

Link House Annual Open Meeting 2020

will take place at **Castle Street Methodist Church**
on **Thursday 2nd April 2020, 6:15pm for 6:30pm**

Buffet supper with coffee to be followed by the main meeting.
Meeting starts at 7:30pm with reports on the work of Link House,
followed by our guest speaker

**Prof Sir Colin Humphreys – “How does modern science relate
to having faith in God?”**

Tickets for the buffet meal are £10 and can be booked through the
Link House office before 27th March.

Please note: There are a limited number of parking places available at
the side of the church.

All Welcome! Come and meet some of the Link House Residents!

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Patrons: Lord Anderson, Lady Catherwood, Prof Sir Brian Heap CBE FRS,
The Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York,
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Link News

Spring 2020

Link House Trust

a home from home for international graduate students



Jenifer and one of her many paintings

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Our dear Jenifer Cooper was called home by the Lord she loved and served on December 14th, 2019. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held on 6th January 2020. Her 4 children paid tribute to their Mother, a poem written by Jenifer was read and Revd. Basil Scott did the address. Many friends and family attended the service as a witness and testimony to a wonderful lady who touched many lives on so many levels.

Having witnessed the needs of foreign students coming to the UK for the first time to study at Cambridge, the Lord prompted Jenifer to purchase a house which would offer the students affordable accommodation, not only single people, but couples and families. This happened over 30 years ago. Sharing her vision with her husband John, who stood shoulder to shoulder with her, Link House Trust was birthed. Jenifer and John were not alone and faithful friends partnered with them tirelessly to raise funds and pray for the work at Link House. As a result of the many years of fundraising, faithful prayers and monetary donations to the work at Link House, the Trust now has a co-joined Victorian house and two purpose-built student houses, all on the same property, which can accommodate a total of 31 residents along with a couple of guest rooms and wardens' accommodation. And today we can give God all the praise that all the houses are fully owned and mortgage free!

Up until her stroke in June 2018, Jenifer and John continued to host tea parties for foreign students in their home once a month. It is estimated that more than 1000 students have benefited richly from their ministry through Link House and we trust that this will continue to be the experience of many foreign students in years to come. You will be sadly missed Jenifer!

Christmas & New Year



The game of Jenga has become somewhat of a tradition at Christmas and once again it did not disappoint. New Year we played board/card games and watched the fireworks in London on BBC.

Christmas and New Year 2019 saw many residents going home for the holidays. We are always thrilled when residents are able to go home and be with loved ones. This past Christmas we only had 12 residents at Christmas, but nonetheless, a good time was had by all. One resident was fortunate to have her brother visit and spend Christmas with her.



Meet and Greet dinner

In October 2019 an invitation was extended to the Trustees to join us for a “Meet and Greet” dinner to welcome all the new arrivals at Link House. Most of our Trustees were able to attend and we had a really good turnout of new and old residents. The residents were asked to bring a dish representing the country they come from. Opportunities were had to move to other tables during the evening and to get to know one another a bit more. Residents were asked to share their name and where they came from, what they were studying and some of their interests. A wonderful evening was had by all.

Note We are happy to announce that Link House has a new Trustee, Patricia Johnston. We trust that Patricia will be blessed as she serves alongside her fellow Trustees. Welcome Patricia!

Past Resident Comments

“You have given me a home I will never forget. I was lost and alone upon arrival and here I found comfort, community, life long friendships and love. I am forever changed”. JG (USA)

“You gave me everything I need in my life – openness, community, friends, joy and a safe space. My Cambridge life could not have been successful without you”. TT (Japan)

“All good memories, stories and laughs. These moments will be stored in a safe place where time and anything else, cannot reach or blur. We hope to share every single detail of Cambridge with our friends in Brazil but also celebrate the opportunity of being part of Link House; that is for life”. IL & VC (Brazil)

Success Stories

Puck Koper – The Netherlands (Children’s Book Illustrator)

After leaving Link House, Puck has in this past year been blessed with much success. After publishing her first book “Where Is Your Sister”, Puck has gone on to win the Fiep Westendorp Award for young illustrators in the Netherlands, as well as being a finalist in the Golden Pinwheel Illustrations Awards in Shanghai, China. Just this week she heard that she won the Bologna Ragazzi Opera Prima Award 2020 for best first book together with the news that she is on the longlist for the Klaus Flugge Prize for most promising and exciting newcomer. To top it all, Puck has just completed illustrating a book for an Italian publishing house commemorating the 100th birthday of Director Federico Fellini. Well done Puck!

Jacqueline Gallo – The USA (PhD Education)

Jackie left Link House at the end of January to return to the USA where she is finishing writing up her doctoral thesis. Later this year she will return to do defend her thesis followed by her graduation. While still at Link House, Jackie was shortlisted along with two other candidates for a exciting job as Director of a prestigious Independent Catholic School in California. It was an intense interview process, but we are very happy to report that Jackie was chosen as the successful candidate and will be commencing her new career in July.

Dr Chiara Briola – Italy (Veterinarian Doctor)

Chiara has been studying Veterinary Radiology while she has been with us at Link House. There is an annual international exam with a pass mark of 75%, and having been unsuccessful in 2019, Chiara was determined and tenacious about passing in 2020. We were thrilled to hear that she passed, and now with only a few more months of practical training, she will be a qualified Veterinary Radiologist!