

## Exciting news from ex-Link House residents



Congratulations to Antonios and Kate Alvertis on their marriage earlier this year. Antonios is from Greece and Kate is from England. Antonios successfully completed his MPhil and PhD in Scientific Computing at Cambridge University. We wish Antonios and Kate much happiness in their future together.

Congratulations to Xiaoyue You, better known to us as Rachel, on her marriage earlier this year. Rachel was in Cambridge later in the year, with her new husband and parents, and wanted to show her husband where she had stayed while in Cambridge. This photo was taken outside East Hertford Street house which was the house in which she had lived for 2 years.

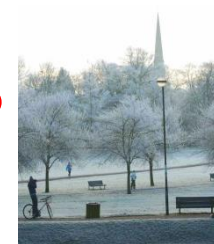


# Link News

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## Link House Trust

a home from home for international graduate students



### Shirley Scott – taken home to glory



When Basil and Shirley Scott retired in 2000 they supported John & Jenifer Cooper, especially in helping host monthly tea party's for foreign students on a Sunday afternoon at the Cooper's home. This continued until the passing of Jenifer. Shirley became more active in helping Link House and assisted students (and sometimes spouses) with improving their English, either one-on-one or in groups. In 2006 Shirley was invited to become a Trustee and was the minute-taker for most of that time until she retired in 2018. Shirley and Basil moved to Leicester from Cambridge in 2019 to be closer to their children.

Shirley will be missed by many from Link House: John Cooper, the various Trustees and Wardens she worked alongside, and those residents who benefited from her help over the years. You have served the Lord well!

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### Various maintenance work undertaken this year



All the tiles in the utility area of The Lodge had to be removed and replaced due to numerous of them beginning to crack and lift. It was a big job as all the fridges, freezers, washing machine and tumble drier had to be moved out, while still giving residents access to them. Fortunately no serious problem was found when the tiles were lifted and we were able to source identical tiles. The re-laying of the tiles was done so well that you would not notice the difference!

## Various maintenance work undertaken this year (*continued*)

Shortly after the work was completed in The Lodge, a new boiler was put into the East Hertford Street house. We are so grateful that replacement of the old boiler went very smoothly and it is more efficient and cost effective.

The final maintenance project for the year was removing all the dead box hedging around The Lodge and East Hertford, which had been killed by box tree caterpillar infestation. It was the ideal opportunity to simultaneously remove thorn bushes and ivy which had crept in and begun to climb the walls. It was decided to replace everything with laurel and hopefully in a few years time they will form a lovely hedge and be easier to maintain.



## Residents getting out and about



It has been encouraging to see so many of our residents getting together to enjoy activities in and around Cambridge: formal dinners, Shakespeare plays in the gardens of some of the colleges, punting, evensong, and 3 of our residents even walked to Ely Cathedral one Saturday, then took the train back.

The group of residents in picture went one Saturday to the Stourbridge Fair in Cambridge and watched the medieval re-enactment outside The Leper Chapel of Saint Mary Magdalene.

Residents from Chesterton Road House



## A year of Graduations

Sam Gabra from Egypt received his PhD in Chemical Engineering



Mirinda Ademi from Austria  
PhD Clinical Neurosciences



Zhikai Peng from China  
PhD Architecture



Faisal Bin from Malaysia  
MPhil - Physics



Rasima Sabzalieva from Tajikistan  
MPhil -  
Conservation Leadership

Due to Covid, Faisal had to delay his graduation but was grateful that his mother, wife and baby daughter could be present for his graduation.

We would also like to congratulate **Megan Holt** from Australia on attaining her PhD in Earth Sciences and **Melony Dilshad** from Sri Lanka who attained her PhD in Material Sciences and Metallurgy.

