

## Forth coming Events

### **Secondhand Book Sale**

**Saturday 12 March 10am – 5pm at**

**‘Holy Trinity Church’ Market Street**

Refreshments available



All proceeds go towards The Link House Trust Appeal...  
a local registered charity Regd. 29622

*\* If you wish to donate books for the sale we would appreciate  
delivery at Link House during week starting 14<sup>th</sup> February*

### **Link House is hosting an evening of well known Classical Music on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Selwyn College Hall**

For further information and tickets please contact Link House

### **The Link House Annual Open Meeting at Eden Baptist Church**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm** Come and meet some Link House Residents  
Tickets for the meal £7.00 each and the dead line for buying tickets is  
1<sup>st</sup> April. The meal 6.15 for 6.30pm. Meeting starts 7.30. Reports on the  
work of Link House, followed by a talk given by Canon Alan Hargrave  
following his latest visit to South America. ---- **All Welcome**

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#### **Trustees:**

Jenifer Cooper MBE, Dr Chris Gaston, Prof Sir Colin Humphreys CBE FREng  
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#### **Patrons:**

Lord Anderson, Lady Catherwood, Sir Fred Catherwood, Prof Sir Brian  
Heap CBE FRS, The Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, The Rt Revd  
John Taylor KCVO, Dr John Sentamu, The Archbishop of York  
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# LINK NEWS

Spring 2011

**Link House Trust**

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

### **Travel chaos, airports closed, trains cancelled as winter takes its grip.**

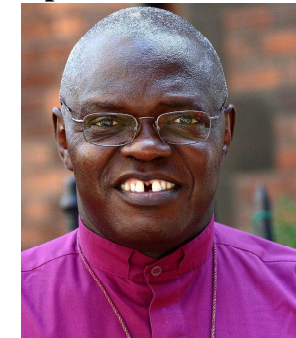
However the picture was quite  
different for many of the  
residents at Link House this  
Christmas. For some it is their  
first experience of **SNOW**. In  
fact sub zero temperatures  
occur very rarely in the home  
countries of some of our  
residents so the extreme cold  
came as rather a shock.  
There was a real excitement as  
word got around “Look outside  
It’s snowing”.

*Arijita from India braves minus  
10 degrees*



Cameras were clicking, like the  
paparazzi at the Oscars, as the  
first flurries of snow fell. Within  
minutes friends from Brazil to  
Bombay were seeing phone  
camera shots of Cambridge in  
Winter.

### **New patron of Link House**



The Trustees of Link House are  
delighted to welcome Dr John  
Sentamu, The Archbishop of York,  
as a new Patron of the Trust. His  
visit to Cambridge last May to open  
the Lodge, our newest building, was  
indeed a day to remember. He spoke  
to many of us on that occasion.  
We welcome him and will value his  
prayers for the work of Link House  
in the future.

## Christmas and New Years Celebrations at Link House



Thanks to Ryanair, Easy Jet and other low cost airlines, and the closeness of Stansted airport many of the residents from Europe managed to return home for Christmas to be with family and friends. For other from China, Brazil, India, Pakistan, Peru, Malaysia and Korea the journey just wasn't possible. This is where the Link House family plays its part. Starting several weeks before Christmas we began to get in to the festive spirit with a programme of events and functions. Decorating the houses was again a new experience for many, with trees, tinsel and garlands, the houses really took on a seasonal feel. We enjoyed attending carol services in some of the city's churches, Christmas themed movies in the garden room, secret Santa, sending cards and naturally mince pies.

For those who attend our weekly bible study, Exploring Christianity, we looked in to the gospel accounts of Jesus birth along with a showing of the movie 'Nativity Story'. On Christmas morning there was a buzz of excitement in each of the houses as presents were exchanged around the tree. At one o'clock about 30 residents met in the garden room to enjoy, what was for some, their first traditional Christmas lunch. First soup followed naturally by turkey with all the trimmings and then Christmas pudding with white sauce (sadly a little too rich for some palates). Christmas day wouldn't be complete without the after dinner parlour games. Whilst some games did not translate quite so well, others caused hysterical laughter such as 'draw the tail on the donkey' and even 'pass the parcel'. It was a day to forget the pressure of study, the deadlines of assignments, the research as yet unfinished and the distance from home, to just relax, let your hair down and enjoy a new experience with new friends at Link House. On 27<sup>th</sup> Marion organised a winter's walk to Coton and despite the chilly weather all enjoyed the fresh air and scenery.

New year's eve was once more a time to meet together, to reflect a little on the year past. A year that for some had started with excitement yet apprehension about coming to Cambridge, not knowing anyone and being totally unfamiliar with the culture or traditions that would face them on arrival. All this seemed a lifetime away as we ate, played games, joked together and saw in a new year singing Auld Lang Syne. It had been unanimously stated at a pizza night earlier that week that Link House had made it easy to come to the UK and to settle in Cambridge. New year's eve was the evidence that this was indeed true. As the clock turned 1.30 am on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 the room was still a buzz with conversations, mostly in English although the odd difficult word came out in Chinese, Spanish or Romanian.

### After dinner games



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## Linkies' Half-white Christmas

A poem by Yanni Lei from China--  
*Snowfall stops on this Christmas day  
only a little remains on the roofs and  
by the road a lot still covers the  
meadows—*

*This half-white Christmas,  
a reconciliation between snow and  
man*

*Chilly air is felt outside whereas  
warmth permeates the garden room  
Laughing dreamily, unconscious of  
sunlight receding and darkness  
creeping in besieging the gathered  
and distracted lodgers.*

*To be conscious is not to be in time.  
An Egyptian is speaking of the  
Metropolitan city and little village of  
King's college is not so old, the  
misleading guide always  
exaggerates it's history.*

*The court jester and naval admiral  
are wearing masks and asking silly  
questions.*

*Bursts of laughter are for the  
wrongly- put donkey's tail.  
A short girl decisively adds the tail  
in the right place but unattached to  
the body.*

*Of course the older English people  
can put the tail in the most accurate  
way, ignoring wrong directions.  
All these are so cosy in this special  
Christmas afternoon.*

*For the half- white Christmas in  
Cambridge.*



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## **Response Form:**

To: The Treasurer, Link House Trust

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