

AVIATION AT DUXFORD



A recent trip to an Air show, held at Duxford IWM, was a great day out for some Link House residents. (Left) Mark (Germany) & Silas (Brazil) ready to enter the Concorde.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL LH SUPPORTERS



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who have contributed towards the building of the Lodge over the last 5 years. The outstanding loan (originally around £450,000) is now £153, 581. We are so grateful to God and to our faithful supporters.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This momentous occasion was well supported. A time not only to acknowledge the past, but also to look forward to the future. Having provided hospitality in the form of a home from home to international post graduate students for 25 years. Students organised, and presented, their own gift to LH (a surround sound system for film nights in the garden room). A song was also prepared by the students for the special occasion.



Link House patron, the Rt. Revd. John Taylor (above) gave a short talk before cutting the celebration cake. The rest of the afternoon consisted of cream teas, cakes, stalls and conversations. Some past residents were also able to attend.



The Summer Time was a great opportunity to host international postgraduate students here for short term studies. This year saw a wonderful mix of internationals from places like Spain, Brazil, Serbia, Jordan, Africa and Vietnam. LH also said farewell to many of its long term residents, who were now graduating or reaching the end of their tenure, having become confident and familiar with the UK's culture and customs. The new intake saw students arrive from Nigeria, Belgium, Vietnam, Brazil, Iran, China and even New Zealand.



LH is Delighted to announce the return of Leeann Moe (top) LH's volunteer assistant warden to the East Hertford Street house. Leeann has returned to continue her volunteer work at Christian Heritage and LH for a second year running. Welcome back Leeann!

Kitchen Renovations Now Complete!!
 Although temporarily overrun by a frenzy of contractors, residents of the Chesterton Road house watched with intrigue, and a little horror, as their beloved kitchens and dining room area were gutted. However, the end result was a remarkable transformation, from what appeared to be complete desolation emerged a pristine and beautiful culinary epicentre, challenging residents to come up with the cuisine to match. Many thanks to the Coulson Building Group for a job well done.



The kitchen, dining and living room areas are the hub of community life and interaction at Link House, and this latest upgrade is a great blessing to all. Special thanks to all the Trustees, and LH supporters, for allocating funds to this project, and for everyone's patience while this gargantuan task was completed.



So, What's Being Studied? Currently our newest students are studying towards either a Masters or PhD in the following subjects: International relations, bioscience enterprise, biochemistry, industrial systems manufacture and management, management science, law, middle eastern studies, engineering, computer science, development studies, earth sciences, human nutrition, science in sport, physical education, and, finally, mechanical engineering.

Each New Personality adds to the dynamic character of the LH community. And, although many students may initially speak little English, this soon becomes the primary shared language of communication between residents. At the culmination of each resident's stay their level of fluency has greatly increased. Students are seen to overcome their initial apprehension and shyness as they develop the confidence, and independence, necessary to achieve their academic goals – being able to navigate their way effectively within the wider culture, before returning to their respective countries to forge new career pathways. It is always marvellous to see the way that many from different cultures, nationalities and religions relate to each other in a cooperative and respectful way, as any initial fears give way to a sense of shared human experience.

Congratulations to Bastiaan van Dalen, Netherlands, who has recently graduated with an MPhil in Archaeology, Mayan civilisation, at Hughes Hall College. Bastiaan has also been offered the opportunity to pursue his PhD in 2014. He is soon to participate in an excavation in Oman and Mexico.

Congratulations to Anna Doblas, France, for graduating with an LLM (Masters of Law) from Lucy Cavendish College.

Congratulations to Biljana Savikj, Macedonia, for completing an MPhil (in Education) from St Edmonds College. Biljana has already begun her PhD.

Former Residents Remark

Dear Linkies,
 I feel the luckiest person in the world for having the opportunity to make part of Link House. The Link House is not just a happy place to live, for me Link House was my host that received me when I left my country to know the world. In the Link House I felt safe, protected, happy and became confident. The Link House gave me also wings to fly away to new places. To take part is also a wonderful experience because I've made friends and built up a family from around the world, to keep in touch with forever. Link House was just our crossing beginning. Wish you all to enjoy this experience just as I did. With love,

Mariana (Portugal) July 2013

Dear Linkies,
 Living at Link House came as an amazing Godsend. The amazing community here, the experiences and superb kindness and caring of the wardens and housemates all added so much to my life here in Cambridge, a year that really changed my life. I will go back to the Netherlands with many great memories of living at Link House. From rescuing my pillow from the neighbours roof, to events such as international dinners and movie nights. Also, living in Link House allowed me to easily make the transition from living with my parents to living on my own. I genuinely felt it was a home from home with Link House as my Cambridge family. I would like to thank everyone, the trust and everyone else for my time here. I will definitely stay in touch.

Bastiaan (Netherlands) Sept 2013

Becoming "Linkies" has been quite an adventure. Thank you to Steve and Sam for guiding us through life in Cambridge... and thank you to each one who lived here and crossed paths with us. You helped us with computer problems, showed us where to get the best deals on food + shops, and didn't seem to mind helping us two "older students." And Thank you to the trustees who have made it all possible. We really couldn't have survived this past academic year without the unique contribution of each one.

John & Charlene (America) June 2013

