

Congratulations to Link House residents Adelicio and Ligia (Brazil) on news that they are expecting their first child. Don't worry Ade you'll be a great Daddy! Love from all the Linkies.



BOOK SALE UPDATE

Currently there is no book sale planned for 2014. Many thanks to those who have supported and contributed in the past to this event, always greatly appreciated.

LINK HOUSE AOM 25TH APRIL

Location: Link House Garden Room

Time: 8pm

Coffee and cake will be served afterwards

ALL WELCOME



Many students greatly enjoyed the 'meet the trustees evening' Chair, Chris Gaston (Centre Above) leading LH students in a group quiz.

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Patrons: Lord Anderson, Lady Catherwood, Sir Fred 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

WINTER 2013/14

Link House Trust

'a home from home for international graduate students'

Link House Christmas Togethermas



This year saw many of our international graduate students remain in Cambridge over the Christmas Holidays. A large turkey was called for as Link House served up a delicious Christmas Lunch, with all the trimmings, to 25 residents in total. Prior to lunch there was the opportunity for all to attend the Christmas service held at St Andrew the Great, where residents were able to hear more about this longstanding celebration. The day received much positive feedback, and it was a great way for the latest intake of students to meet and greet the existing residents, from each of the three buildings that make up Link House. For many this was their first Christmas celebration ever. After lunch everyone retired to the East Hertford Street building for coffee, cake and presents. No one left without receiving a small gift. The purpose of these events is to ensure that everyone feels connected, and not isolated or alone, over the holiday season; while pursuing academic study a long distance from friends and family.

Christmas Party at Basil & Shirley's



Numerous events over the season meant that Link House residents had many opportunities to meet Cambridge locals, and to become more acquainted with the UK's culture.

Link House often receives letters from past residents, such as this one: "Certainly I talk about a lot of good things of Cambridge and Link House. I show my students pictures. Many kind people, blue sky, beautiful cloud, green grass, winding River Cam, so many things I cannot help recalling for many times. I still remember last Christmas day when we decorate cake, houses, Christmas trees etc. Even now it is still a good memory for me! Thank you for your help!" (China)



Qualifications of a Different Kind:

To retain our HMO, House For Multiple occupancy certification, particular legislative and safety requirements must be met. These requirements also help to inspire students' confidence in the Link House accommodation. Many routine checks and certifications are necessary for the ongoing operation of Link House. For example, tests include: fire alarm systems and fire fighting equipment, emergency lighting, household electrical and portable appliance testing in addition to gas safety inspections, to name just a few. These are carried out on a routine basis by both staff and appropriately licensed organisations. Additional to this, quarterly property inspections are also carried out, to ensure that the structure and fabric of the buildings are kept to high standard, and that regular maintenance work and upgrades, carried out on the facilities, meet the current health and safety regulations. Household processes concerning food safety and hygiene also contribute to the effective running of the houses. Once again, we would like thank all Link House supporters for your generous contributions that help to maintain the Link House student accommodation.



Hot Chocolate for a Very Warm Winter

What are our Latest Residents Studying?

Our latest residents are engaging in post graduate education in a broad range of subjects including: International and Cultural Relations, Cardio-epidemiology, Nanoscience, Business Management, Middle Eastern Studies, Fiscal Policy and Government Debt, Condensed Matter Physics, Chemistry, Economics and Cognitive Neuropsychology.



The Primary objective of Link House is to provide support to international students who are overseas for the first time. This is achieved through the provision of accommodation and hospitality within a caring environment. This ensures that students arriving in an unfamiliar country and strange culture experience a real home from home. The secondary goal is to facilitate understanding between people of different origins and backgrounds, through living in an interactive community. This helps many to overcome the very natural apprehensions towards those who may initially appear to be quite different; facilitating pathways to relating through mutual dignity and respect. These pathways can later become strong bridges to peaceful future international relations. In accordance with The Great Commission Link House always endeavours to reach out and include those from every tribe and nation, community and background, with the good news of peace for all mankind.

Congratulations to Bij-Na Kim, who is due to graduate shortly from Lucy Cavendish College with a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Metallurgy. Bij-Na also recently secured a post doctoral position of employment in the Netherlands, and returned to visit us here at Link House recently while having her dissertation bound. Great to see you again Bij-Na!



Congratulations to Biljana Mitreska (above) from Macedonia, on having now received her M.Phil. in Education.

Special congratulations to John and Jeni Cooper (Link House cofounder), on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Former Residents Remark

Dear Linkies,

I have no idea how to express my feeling now. I have lived here for 11 months and made a lot of friends, including the wardens. You are all so friendly and nice, making me feel like home. I'm so grateful for your help. At the beginning of my life here everyone helped me a lot. Such as introducing Link House to me, teaching me English, even how to clean the kitchen. Although everyone comes from different countries we are a family. I will really miss my past days here and the friends. Lets keep in touch: I believe we can see each other in the future, anytime anywhere.

Ying (China)

Nov 2013

Dear Link House!

Time flies so fast and it is really hard for me to say goodbye. This is the first time I stay this far to my country and I expected that it would be a hard time for me to adapt to the new environment. But you all, with your kindness and friendliness, make this become the most memorable experience in my life. I did enjoy staying here, a warm and cosy home and with my second family. I have met a lot of good friends from China, Brazil, Spain, India, Germany and learnt a lot from them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support. You guys made my first arrival become easier and my first life adaption better. I am really indebted to Phyllis for your timely help. Talking to you frequently made me feel more confident to overcome my concerns about language and I really felt that I am a member and part of Link House. I wish I could be there longer but its my time to go and it's sad... Last but not least I would like to express my thanks to all Linkies. I really appreciate your work on helping foreign students in Cambridge. Please keep it up, I hope that one day I can do the same things.

Thang (Vietnam)

Nov 2013



Farewells are always the hardest part of life here at Link House, as it's the special combination of people here for specific times that make the lasting memories.

