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[Season's Greetings](#)

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, let us cast an eye over the year's achievements and key events which took place in the RIBA South region in 2008.

In June we welcomed Isabel Carmona as the new Chair of the RIBA South Berkshire Branch. Thank you to Andrew Plumridge for all his hard work as previous Chair of the Berkshire Branch. Andrew still holds his post as Treasurer for the RIBA South region.

28 projects were entered for the RIBA Awards from the South Region and 8 of the 11 shortlisted projects won RIBA South Awards. The North Wall Arts Centre, St Edward's School, Oxford, designed by Haworth Tompkins architects received an RIBA National Architecture Award. Oxley Woods by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners has won the Manser Medal for Houses and Housing, sponsored by The Rooflight Company.

Again the quality of projects entered for the RIBA South Conservation Award for Architects was so high that the judges awarded 3 buildings the Conservation Award for Architects and 2 buildings received a Commendation for Architects. A further 2 buildings from the South region received an Istock Downland Prize.

7 students from Oxford Brookes University and Portsmouth University were awarded prizes for their outstanding creativity.

Members of the RIBA South region attended 27 successful CPD seminars, 1 conference: Green Ideas for School Design; the RIBA CPD Providers Network Roadshow in Newbury and several building visits.

architecture08 saw the celebration of architecture across the SEEDA region during May and June 2008 and events in the RIBA South region were well attended by members. In the Architect in the House scheme 196 enquiries from members of the public were matched with architects in the RIBA South region. A special thank you to all architects who gave up their time to take part in the scheme.

To date this year we have received 387 Client Services enquiries. However, enquiries have shown a marked decrease in the last quarter of 2008.

In September 2008 the RIBA South regional office moved from Woodley on the outskirts of Reading to central Reading. The new office is well-situated at the London Road campus of Reading University. Although the office is only a few minutes from the bustling centre of Reading, the London Road campus provides an oasis of calm in beautiful landscaped gardens. 2008 saw a number of staff changes to the RIBA South Regional team and the new team is busy planning and organising a calendar of events for 2009. If you have any ideas for events in 2009, please let us know – we really value your comments!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in 2008. Your involvement in RIBA South activities is greatly appreciated and has enabled the RIBA South region to achieve so much in the last year.

On behalf of Sarah, Caroline and Vicki, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Holiday Season!

Linda Mills

Regional Director, RIBA South

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:

Oxford

15 Jan	Conservation Master Class <i>Repair, Conservation and Restoration: Traditional Lime Plasterwork ~ Plain, Solid & Decorative, Internal & External, Roughcasts, Harls & Renders</i> Speaker: Ian Constantinedes	Oxford	2-5.30pm
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Reading

28 Jan	EST/RIBA Refurbishment Event Speakers: Gina Yuzbasioglu, BRE Housing & James Honour, RIBA, Senior consultant, Housing Features, BRE	Reading	1-4.30pm
25 Mar	Architecture and Project Management Speaker: Tom Daylor, dashdot	Reading	2-5pm
29 April	DDA / Inclusive Access Speaker: Keith Bright	Reading	2-5pm
14 May	Whole Life Costing Speaker: Owen Griffiths	Reading	2-5pm
2 June	CDM Regulations Speaker: Alan Russell, BYL ltd	Reading	2-5pm
24 June	Legislation Update / Construction Law	Reading	2-5pm

	Speaker: John P Miller	Ⓜ		
22 July	Running a Small Practice	Ⓜ	Reading	2-5pm
30 Sept	Code for Sustainable Homes Speaker: Nick Tune of BRE	Ⓜ	Reading	2-5pm
21 Oct	Party Wall & the Architect Speaker: David Reynolds of Drivers Jonas LLD	Ⓜ	Reading	2-5pm
25 Nov	Building Conservation	Ⓜ	Reading	2-5pm

Those CPD Seminars marked with Ⓜ are included in the Regional CPD Southern Network.

Some booking forms are available on our website www.architecture.com/ribasouth

For more booking forms, information, or to book on a course please call 0118 9874900 or email caroline.cotton@inst.riba.org

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

RIBA CPD Network launches in 2009

RIBA South is to launch an exciting new initiative in 2009 with the inaugural RIBA CPD South, West and Wales Network. The four participating RIBA nations and regions; South, South West, Wessex, and the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) are working together to provide a flexible, beneficial, high quality, low cost CPD programme for our members across four central locations.

The Network programme is designed to make it easy for you to cover the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum in one single booking when signing in for the complete series of seminars throughout 2009. The season ticket is convenient and exceptional value.

There are nine different seminars in the Network programme including subjects in all five RIBA CPD Core Curriculum areas and the compulsory Health & Safety element. Each seminar is repeated across the four areas, allowing flexibility to attend in a different location if necessary. The Network programme will be supplemented by other CPD seminars in all the usual venues across our region.

All members will receive a booklet and booking information early in the New Year and can benefit from reduced cost CPD by signing up to the entire series throughout 2009, which will satisfy 27 hours of your 35 hour commitment.

Please contact the regional office on 0118 987 4900 or email caroline.cotton@inst.riba.org to discuss the Network, and keep an eye out for the full programme which will be with you shortly.

Branch Events

BERKSHIRE BRANCH:

- Future events tba

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH:

- Future events tba

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH:

WINCHESTER LECTURE SERIES

RIBA South Hampshire Branch is organising the 2009 Lecture Series and hopes that someone from S333 might be interested in discussing the work of the practice.

Winchester Lecture Series 2009 is arranged for and on behalf of the Hampshire Branch of the RIBA and a series is organised every year.

