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RIBA SOUTH CPD & EVENTS 2008

If you receive this email at a central practice address, we would appreciate it if you could circulate a copy to other members in your practice to ensure they are made aware of CPD opportunities.

Is the E Bulletin going to the correct person in your office? – if not, could you inform the regional office at: riba.south@inst.riba.org and we will amend our records.

RIBA SOUTH CPD CALENDAR 2008 AT A GLANCE:

For more information about CPD events visit:

<http://www.architecture.com/RegionsAndInternational/UKNationsAndRegions/England/RIBASouth/ContinuingProfessionalDevelopment/CPDevents2008.aspx>

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- 6 May Legislation Update – Building, Fire & Safety and Access Regulations, **M Keynes***
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Newbury

- 8 May CPD Roadshow, **Newbury**

Oxford

- 30 April Legislation Update – Building, Fire & Safety and Access Regulations, **Oxford***
- 21 May De-mystifying The Code for Sustainable Homes, **Oxford***
- 18 June Networking to Generate Business, **Oxford***

Reading

- 7 May CDM One Day Foundation Course, **Reading**
- 4 June Time Management for Projects, **Reading ***
- 2 July Two TRADA Timber Talks, **Reading ***
- 16 July Energy Efficient Housing Refurbishment, **Reading***
- 10 Sept Damp & Decay in buildings and its Environmental Control, **Reading***

Winchester

- 23 April Ventilation from Domestic to Large Atria, **Winchester ***
14 May **Heavyweight vs. Lightweight Buildings with The Green Register, Winchester Guildhall**
12 June De-mystifying the Code for Sustainable Homes, **Winchester ***

Seminars & Building Visits

- 13 May Building visit and seminar, Study Group, Brighton Study Centre
July Building visit and seminar, Genesis Centre, Taunton

Those CPD Seminars marked with * are included in the CPD Series 2008

More to come! If you have any comments or suggestions on the RIBA South CPD Programme, please contact the RIBA South regional office at riba.south@inst.riba.org or call **Amanda or Vicki** on 0118 969 8051.

RIBA SOUTH CPD & EVENTS 2008

23 April 2008 – **Natural Ventilation in Low Energy Building Design** – *Applications from Domestic to Large Atria* – Professor Andrew Woods and Dr Shaun Fitzgerald, BP Institute, University of Cambridge **Winchester 2-5pm**.

Ventilation is a critical factor in determining the environmental performance of buildings, from energy use to the health and comfort of the occupants. Natural ventilation schemes allow air movement through buildings without the need for high-energy fans to drive the flow. It is often enhanced by pre-heating the air, and in some cases also by pre-cooling, or it may supplement a mechanical ventilation system to form a hybrid ventilation scheme.

This seminar introduces delegates to the principles and practice of natural ventilation using state of the art laboratory and computer modelling techniques, and case studies of domestic applications through to large atria.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

30 April 2008 – **Legislation Update – Building, Fire & Safety and Access Regulations** – John Miller FBEng, FRICS, **Oxford, 2-5pm**

A painless, sure-fire way of making sure you are completely up-to-date with regulatory changes in key areas.

John Miller will lead the seminar and guide you through the recent significant changes as well as providing delegates with an insight into areas currently under review.

John's informative and entertaining approach to regulatory developments will separate the facts from the flannel.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

6 May 2008 – **Legislation Update – Building, Fire & Safety and Access Regulations** – John Miller FBEng, FRICS, **Milton Keynes, 5-8pm**

A painless, sure-fire way of making sure you are completely up-to-date with regulatory changes in key areas.

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This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

7 May 2008 – **CDM One Day Foundation Course** - John Heath, Managing Partner of Morgan Safety Services, **Reading, 10-5pm**

On 5 April 2007, Planning Supervisors ceased to exist. This one day foundation course, with Health & Safety expert John Heath will get everyone, Planning Supervisor or not, up to date with the regulations. Planning Supervisors will acquire the information to develop into a CDM Coordinator.

Everyone needs to be aware that the brand new regulations emphasise the need for competence and resources among all duty holders.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

8 May 2008 – CPD Roadshow - Newbury, 9.30am – 4.15pm

Want to gain a full day's worth of RIBA CPD? RIBA CPD Providers Network and RIBA South invite you to a full day's CPD.

This is a unique opportunity for all construction and design professionals to gain up-to-date knowledge and enhance personal proficiency on a wide range of subjects as well as earning CPD points from some of the top companies in their fields.

