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RIBA South Office Move

RIBA South Regional Office is moving offices on **21 August 2008** from Woodley on the outskirts of Reading to central Reading.

Please note that the office will be closed on 19, 20, 21, 22 and 26 August.

The new office is located on the London Road University Campus and our new address is:

Room G01, Building L019, University of Reading, London Road, RG1 5AQ.

We will keep our old telephone number: **0118 969 8051**

If you have any queries call Lucy or Vicki on 0118 969 8051.

RIBA South CPD & Events

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.

RIBA South CPD Calendar 2008 at a Glance:

Milton Keynes

23 Oct	The Expanding Design Team**	MKeynes	5-8pm
11 Nov	Party Wall + The Architect**	MKeynes	5-8pm

Oxford

15 Oct	Conservation Master Class 1 – Brickwork & Masonry	Oxford	2-5.30pm
22 Oct	Renewable Energy Systems**	Oxford	2-5pm
4 Nov	Networking to Generate Business**	Oxford	2-5.30pm
12 Nov	Conservation Master Class 2 – Roofing	Oxford	2-5.30pm
20 Nov	Practical Planning**	Oxford	2-5pm
10 Dec	Conservation Master Class 3 – Heavy Oak Carpentry	Oxford	2-5.30pm
14 Jan 2009	Conservation Master Class 4 – Traditional Lime Plasterwork	Oxford	2-5.30pm

Reading

10 Sep	Damp & Timber Decay in Buildings ** Non-destructive inspection/environmental control Speaker: Dr Jagjit Singh	Reading	2-5pm
3 Dec	Sustainable Concrete Construction & Thermal Mass for Housing** Speaker : The Concrete Centre	Reading	2-5pm

Winchester

25 Nov	An Anti-Recession Kit for Architects** Speaker: Tom Taylor, Dashdot	Winchester	2-5pm
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Conferences

17 Sept	Green Ideas for School Design Conference School Design from conception to reality	Everest Community College, Basingstoke	9.30am – 4.30pm
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Those CPD Seminars marked with **are included in the CPD Series 2008

For more information on CPD events in your area [Click Here](#)

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 0118 969 8051.

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

RIBA South CPD Series 2008 – still time to book and save money!

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 six 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 place at six events in our region
- 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
- Two small practices can share the benefits
- 18 hours accredited training

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

Branch Events

BERKSHIRE BRANCH:

Future events tba

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH:

- **RIBA Hampshire AGM 2008**
Date tbc

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE – MENTORING PROGRAMME

Portsmouth School of Architecture would like to set up a short mentoring programme for final year degree students with practices in the area. Many students at this stage have not worked in or visited an architect's practice and thus feel themselves at a disadvantage when studying professional practice and applying for placements for their year out. The School is proposing to set up a list of practices that would be willing to allow a group of 2 or 3 students to visit their office for a maximum of three afternoons (6 hours in total) during the year. The agenda for the three visits might be –

1. Have a look around the office, investigate systems in use, look at practice set-up and management, marketing etc.
 2. Examine a project within the office and discuss how it is procured, from design inception through to built on site
 3. Discuss the student's project work in an informal studio meeting with available staff, or visit a site.
- but could be agreed between the individual office and the students.

The school would handle the organisation of groups and can suggest activities that would limit practice staff input time if necessary.

Visits would be by appointment agreed between practice and the allocated group of students, with Pam Cole acting as co-ordinator. It is anticipated that visits would take place between January - April 2009.

Pam Cole would be delighted to hear from any practices that might be interested in joining this scheme, please contact her on pam.cole@port.ac.uk for further information.

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

- **RIBA Oxford AGM 2008**
Date tbc

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH:

- **Buckinghamshire Society of Architects AGM 2008**
Date tbc

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH:

- **Building Visits**
Mainland RIBA members are welcome to join the Isle of Wight members on **19 September 2008** for two building visits: The Red House, Bexley Heath, and The Home Wood, Esher. A mini coach will leave from Portsmouth Hovercraft Terminal. Places are £10 per person, subject to availability.
- **Branch Meetings**
The next Isle of Wight Branch Meeting will be at 6pm on Thursday **4 September 2008** at Quay Arts Newport. Subsequent meetings are on the first Thursday of each month, same time and venue.
For more information regarding any Isle of Wight events please contact Gian Giblett tel. 01983 241159 or email gian.giblett@onwight.net

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

RIBA SOUTH CONSERVATION GROUP

Next RIBA South Conservation Group Meeting: 2-4pm, Wednesday **10 September 2008** at English Heritage, Eastgate Court, 195-205 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3EH

RIBA SOUTH GREEN GROUP

Next RIBA South Green Group Meeting: tbc

RIBA SOUTH PLANNING GROUP

Next RIBA South Planning Group Meeting is Thursday **18 September at 4pm** at West Waddy ADP, The Malthouse, 60 East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 5EB, Tel: 01235-523139

Activities of RIBA South Planning Group 2008

Since Philip Waddy took over as Chairman at the beginning of the year the Planning Group has met twice. In addition he has represented the region on the RIBA National Planning Group assisting in the RIBA's formal response to a number of consultation papers issued by central Government.

