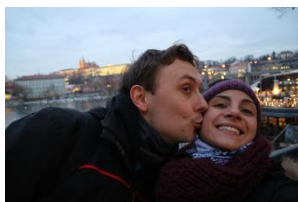


News from Ex-Residents of Link House

- Antonios Alvertis won the prize for best PhD student in Computational Physics for 2020.
- Congratulations to Mohor from Slovenia on the birth of his little baby girl, Zarja in October 2020.
- Congratulations to Yessica from The Netherlands on the birth of her daughter, Vesper, also born in October 2020.
- Congratulations to Matthias, from Germany, and Ilhame, from France, who will be getting married on the 7th August. They first met at Link House and since then their romance has blossomed.



Antonios Alvertis



Matthias & Ilhame

Note: Due to the ongoing pandemic and the social restrictions placed on us, we regret to inform you that sadly once again we will not be able to host the Annual Open Meeting again this year.

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Farewell Sofie Crump



Sofie was invited to become the Assistant Warden in June 2017 while continuing her work with Friends International. It was with sad hearts we had to say farewell to Sofie at the beginning of September 2020. She played an invaluable role at The Lodge and was able to draw the community together. Sofie had a real passion and gift of coming alongside the residents, the ladies in particular, encouraging those who struggled to cook and bake. Cooking, baking and running together became a regular event in The Lodge and many relationships were forged through these activities. As Sofie seeks to discern the next chapter in her life, we pray God's hand of blessing on her. You are missed Sofie!

New Assistant Warden – Jack Harding

Jack has been a resident at Link House while working at the Round Church as Deputy Dean. After working there for two years Jack felt that it was time to move on and was waiting on the Lord to show him the next step. Having resigned, the 1st lockdown happened, and Jack decided to put future plans on hold, and has been doing some part-time research work and writing. When Sofie indicated she was planning to leave, Jack agreed to take over as the volunteer assistant warden in The Lodge. It has been a natural



progression for Jack as he has been part of The Lodge community for well over 2 years. Jack did his Masters in Theology in the States and this has been invaluable in helping the residents in The Lodge explore some difficult questions they have. The trend has carried on since Sofie left and the residents can often be found having a meal and watching a film together. Having chocolate brioche and tea every Wednesday has become somewhat of a tradition. We are delighted to have Jack with us and thank him for the blessing he is to all at Link House.

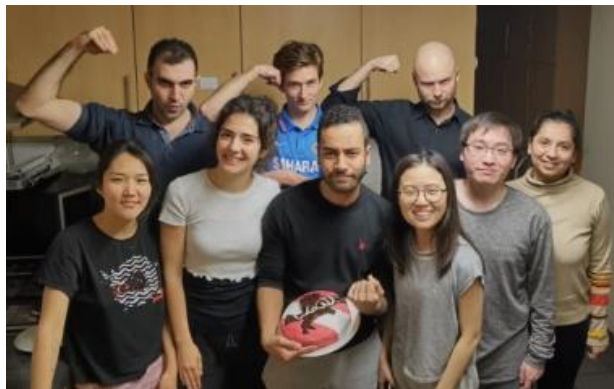
New roof tiles for East Hertford Street house

Towards the end of August the mammoth task of removing the old tiles and replacing them with a different quality of tile was undertaken by two very cheerful tilers. Over the past couple of years we have had several tiles crack and with strong winds some have fallen into the courtyard. At one point a car was damaged, and since then there has been the concern that further falling tiles may injure someone. It took the contracted company almost 6 weeks to complete the job, and for most of this period we had wonderful weather and only one day was lost due to wind and rain. It took a lot longer before the scaffolding was taken down as the final fixes were delayed due to the second lockdown, however, it is reassuring to know that a good quality tile has been placed on the roof and they should last for at least another 40 – 60 years!



What have the residents been up to!

Sam, from Egypt, who lives in The Lodge, is a keen football fan... and when his football team won the African Champions League, the Lodge residents decided to have a burger and cake evening to celebrate the win. A cake was baked and decorated with Sam's teams logo.



Early in October 2020, Omar from East Hertford Street house, flew home to Egypt to get married. Sam and Yousef (both from Egypt) could not attend the wedding, so they watched the ceremony live from Egypt and participated online. They decided to dress up for the occasion, but what Omar and the wedding guests could not see were the shorts and flip-flops that were being worn below the smart attire!

Children's Book Illustrators experience success in 2020

At Link House we have been fortunate to have 4 residents studying the M.A (Children's Book Illustration) at Anglia Ruskin University. Two of our residents have already had some success and we trust that all of them will enjoy continued success.

Lilla, from Hungary received her country's national award for "Best Up and Coming Illustrator 2019". Lauren, from the USA, was the "AOI World Illustration Awards 2020 New Talent" winner.

During lockdown, and with Anglia Ruskin University being closed to students, our resident illustrators made use of the Garden Room from time to time in which they were able to spread out their work, and at the same time spur each other on and share some ideas and tips.



Lilla Turi (Hungary)



Lauren Emmons (USA)



*Mariska Gewalt
(The Netherlands)*



*Sidsel Lindhagen
(Norway)*

CHRISTMAS 2020 🎄🎅🎁

Christmas 2020 saw only 10 residents remaining at Link House for the festivities. Along with our Assistant Wardens, Milijan and Biljana, we had an enjoyable Christmas meal together, with everyone helping in preparing the traditional Christmas dinner, followed by some exciting games of Giant Jenga.

The year of Coronavirus

We look back over the year of the Coronavirus pandemic and are grateful that no one, while at Link House, has contracted Covid-19, despite continuing to keep the houses fully operational. We have been able to introduce safer hygiene procedures and successfully support all residents who have had to quarantine on arrival in the UK.