Each session is one hour, and you can book as many as five sessions throughout the day.

Attendance is FREE.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

13 May 2008 – Seminar and Building Visit to The Study Group, Brighton Study Centre – Rupert Cook, architecture plb, Brighton 4-7pm

Join Rupert Cook of architecture plb for a seminar and tour of this fascinating building. The seminar will give a background to the project, its design and development process. The seminar will be followed by a tour of the building.

The stunning new Study Centre for international students opened in Brighton on 13 February 2008. The project sits within a large redevelopment area adjacent to Brighton mainline station. The design challenge was how to bring together five different school communities and the headquarters' staff and teachers into one building, offering a united identity and shared experience. The result is a low energy international school for over 1000 students on a City Centre site.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

14 May 2008 – Heavyweight versus Lightweight Buildings – Which works best for the Environment?

A joint event with the Green Register – Speakers: Jonathan Ward – Arups; Fran Bradshaw - Anne Thorne Architects; Colin Russell – Sandwood Design & Build; Sarah Graham – IES, **Winchester Guildhall, 9am – 2pm including lunch**

As the effects of climate change start to be felt, is it better to build lightweight framed construction with insulation infill or heavyweight masonry construction with thermal mass? Or is there a hybrid system out there that combines the best of both worlds?

This half-day seminar will explore the pros and cons of both types of construction, using case studies and post-occupancy data to construct a case for both types of construction.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

21 May 2008 – De-mystifying The Code for Sustainable Homes – Elliott Carter, The Green Register, Associate Director of PDM Consultants, Oxford, 2-5pm

A green revolution is coming. From April 2008, all new Housing Association dwellings will need to achieve a Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3. By the end of the year, the Government are proposing that all new homes must be Code certified.

Any architects involved in residential schemes will therefore require a fundamental understanding of sustainable design as well as the Code assessment process.

Elliot Carter will aim to de-mystify this process and advise on some of the major sustainability issues reviewed under the Code. He will discuss likely costings and identify areas on which to focus your design effort. Various case studies will be used to identify cost-effective solutions and approaches, including practical advice on product and material specifications.

This CPD seminar is compliant with the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum.

For more information on these events and CPD seminars and events throughout the UK please visit <http://www.architecture.com/go/Events/CPDListing.html>.

Additional CPD information is also available at <http://www.cpdevents.org.uk/SE>, a website managed by SECBE.

RIBA SOUTH CPD SERIES 2008

It is still not too late to join the RIBA South CPD Series! The Series offers exceptional value for money for a fee of just £35 for RIBA members/practices for each half-day session in an area close to you. A one-off fee of £210.00 (+ VAT) entitles you to 6 half-day CPD seminars. This offers exceptional value for money in the current training and development marketplace.

The CPD Series provides a structured approach to training and development for architects and other construction professionals to enable them to fulfil their development obligations. The following benefits are offered to all members:

- A free place at each of 6 events in your area (Reading, Oxford or Winchester/Southampton + Milton Keynes: *CPD topics may vary*)
- Free documentation and refreshments at each event
- Discounted price of £40 for one additional guest
- Free transfer of your place to another CPD Series/Seminar within the Region
- Complementary quarterly CPD Update
- Discounted rates at additional regional CPD events
- 2 small practices can share the benefits
- 18 hours accredited training

If you would like to join please email amanda.hockley@inst.riba.org for a membership form.

RIBA SOUTH CPD CLUB 2007

This Club is being discontinued in favour of the CPD Series. If you are already a member you can continue until the end of your subscription. However, you might like to transfer to the CPD Series. If you would like to transfer please contact Amanda for more details amanda.hockley@inst.riba.org

RIBA SOUTH WEBSITE

Visit the RIBA South website for up-to-date news on CPD seminars and other events taking place in the RIBA South region go to the new RIBA South website www.architecture.com/ribasouth. We would appreciate your feedback after visiting the website, so call us with any comments you may have on 0118 969 8051 or riba.south@inst.riba.org

BRANCH EVENTS

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

PORTSMOUTH ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL SOCIETY OPEN LECTURE SERIES 2008

- 10 April 2008 **Erik Stenberg** –Tensta Model: regenerating Stockholm’s modernist housing stock, Head, School of Architecture Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Stockholm
- 17 April 2008 **Alan Powers** – Architecture & Music, Professor, Greenwich University, School of Architecture

Please go to <http://pass-openlectures.blogspot.com/> if you wish to take part in the conversation.

