

Exciting news from ex-Link House residents

Faris completed his PhD in Cambridge and left Link House in August last year. He successfully secured employment at a company in Sheffield. On the 23rd of September, Faris married Amirah in Malaysia. Amirah has applied for a visa and is hoping to join Faris in the UK. Congratulations and blessings for a long and happy marriage.



Faris and Amirah Nafiah



Maryam Hamdan

Congratulations to Faisal and Shamira on the birth of a baby girl, Maryam. She was born at 30 weeks and was in NICU for 2 weeks and SCN for 41 days. We give God thanks that she was discharged on 19th August. She is gaining weight and doing well!

Mia was able to attend her graduation along with her Mother who was finally able to travel from South Korea. Mia is currently teaching at the University of Central Lancashire with some commitments in Cambridge once a month. Congratulations and well done!



Mia Kim

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Farewell to our Chairman, Stuart Anderson

Since returning from Pakistan in 1994, Stuart and Sue were involved with Link House, initially in a limited way, getting to know some of the residents and wardens, fund raising events, etc. They also attended music events in the newly opened Garden Room. In 2014 Stuart was invited by Shirley Scott to join the Trustees, and later took on the role of Chair from Chris Gaston in 2015, a role which he has thoroughly enjoyed doing over the past 7 years. This was very evident in the enthusiasm both Stuart and Sue showed when invited to functions/events which involved the residents.



Their hospitality knew no bounds, hosting Trustees and their spouses at their home for a meal and get together. Many residents were invited to go to the Anderson's for tea or a walk on New Years Day! Both the Trustees and Wardens will miss Stuart's godly, wise and kindly leadership. He will be sorely missed! We pray for God's hand of blessing on both Stuart and Sue in their new season in Norfolk.

Africans in STEM Symposium, Maxwell Centre, Cambridge



Ex-resident, Davina-Nelson Apiyo from Kenya, was recently a visiting doctoral student from the University of Cape Town and had the opportunity to present her work at the 3rd Africans in STEM Symposium held at Maxwell Centre, Cambridge. Her project focuses on the development of an *in vitro* vaginal model for testing of novel probiotics, with respect to the treatment of bacterial

Vaginosis (BV). Her oral presentation was chosen as the second best at the symposium. She is pictured here with the trophy that she received from the event sponsors.

Events at Link House



Many hours were spent in the Wardens kitchen leading up to Easter baking ginger biscuits. Gary made the dough, cut the different shapes and Anne pressed the image on the biscuits. Carrot shaped jelly sweets were attached to a bunny and the biscuits were packed into Easter themed boxes along with the Easter Story booklet for all the residents. On Easter Sunday in the afternoon, residents were invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt, followed by the Easter story, and then hot cross buns and tea/coffee were enjoyed. Despite so many residents being away, we had a good number attending.



Several weeks before the Jubilee the Wardens put up bunting with photos of the Queen in her various hats and the official Jubilee emblem in their sitting room window. It was amusing to see how many people walked by and pointed at it, especially when a bus stopped outside Link House. A week before the Jubilee, festive bunting was draped across the garden. The Thursday evening of the Jubilee the residents were invited to the Garden room to make crowns and bookmarks which they could take away with them, the excess we used to decorate the table for the Saturday street party in our courtyard. On a perfectly sunny day, the few residents who were around and some trustees enjoyed a traditional British garden party in celebration of the Queen. Traditional British savouries and sweet items were served, and we enjoyed a great afternoon commemorating an amazing woman!

Open Day at Link House

With the decision not to have a AOM (Annual Open Meeting), it was decided to have a Link House Open Day on June 25th. Before the Covid pandemic the Trustees had discussed doing something in memory of Jenifer and John Cooper, and their role in the vision of Link House. A floating granite ball fountain with the map of the world etched on it was sourced from India, which arrived during the Pandemic, hence the delay in displaying the memorial fountain and plaque. John Cooper was invited to the Open Day, having no idea he was the guest of honour to unveil the memorial fountain and plaque in honour of Jenifer and himself. The verse on the plaque is from *Psalm 96:3*. "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples." Several Trustees, Patrons, residents and friends of Link House enjoyed the occasion, enjoying conversations around a cup of tea and cake.



What have the Link House residents been up to?

On the 12th September, Jack, our voluntary Assistant Warden underwent surgery on his wrist. The bone was broken and shortened in order to realign the ligament that had become stretched. A month on, and Jack has made good progress and was able to drive his car again, returning home to Hampshire to visit friends and family. We thank the Lord for Jack's good recovery, and continued healing.



Jack Harding



Thilanka, Samuel, Anh

For various reasons and due to the Covid pandemic, many students were not able to attend their Matriculation Ceremonies. Fortunately two of our residents, Thilanka (Sri Lanka) and Anh (Vietnam), together with new arrival, Samuel (South Korea), were able to attend their matriculation ceremony and formal diner at Hughes Hall. Better late than never!