Current initiatives are as follows:-

Local Design Review Panels

David Ashe has been working closely with RIBA South East and the RTPI to progress this national initiative endorsed by 66 Portland Place. Initial scepticism from CABE appears to have been overcome and CLG are next to be persuaded.

1-APP – Current Status

Members of the Planning Group have reported a mixed reaction to the introduction of 1-APP with it seems a majority of practitioners still submitting applications in hard copy format rather than via the Planning Portal. There are inconsistencies between Local Authorities as to the implementation of the 1-APP forms and the Planning Group would like to invite members via our regional newsletter to return comments regarding their experiences with the new application procedure.

Development Control Stakeholder Group/Agents Forum

Linda Mills, RIBA South Regional Director has been collating a list of LPA stakeholder/agents forums and has been advertising meeting dates for members throughout the southern region. This is an important initiative and one which members should be encouraged to support. Only through making our voice heard in every council throughout the region can we expect practitioners concerns to be taken into account by Local Planning Authorities.

Planning partnership guide to speeding up large scale developments

At the last Planning Group meeting the group endorsed CLG's consultation paper on partnership agreements for the processing of larger scale developments but questioned why such an approach could not also be adopted for small and medium scale planning applications. The group also consider that a voluntary extension of the 8 and 13 week targets for determining applications particularly for smaller proposals should be implemented without impacting upon council's performance targets.

Philip Waddy is communicating these views to RIBA National Planning Group.

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.

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning and Building Control, South Oxfordshire District Council, has informed the RIBA that Colin McAndrew, Innes Ayling and Edward Hagan are leaving the council. The council feels it is important to maintain adequate standards, so it is changing the way its service is delivered.

The remaining surveyors will provide the site inspection service with JBC Ltd helping with Full Plans applications. South Oxfordshire District Council asks you to respond to any amendment letter directly to:

JBC Ltd, The Cottage, Penns Place, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4EP

Tel: 01730 710546, Fax: 01730 710606

Please contact Simon Towns on 01491 823782 if you wish to comment on the service you receive.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

Work on the LDF continues with the recent Issues and Options consultation. A summary of the response is available here: <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/ldf>

THE WYCOMBE PARTNERSHIP

On the 27 June 2008, the Wycombe Partnership formally adopted the, 'Towards a Sustainable Economic Prosperity Strategy – Wycombe', which is the first phase of an economic development strategy for the district.

Wycombe District Council has agreed to consult on behalf of the Partnership in relation to this paper that is available via the attached web link below:

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/sitePages.asp?step=4&contentID=5411&categoryID=59>

Please note that the deadline for the end of this consultation is **26 September 2008**.

Please do contact Mayuri Naker for more information or clarification on any aspect of this document on 01494 421124; or e-mail her on Mayuri_naker@wycombe.gov.uk with your comments.

If you would like a hard copy of the document, please contact Ava Cashman on 01494 421283 or e-mail her at ava_cashman@wycombe.gov.uk

RIBA South Awards

RIBA SOUTH CONSERVATION AWARDS 2008 – Shortlisted Buildings

The following buildings have been shortlisted for the RIBA South Conservation Awards 2008. The award-winning buildings will be announced on **1 September 2008**. The award –

winning buildings will be presented with their award on **14 October 2008** at the RIBA South Awards Ceremony at the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield.

- **The Crown Inn, Playhatch**, Reading, Berkshire
Architects: Brownhill Hayward Brown Architects
- **North Wall Arts Centre**, St Edwards School, Oxford
Architects: Haworth Tompkins
- **Rowstock Barn**, Oxfordshire,
Architects: Woodfield Brady Architects
- **Headington Baptist Church, Oxford**
Architects: David Grindley Architects
- **Charters**, Ascot, Berkshire
Architects: The Design Studio with MMDS
- **New House at 39 Radcliffe Road**, Oxford
Architects: Hess Kincaid Leach

RIBA SOUTH AWARDS PRESENTATION 2008

To celebrate the winners of the RIBA South Awards, the Conservation Awards and the Student Awards, a presentation will be held on **14 October 2008** at the RIBA Award winning National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield. The evening will feature a champagne reception, tours of the building and talks from various key speakers, as well as the award presentations. Invitations will be sent out shortly. For more information please contact Lucy Mayfield or Vicki Howe on 0118 969 8051 or email lucy.mayfield@inst.riba.org or vicki.howe@inst.riba.org

News & Events

RUTH REED IS ELECTED NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE RIBA

Ruth Reed has been elected the next President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). She will become President Elect on 1 September 2008 and will succeed the current President, Sunand Prasad on 1 September 2009.