All are welcome to attend, there is a small charge for the event, refreshments are provided. For more information call 023 92 842103

WINCHESTER LECTURES – ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES

The following lectures will be held at the Winchester School of Art, East Side Lecture Theatre B, Park Avenue, Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm:

- 3 April 2008 **Matthew Bedward**, REID Architecture
 1 May 2008 **Jane Lock-Smith**, Cube Design Ltd
 8 May 2008 **Simon Conder**, Simon Conder Associates

Entry is £5.50, Students free.

If you require more information, please contact Scot Masker at ProVision Architect on 02380 270272 or email s.masker@pvprojects.com

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH

OXARCH LECTURE SERIES, SEMESTER 2

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| 3 April 2008 | Nick Terry , Chairman, BDP
For more info visit www.bdp.co.uk | 6pm |
| 10 April 2008 | Bob Fry , MD, Swanke Hayden Connell Architects
For more info visit www.shca.com | 6pm |
| 17 April 2008 | Will Alsop , Founder of SMC Alsop
For more info visit www.ashsak.com | 6pm |

Lectures will be held in either the Lloyd Lecture Theatre in the Lloyd Building (next to the Abercrombie Building) or at the Main Hall in the Main Building (next to Reception), both on the Gypsy Lane Campus, Headington.

For more information contact Mark Shipton, RIBA Oxford tel 01865 328109, email mshipton@oxford-architects.com or visit www.oxford-architects.com

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

- Local Award Scheme is underway and awards event will be held on **3 April 08**
- Planning is underway for 08 Discourse
- Organised several CPD events for the Island
- AGM will be held on **1 May 2008**

For more information contact Gian Giblett tel. 01983 241159 or email gian.giblett@onwight.net

RIBA SOUTH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Are you aware that RIBA South has the following special interest groups?

- **RIBA South Planning Group**
- **RIBA South Conservation Group**
- **RIBA South Green Group**

Keep up to date with what's going on in your area and nationwide - **RIBA Special interest groups keep you informed!**

If you are interested in joining a special interest group or receiving information from any of these groups, please contact:

RIBA South Planning Group: Philip Waddy tel.01235 523139 p.waddy@westwaddy-adp.co.uk

RIBA South Conservation Group: Bob Franklin 01865 311440 admin@franklindesign.co.uk

RIBA South Green Group: Isabel Carmona tel. 01635 41688 isabel@ca-sa.co.uk

Or alternatively contact the RIBA South office: tel 0118 969 8051 or email riba.south@inst.riba.org.

RIBA SOUTH PLANNING GROUP

Regional Planning Group Objectives:

1. To shadow and respond to local development framework plans and spatial strategies.
2. To deal with issues of planning procedure both within individual local authorities and generally across the planning system.
3. To promote liaison between planners, architects and other stakeholders in the planning process.
4. To promote good planning practice to members and provide advice on policy issues.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT USER GROUPS

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the local authority or call your regional officer directly to have your name and details added to their database.

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Validation Checklist – Planning and Related Applications

The government intends to introduce legislation concerning the validation of planning applications, to take effect on 6 April 2008. The legislation will provide that, in order to qualify as valid, applications will be required to be accompanied by relevant information set out in a "Validation Checklist", comprising both a national list, and also a local list, where one has been produced and adopted by the local planning authority. If an application is not accompanied by information required by the checklist, the Council would declare it invalid and not register or process it.

The revised checklist is available on the Council's website www.reading.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planning/planningapplicationservice/formsandinformation and select Validation Checklist.

For more information tel: 0118 939 0900 ext. 4029 or email jane.greenway@reading.gov.uk

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Reading Borough Council Local Framework – Planning for the Future of Central Reading

Reading Borough Council has now submitted the Reading Central Area Action Plan (RCAAP) to the Secretary of State. A copy of the document is available to view on the council's website www.planning.reading.gov.uk.

For more information tel: 0118 939 0286 or email ldf@reading.gov.uk

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Changes in radon affected areas

The Health Protection Agency has published new maps for defining areas where radon protective measures are required in buildings, and the BRE have issued new guidance on protective measures in buildings.

Radon protection may now be required in Woodeaton, Towersey, Little and Great Milton, Little and Great Haseley, from Oakley Wood (Crowmarsh) southwards to Goring, from Gallowstree Common eastwards to Sonning Common, Peppard and southwest Henley.

