Elizabeth were also early supporters of Link House, Fred being a Patron since the Trust was founded and Elizabeth a trustee. Groups of Link House residents among many others were entertained at their home in Balsham.

Fred was born to Christian parents, came to faith as a child and was always deeply concerned to integrate his faith with his public life.

We are grateful for his example and send our sympathies to Elizabeth and all the rest of the family.



**(Above)** Sir Fred and Lady Elizabeth Catherwood