Ruth Reed is Course Director of the Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Practice at the Birmingham School of Architecture and a Partner of Green Planning Solutions. She has also sat on the RIBA's Council, been Vice President of membership, chaired the RIBA's CPD Sub-Committee and served as President of the Royal Society of Architects in Wales.

For more information visit www.architecture.com

FOND FAREWELL TO AMANDA HOCKLEY

The team at RIBA South wished Amanda Hockley a fond farewell and all the best in the future for her new life in San Francisco! Amanda has been a wonderful work colleague and we will all miss her.

We would like to welcome Lucy Mayfield to the RIBA South team. Lucy has taken over from Amanda and is responsible for the RIBA South CPD and Events programme. Many of you have already contacted Lucy Mayfield regarding CPD Events but for those of you who have not, you can contact her on 0118 969 8051 or email: lucy.mayfield@inst.riba.org

RIBA SOUTH AGM/SUMMER PARTY

RIBA South held its AGM/Summer Party at the award-winning Savill Building in Windsor Great Park on **17 July 2008**.

Although the sun refused to shine on this occasion, an enjoyable evening was had by all! The evening featured a tour of the Savill Building with Jamie Webb of Glenn Howells

Architect. Nick Day, Operations Manager of the Savill Building also gave delegates a fascinating insight into the Savill Building – from a Client’s Perspective.

CONTENDERS FOR THE RIBA’S PRESTIGIOUS STIRLING PRIZE 2008 ANNOUNCED

A pioneering court building in Manchester, a dramatic Cable Railway in Austria, the restoration of London’s Royal Festival Hall and the vibrant Westminster Academy in London are among the six buildings which have made it on to this year’s Royal Institute of British Architects shortlist for *The RIBA Stirling Prize in association with The Architects’ Journal*. The £20,000 prize is awarded to the architects of the building that has made the greatest contribution to British architecture in the past year.

The six buildings competing for this year’s title are:

Accordia, Cambridge by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios/Alison Brooks Architects/Maccreanor Lavington

Amsterdam Bijlmer Arena Station, Amsterdam, Netherlands by Grimshaw/ARCADIS Architecten

Manchester Civil Justice Centre, Manchester by Denton Corker Marshall

Nord Park Cable Railway, Austria by Zaha Hadid Architects

Royal Festival Hall, London by Allies and Morrison

Westminster Academy at the Naim Dangoor Centre, London, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

All shortlisted buildings can be seen at <http://www.architecture.com/NewsAndPress/PressImageLibrary/>

RIBA HQ

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Housing & Regeneration Bill

Good news. The government has tabled an amendment to the Housing and Regeneration Bill which would ensure that the Homes and Communities Agency has a duty ‘to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development **and design**.’

Essentially this means that the HCA would have a statutory duty to consider design quality. This is something the RIBA has been working on in the House of Lords through its group of design friendly peers and through amendments tabled by Lord Howarth.

Climate Change Bill

The Climate Change Bill is progressing through the Commons having already passed through the House of Lords where it was introduced. At Committee stage amendments supported by the RIBA were tabled on the issue of the target for carbon emissions being raised to 80% of 1990 levels (current text refers to at least 60%).

Energy Bill

The RIBA is in support of a new clause in the Energy Bill which would introduce a renewable energy tariff. The new clause was used as a way of debating the issue around renewable energy and the RIBA will be responding to a Government consultation on renewables over the summer.

CONSULTATIONS

Draft Heritage Protection Bill

The RIBA submitted a joint response to the draft text with the RTPI, RICS, IHBC, CIOB and POS. The Bill will be introduced in the next Queen’s speech and is likely to be debated next year. To view the response, go to:

<http://www.architecture.com/Files/RIBAHoldings/PolicyAndInternationalRelations/Policy/PublicAffairs/responseToHeritageBill.pdf>

Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration

RIBA Head Office worked with the regional offices to submit a response. To view the response click here:

<http://www.architecture.com/Files/RIBAHoldings/PolicyAndInternationalRelations/Policy/PublicAffairs/RegionalResponse.pdf>

Eco-towns

The RIBA has submitted a response to the eco-towns consultation. It was intended as a broad statement of the RIBA's views on eco-towns rather than an in-depth analysis of each location. Click here to view the response:

<http://www.architecture.com/Files/RIBAHoldings/PolicyAndInternationalRelations/Policy/PublicAffairs/responseToEcotowns.pdf>

AFRICA UNION OF ARCHITECTS

The RIBA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Africa Union of Architects (AUA) on educational services. The memorandum will enable the AUA to have a world platform to raise the profile of issues facing African architects. Recently appointed AUA President Seif Allah Alnaga is personally committed to developing CPD and education initiatives and is active in the AUA's CPD work, representing Egypt and his region as a AUA vice president. This follows on from work the Institute has been doing to help establish multilingual CPD frameworks in Africa; most recently a CPD workshop in Alexandria to launch the AUA CPD programme.