An indicative atlas of radon in England and Wales is available on the HPA website at: http://www.hpa.org.uk/radiation/publications/hpa_rpd_reports/2007/hpa_rpd_033.htm

Further information is available at www.bre.co.uk/radon/

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Work on the West Oxfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) continues. For more information on recent progress and forthcoming work visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/ldf or call Paul Slater, Senior Planner (Policy) on 01993 861665 or email paul.slater@westoxon.gov.uk

AWARDS

RIBA YORKSHIRE WHITE ROSE AWARDS 2008 – Call for Entries

Entries are being sought for the 2008 White Rose Awards for Design Excellence. Schemes are eligible if located in the Yorkshire and Humber region, designed by an RIBA architect or practice, and completed and occupied between January 2006 and May 2008.

Application forms are now available from RIBA Yorkshire.

Closing date for entries 12 May 2008

Awards ceremony will be held on 24 October 2008 at Leeds Town Hall. Ian McMillan will be guest host.

If you would like to receive an application form or have any queries please contact Rachel Hughes on 0113 2378480 or email rachel.hughes@inst.riba.org

RIBA SOUTH CONSERVATION AWARD 2008 - *New Building in an historic setting*

RIBA South invites you to submit entries for the Conservation Award 2008. The category for this year's Award is *New Building in an historic setting*.

The Award Scheme continues, following a four-yearly rotation which started in 2001.

RIBA members are invited to submit projects at the time of completion for any of the four categories, though only one category will be judged per year.

The intention will be to reward excellence in a conservation work and to set out the winning project as an example to others. Therefore the work nominated should demonstrate adherence to well-established principles of conservation repair.

The deadline for 2008 entries is **27 June 2008**.

RIBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR RESEARCH 2008

Professional Practice-located Research Award

The RIBA is keen to encourage and recognise excellence in research undertaken in architectural practice. Work in any area of architecture, including the design or aspects of the design of a building, and considered to be an exceptional contribution to architectural knowledge and understanding is sought from RIBA members and practices.

There are few bounds to the potential subjects but the submission for the award must be a completed research project, not the life-time achievement of an individual or practice. Entry for the award is restricted to RIBA members and RIBA Chartered Practices. Interdisciplinary collaborative projects are encouraged but the research entered must be under the intellectual and financial control of an RIBA member/Chartered Practice.

The deadline for submissions is 16 June 2008.

Formal submission documentation is available from

<http://www.architecture.com/Awards/RIBAPresidentsAwardsForResearch/RIBAPresidentsAwardsForResearch.aspx>

AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP AWARDS 2008

Closing date for entries – 23 June 2008

Ceremony on 4 September 2008, Victoria Park Plaza Hotel, London SW1

Celebrity host is George Clarke (BA Hons UCL Dip Hons), RIBA Architect, Designer, Writer, Lecturer and TV Presenter of 'Build a New Life in the Country', 'Property Dreams' & 'A Dream Home Abroad'.

For further information tel: 0208 668 6969 email: housingawards@event-x.com or visit: www.housingawards.co.uk

RIBA WESSEX & SOUTH WEST TOWN & COUNTRY DESIGN AWARDS 2008

Entries are being called for the RIBA Town & Country Design Awards 2008. The award scheme looks at the impact of new and converted buildings in both rural and urban settings and aims to highlight the contributions made by any RIBA member or RIBA chartered practice working within the Wessex and South West regions or Channel Islands.

The Awards apply to buildings completed in the RIBA Wessex and South West regions and the Channel Islands i.e. all local authorities in Bath, Bristol, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles and the Channel Islands

Closing date is 12pm on 3 July 2008

Awards Ceremony at Great Hall, University of Exeter on 25 September 2008, hosted by George Ferguson.

Entry forms are available from RIBA Wessex & South West on 0844 800 2767, by emailing riba.wessex@inst.riba.org or riba.southwest@inst.riba.org, or downloading an entry form from www.architecture.com/ribawessex or www.architecture.com/ribasouthwest

COMPETITIONS

NEW INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION – URBAN SPLASH, LEX

This new open design competition seeks innovative and exciting design proposals for phase two of the Walsall Waterfront redevelopment.

The competition is being organised by the RIBA Competitions Office on behalf of property developers Urban Splash in association with their partners Advantage West Midlands, Walsall Council and Walsall Regeneration Company.

The competition is open to registered architects or designers in collaboration with other design disciplines.

