

## Forthcoming Events

The next Link House Book Sale will be held early in 2012 (date to be confirmed). The sale will now also include complete jigsaw puzzles and DVD's



During the summer we held an Exhibition and Sale of John and Jenifer Cooper's paintings, held in the Garden Room at Link House. This was a part of the Cambridge Open Studio event.

Two of our faithful supporters also hosted a U3AC Garden Party in aid of Link House.

*These activities have raised money towards helping to pay off the building loan. Could you do something to help too?*

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# LINK NEWS

Autumn 2011

**Link House Trust**

*'a home from home for international graduate students'*

**As the long days of summer start to draw to an end, the cooling temperatures herald more than the coming Autumn.**

October brings to Link House the greatest changes of the year. Although most post graduate scholars are not strictly bound by the 'academic year', Autumn is traditionally a time of sad farewells and warm welcomes.

Almost half of our residents have recently left Link House to return home or continue their studies elsewhere, making way for new arrivals here in Cambridge.

Over the last few weeks we have received an enormous volume of applications from all over the globe and have been able to offer all the available places. The sad thing is always having to turn down many more hopefuls, for no other reason than that we simply do not have any more room.

The University Accommodation Services have been invaluable in helping to place students at Link House. We also receive an encouraging number of direct e-mail applications through the recommendation of previous residents, people such as Beate Woerz who wrote:

*"Thank you for all you have done for me! It was a big help to know that there were always people around who care and want to know you are all right".*



***Sad farewells but so many happy memories.*** Friends say good bye to Amy and Christian.

The level of care and support we endeavour to offer all our residents at Link House would not be achievable without the dedicated help of the assistant wardens. Both the Lodge and East Hertford Street houses have resident assistant wardens who not only help with the day to day running of the houses but also contribute to the general care of the residents.

### **A word from our Assistant Wardens**

#### **May Jelbert East Hertford Street**

I have been an assistant warden at East Hertford Street for just over two years. During that time I have experienced many different cultures, and now have friends from every continent around the world. Throughout this time I have accumulated some favourite memories.

This year these included the Easter-egg challenge which was such a fun day, the Burns night with haggis and ceilidh dancing and the birthday surprise party for Lil which turned into an impromptu rumba session.



But apart from these wonderful gatherings of all the houses together, there are more specific East Hertford memories, such as the night we gathered and did Karaoke Opera, an unusual option for Karaoke we soon realised. This became an international Karaoke where everyone sang a popular song from their own country. Another favourite pastime are the late night chats, where any number of topics are discussed from different cultures to science, technology, politics, religion and philosophy. One of my favourite questions is to find out how couples in my house met! Despite variance it is a nice reminder that love is so powerful it crosses any boundary, border and cultural divide.

Link House is a real family and I love to see people come together from every corner of the world making it their home. The saddest part of my job is when these people leave but I try to think of it not as losing someone but gaining a new family member from another part of the world.

#### **Phyllis Shaw The Lodge**

It has been a busy few months since I became assistant warden of The Lodge at the end of April this year, with many changes as people come and go. “Hellos” are easy but “goodbyes” are the hard part.

Some are in need of a smiling face and a helping hand on arrival, whilst others require space and privacy to adjust to their new environment.



*Phyllis with Sarah Mingjuan*

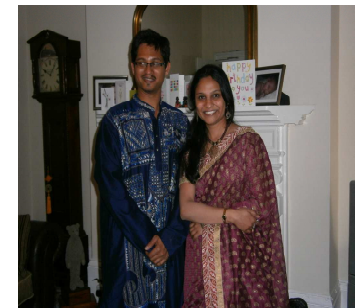
Sharing a home, a meal, happiness or tiredness all provide opportunities to make friends and discuss topics that the students may be struggling with. When people leave there is genuine sadness and this has an effect on the entire house. It takes experience and wisdom to deal with this, but it is a privilege to help in a practical and caring way.

*Avradeep & Arijita in traditional Indian dress*



*The name's Bond,  
James Bond*

During the summer months there have been times of celebration and joy for many..May balls and graduation ceremonies give a fantastic opportunity to dress up and to escape briefly from the pressures of studies.



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