For more information visit www.architecture.com

SMALL PRACTICE CONFERENCE 2008: GUERRILLA TACTICS

Now in its fifth year, Guerrilla Tactics is the annual RIBA conference aimed at small architecture practices. The conference provides relevant, new and stimulating content covering all aspects of running a small practice, and the theme of this year's event is 'Secret Manoeuvres for Business Success'. The event runs across two days, from **14 – 15 October 2008**. For more information click this link:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Conferences/SmallPracticeConference2008/SmallPracticeConference2008.aspx>

RIBA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008

This year's RIBA International Conference, in association with Emap, will focus on the theme of architectural identity. It will examine the ways in which architecture can both give and take away identity from places; at best adding character to the non-descript, at worst suppressing the local vernacular in favour of a global style. The event is on **24 – 26 October 2008**. Click the following for more information:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Conferences/Conference2008/RIBAINternationalConference08.aspx>

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

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 month by month listings visit:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Talks/TalksArchive.aspx?CalendarMode=Month>

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

Corus Student Awards Exhibition

Until 07 August 2008

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/At66PortlandPlace/2008/CorusAward.aspx>

Modernism in China Exhibition

Until 6 September 2008

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/At66PortlandPlace/2008/ModernisminChina.aspx>

Unseen Hands: 100 years of Structural Engineering

Until 7 September 2008, V&A +RIBA Architecture Gallery

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Talks/Events/2008/Unseenhands.aspx>

Housing Design Awards Exhibition

Until 13 September 2008

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/At66PortlandPlace/2008/HousingDesignAwards.aspx>

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

SOUTH EAST EXCELLENCE – CASE STUDIES WANTED

The new South East Excellence website was launched at the end of June. It now includes a selection of case studies of good practice in the built environment, which are intended for people and organisations to learn from.

GHK Consulting is working with South East Excellence to develop a series of case studies which highlight innovative and successful approaches to the built environment. Do you have any examples of projects or programmes that you would like to showcase?

Key lessons learnt will be shared through the South East Excellence website www.southeastexcellence.co.uk.

Examples of projects or programmes can be supplied via the following

link: <http://www.ghkint.com/surveys/see/>

Contact Abigail Lee: AbigailLee@seeda.co.uk

GREENING ARCHITECTURE

A Greening Architecture course on Thursday **4 September 2008** will be held in conjunction with the Weald and Downland museum.

The 'Greening Architecture' course aim is to review sustainable options for both domestic and commercial buildings whilst allowing designers to apply their creativity. The focus for the day will be sustainable considerations for reducing a building's environmental impact through its layout, fabric, services, materials and the interior environment. The course will be a full day, split into several sessions with presentations and discussions, and will cover principles for both new build developments and refurbishment projects. Further information is attached.

This course will count towards Continuing Professional Development obligations.

For more information contact: Zoe Holliday: Impetus Consulting Ltd

T: 01243 869 834, F: 01243 868 947, E: zoe.holliday@impetusconsult.co.uk

JOINT PROFESSIONALS GROUP (JPG)

The JPG is a group of chartered professionals from all areas of business, including accounting, banking, law, surveying, marine and engineering, which works together to circulate information to members of events that provide opportunities for training and career development, as well as organising other events for both professional and social networking. The next networking event is scheduled for **24 September 2008** to be held at the new Intech Planetarium in Winchester. For more information please contact Marietta Maidman at SOSCA on 01489 582838 or marietta.maidman@icaew.com

WATERWAYS RENAISSANCE AWARDS 2009

Made a Splash? Now shout about it – Showcase your project and earn a reputation for delivering excellent regeneration projects. The Waterways Renaissance Awards 2009 – now open for entries. The closing date is **30 September 2008**.

For more information get in touch with the BURA awards Team on 020 7539 4030 or email awards@bura.org.uk

STONE INDUSTRY CPD

A four-day CPD course in Verona is now accepting bookings for **3-6 October 2008**. Details are at http://www.marmomacc.com/corsi_en.asp UK architects can email Daniel De Castro at the Italian Chamber of Commerce decastro@italchamind.co.uk for further information.

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 include news or promote events in this monthly e-bulletin please ensure all details are forwarded to our office by no later than 20th of each month. We aim to provide a comprehensive listing of events run by the RIBA and related organisations/CPD providers, but cannot accept liability for errors or omissions.

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