The competition brief is available on www.lexwalsall.co.uk. **The deadline for registrations is Friday 23rd May 2008.**

For more information tel: 0113 2341335 email : riba.competitions@inst.riba.org or visit:

www.architecture.com/competitions; alternatively you can visit the dedicated competition website at www.lexwalsall.co.uk

NEWS

HOUSE OF LORDS HOSTS FIRST DEBATE ON ARCHITECTURE IN FOUR YEARS

The debate in the House of Lords on architecture and planning took place on 27 March 2008. All participants were briefed so a number of key messages were discussed – the use of design champions, design review panels and the need to extend their reach, the proposal of putting a statutory duty into the planning bill to consider design quality. The use of design competitions

and RIBA's role in education were also mentioned.

13 peers spoke including Lord Rogers (Richard Rogers), Lord Howarth, Lord Tyler and Lord Best. Baroness Andrews is the government spokesperson for the CLG and responded to the speeches made by each of the peers. The debate was an excellent way of ensuring those messages were debated in advance of the planning bill and housing bill coming to the Lords.

Out of the points made Baroness Andrews seemed less convinced by the proposal to put a statutory duty to consider design quality:

“Some noble Lords, not least my noble friend Lord Howarth, invited us to think about more statutory duties to ensure that local authorities consider design quality when assessing planning applications, but other noble Lords, by reference to PPS 1, PPS 3 or statutory guidance, demonstrated the case better than I can that we do not need more statutory powers; that is not what will guarantee that local authorities are encouraged and enabled.”
But agreed to look into expanding scope of design review panels and incentives;
“Design review panels are in seven out of nine regions at the moment. Of course there should be nine—that is what we want—and I will think hard about the arguments that have been made about expanding their scope.”
“With specific regard to the title of the debate, we asked, in a recent consultation on the housing and planning delivery grant, how we might provide incentives to encourage better design through that grant.”

The RIBA be writing to all peers who spoke in the debate and seek a meeting with Baroness Andrews together with some of the key peers who will be working with the RIBA on the planning bill and housing bill as they go through the Lords.

If you would like to read the full text go to:
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldhansrd/text/80327-0007.htm#08032768000004>

RIBA HQ

RIBA RESPONSE TO BUDGET STATEMENT

Among the key points of most interest to the Royal Institute of British Architects are:

- Small and medium sized firms are to be encouraged to procure 30% of public sector business in the next five years, through the creation of an advisory committee
- Funding to be made available for the Green Home Service to advise consumers on how they can reduce carbon emissions, waste and water consumption
- An ambition for all new non-domestic buildings to be zero-carbon from 2019 and for all new homes to be zero-carbon from 2016. All new public buildings are to be zero-carbon from 2018.
- Extending the stamp duty land tax exemption from zero-carbon homes to new flats, retrospectively from the first of October 2007
- The Government aims to increase housing supply and affordability. The housing Corporation is undertaking an £8.4billion pound investment over the next three years, the largest investment programme in its history
- The Government has committed to achieving the delivery of 200,000 new homes on surplus public sector land by 2016. The budget announces that the Government has firmly identified many of these sites
- The Government is introducing measures to reform the tax incentives for developing Brownfield land, to make them more environmentally sustainable.

- Reference made to pre-existing policies on reducing energy emissions from the household sector and the existing housing stock.

For more information visit www.architecture.com

RETURN TO PRACTICE COURSE

Are you on a break from your architecture career, and wanting to return to practice? Or do you know anyone in the same boat? Or, would you like to get a week's worth of CPD at once?

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and London Metropolitan University (London Met) are piloting a new course, **12 – 16 May 2008** in London. The Return to Practice course is aimed at qualified architects who have taken a career break, and responds to the findings of the RIBA/University of the West of England research, on why women in particular leave architecture.

This week long course is specifically designed to meet the needs of the students, particularly focusing on boosting their confidence and improving their technical knowledge, enabling them to successfully re-enter the profession. This course is open to any qualified architect - women or men - who have been away or who might otherwise benefit from a refresher.

Contact Anne Markey for more information about the course on 020 7133 2716 or email a.markey@londonmet.ac.uk To download a booking form for the course, visit: www.londonmet.ac.uk/architecture/departments/asd-projects/

ROYAL GOLD MEDAL AND FELLOWSHIPS 2009 – Call for nominations

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is seeking nominations for the 2009 Royal Gold Medal and Honorary and International Fellows.

