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## **Repair, Conservation & Restoration**

*Plain, Solid Internal Plasterwork &  
External Plasters, Renders, Roughcasts,  
Harls & Stuccoes*

**Wednesday, 6 May 2009  
2pm - 5.30pm  
Oxford Castle, Oxford**

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## Repair, Conservation & Restoration

### *Plain, Solid Internal Plasterwork & External Plasters, Renders, Roughcasts, Harls & Stuccoes*

This talk looks at the vast panoply of traditional plain and solid internal plasters and external renders, roughcasts, harls & stuccoes that cover so many of our historic buildings. It covers ground more likely to be encountered in the real world of pragmatic everyday repair. It deals with the humbler plasters & renders, discusses specification and shows many different approaches to conservation, repair & replacement.

This seminar argues that the very variety of these traditional materials makes the richness of our heritage and makes a strong case for never using standard recipes or mixes. It asks for our regional traditions to be respected in an age when the blandness of universal solutions is increasingly applied to all.

Mortars, plasters and renders and all lime-based mixes are discussed in some detail, as well as the more rarefied mixes of Victorian times such as Oil Mastics & Roman, Parian & Keenes Cements.

This talk destroys certain myths and preconceptions and questions why so many specify “self coloured renders” which have no place in traditional lime rendering. It introduces briefly the problems and the principles of conservation and discusses mortars, plasters, renders and mixes suitable for repair, renewal or replacement.

## Speaker

### **Ian Constantinides, formerly of St Blaise**

Ian trained as a materials scientist with the Atomic Energy Authority before founding St Blaise Ltd in 1982, one of the country's leading firms working in Historic Building Repair and Conservation, which he managed for 25 years. Ian teaches in the UK and abroad: on the English Heritage Master Class series, many post graduate courses and many CPD events for the RICS, RIBA, SPAB et al. He has recently resigned from St Blaise, although he remains a Non-Executive Director and retained Consultant. Ian pursues many other interests as a Freelance Consultant in all aspects of Historic Building Repair and in his works abroad, especially as an Advisor to the Turquoise Mountain Foundation and their regeneration of what little is left of the ancient heart of war-ravaged Kabul.

**This event qualifies for 3.5 hours CPD.** RIBA members are required to complete 35 hours of CPD per year. 19.5 hours should come from the Core Curriculum. Within this, it is compulsory to study 2 hours in health and safety matters.

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