The Royal Gold Medal is a lifetime achievement award, approved by Her Majesty the Queen, to an architect or group of architects for a body of work. Any member of the RIBA is eligible to nominate a candidate. Recent winners include Frank Gehry (2000), Archigram (2002), Toyo Ito (2006), Herzog and de Meuron (2007) and Ted Cullinan (2008). A full list of winners can be found in the awards section of the RIBA's website: <http://www.architecture.com/>

Nomination papers are available from Tony Chapman, Head of Awards on 020 7307 3632 or tony.chapman@inst.riba.org or from the [awards section](#) of the RIBA website. **The closing date for nominations is 30 May 2008.**

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JOB VACANCIES ON RIBA JOBS WEBSITE

RIBA members can now place job adverts on a dedicated regional page of www.ribajobs.com.

RIBA Appointments offer a good value service for web advertisement and the site is linked to the regional web site.

RIBA TRUST TALKS

V&A + RIBA Architecture Partnership Talks

8 April 2008, Victoria and Albert Museum, Education Gallery, Room 128A, **Unseen Hands: 100 Years of Structural Engineering - David Littlefield**

22 April 2008, 66 Portland Place W1B 1AD **International Dialogues: Architecture and Climate Change – Dr Hermann Scheer**

25 April 2008, Florence Hall, 66 Portland Place W1B 1AD, **Culinary Closing Event**

Architecture Talks in the V&A + RIBA Study Rooms unless otherwise stated - These talks are free and no booking is required

Unless otherwise stated, tickets cost £8 (£5 RIBA members, students, concessions). For further information or to book, download a ticket booking form from the website www.architecture.com/programmes or call the RIBA Trust booking line 020 7307 3699. Tickets can also be purchased from the RIBA Bookshop, 66 Portland Place London W1B 1AD

RIBA TRUST EXHIBITIONS

Until 8 April 08, Gallery 1, 66 Portland Place, **Back to the Future: Sir Basil Spence (1907-76) Celebration of a Modern Architect**

16 – 29 April 08, Gallery 1, 66 Portland Place, **Visualisations of the 21st Century City**

Until 19 April 08, Gallery 2, 66 Portland Place, **Built Ecologies: Translating Landscape into Architecture**

Until 26 April 08, 66 Portland Place, **Ton Matton – Surviving the Suburb: the Climate Machine**

Until 1 June 2008, V&A +RIBA Architecture Gallery **Architecture Now: Up on the Roof**

The RIBA exhibition spaces are open Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturdays 10am – 5pm. Entry to all exhibitions is free. Evening or weekend functions sometimes affect gallery opening times. If planning a visit on a Saturday or late weekday afternoon, it is advisable to call beforehand. Contact: Tel: 020 7942 2000 or visit www.vam.ac.uk

OTHER EVENTS

RIBA SOUTH EAST EVENTS

Practice Matters/Benchmarking Thursday 10 April 2008 4.00 pm Sofitel, Gatwick how benchmarking can help architects' practices to develop and improve their performance, led by an expert; and the latest on practice with Richard Brindley, Executive Director, RIBA Professional Services. £70 if booked before 27 March, £85 thereafter.

Conference on achieving Level Six, Tuesday 22 April 2008

RIBA South East and the Low Carbon Trust (which runs Earthship Brighton), supported by SECBE are running a conference at the Thistle Hotel, Brighton on 22 April 2008. Achieving Level Six: practical ways to design for the Code for Sustainable Homes will be a day of useful information and inspirational site visits. £99 if booked before 1 April, £125 thereafter. Contact info@ribasoutheast.org for more information

To attend these events, contact cpd@ribasoutheast.org / 01892 515878

ARCHITECTS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Society is a registered charity which helps architects, assistants, technologists and landscape architects and their dependants. The society helps people of all ages who have experienced illness or an accident or some other personal misfortune. The help includes grants, gifts, loans, advice and sometimes accommodation.

If you require help or advice you should contact the Society at 020 7580 2823 or write to the ABS at 43 Portland Place, London, W1B 1QH.

ADVERTISING

If you wish to advertise or include any events or items in the monthly e-bulletin please ensure all details are forwarded to our office by no later than 20th of each month to ensure inclusion. We aim to provide a comprehensive listing of events run by RIBA and related organisations/ CPD providers, but cannot accept liability for errors or omissions. See also www.architecture.com

Should you require any additional information on any of the items detailed within this bulletin please don't hesitate to contact your regional office representative.

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