The audience ranges from mostly local practicing architects but also some artists, architects, art students and other interested local groups and people. These lectures are a service we provide for the benefit of our local RIBA members and other interested people who like to attend.

The lectures are normally held on Thursday nights at 6pm for 6:30pm start in Winchester at the School of Art in the West Side Lecture Theatre (depending on availability). We will be publishing an event flyer to be distributed once all the speakers have confirmed. A donation is made at the end of the series to Cancer Research on behalf of Michael Highton past RIBA National Hon Sec. and great champion of the profession and locally involved architect.

The lectures will probably start in January 2009 and continue every other week. Dates could be Jan 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26. Ruth Reed, RIBA President Elect, has already confirmed for 29 January 2009 and we anticipate that she will give a presentation about the RIBA followed by another architect's talk.

Hopefully you are interested and could suggest an evening which may suit you. Please contact Scot Masker if you are interested in speaking at an event:
Tel: 02380 270 272; email s.masker@pvprojects.com

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH:

Isle of Wight Branch Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month.

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

- Future events tba

TRIP TO LE CORBUSIER EXHIBITION, LIVERPOOL

The Le Corbusier exhibition now on at the **The Crypt, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral** allows visitors to explore the extraordinary career and enduring legacy of Le Corbusier (1887-1965), iconic architect, designer, writer and artist in the first major exhibition of his life and work seen in Britain for over 20 years.

RIBA South would like to hear from any members who would be interested in participating in a coach trip to the exhibition and a tour of Liverpool city in January 09. If you would be keen to visit the exhibition on an organised trip, please email Vicki Howe at the RIBA South regional office at vicki.howe@inst.riba.org.

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 9874900 or email riba.south@inst.riba.org

RIBA SOUTH CONSERVATION GROUP

Next RIBA South Conservation Group Meeting tbc

RIBA SOUTH GREEN GROUP

Next RIBA South Green Group Meeting will be held on **26 January 2008**, 2pm – 4pm at RIBA South Regional Office, University of Reading, London Road, Reading RG1 5AQ. For directions to our offices please visit: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/about/find/about-findindex.asp>

RIBA SOUTH PLANNING GROUP

Next RIBA South Planning Group Meeting tbc

If you have strong opinions about the planning system in operation, or local or national planning policy and would like to be part of the RIBA Southern Region Planning Group, please e-mail Philip Waddy at p.waddy@westwaddy-adp.co.uk

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.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has recently published a draft Supplementary Planning Document entitled 'Sustainable Design and Construction'. It sets the Council's planning policy framework for development across the Borough and covers new build as well as refurbishment. There is a consultation period ending on **19 December 2008**. Members who work in the Royal Borough are encouraged to download the draft, read it and respond with their views to the Council.

Philip Waddy, Chair of the RIBA South Planning Group says:

"I anticipate that the new SPD will be formally adopted sometime in the New Year after which all planning applications will be expected to comply so even if members aren't concerned about responding to the consultation they ought to familiarise themselves with the requirements of the SPD if they have projects currently being worked up to planning application stage".

More details available from the following web address
http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/pp_sustainable_design_and_construction_spd.htm

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Southampton City Renaissance – the approximate development value of current schemes is approximately £1.7billion. To ensure that the transformation process continues, Southampton City Council is working with its partners on current and future exciting developments.

To find out more and keep in touch with progress please contact Tracey Tizard at:

economic.development@southampton.gov.uk or on 023 8083 2587

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Consultation on Issues and Options for the Site Allocations and Development Management Documents

Reading Borough Council is producing two documents to provide further guidance on the overall strategy set out in the Core Strategy (adopted in 2008): **Site Allocations Document** which will identify locations for development and conservation; and a **Development Management Document**, which will provide more detailed policies for dealing with planning applications.

The consultation started on 30 October 2008 and Reading Borough Council welcomes your comments. Full copies of the documents can be viewed online, at <http://planning.reading.gov.uk> Your comments should be received by **12 December 2008**. For further information contact the LDF Planning Team on 0118 939 0286 or email ldf@reading.gov.uk

News & Events

EST/RIBA REFURBISHMENT EVENT

28 January 2009, 1pm – 4.30pm, Green Park, Reading

This half day seminar will:

- show the requirements for energy efficiency within the wider context of refurbishment to planning and building regulations
- provide you with up to date policy guidance, and clarify where requirements do and do not apply
- provide you with practical case studies and tools for evaluating refurbishment projects
- offer information on a range of tools suitable for evaluating the scope for refurbishment and financial assistance available.

Who should attend?

Designers and housing professionals involved in refurbishment who are interested in maximising the potential for energy efficiency within their projects or finding out their obligations under the regulatory system.

For more information and a booking form call the RIBA South regional office on 0118 987 4900 or email caroline.cotton@inst.riba.org

NEW CHAIR FOR SOLENT CENTRE FOR ARCHITECTURE

After almost five years serving as Chair of the Solent Centre for Architecture + Design, David Ashe has decided to step down from the post. It is hoped that a new Chair will be appointed in December 2008 in order for them to take over the role at the time of the AGM in June 2009.

It has been agreed by the board that the new Chair should come from an Architecture or design background.

David Ashe writes:

“I have always held that 5 years is enough in a voluntary post, both to try pastures new for oneself but also to allow a fresh set of ideas into an organisation.

For this reason only I am standing down from the hugely enjoyable role of Chairman of SCA+D. It has been an exciting and very rewarding time working with Paul and the imaginative and enthusiastic team he has put together, to develop the Centre to where we now are. There are great opportunities ahead, and we have a strong and supportive board to help see us through the challenges of the coming recession.

If you are interested in taking up the baton, (or know of someone you consider might be suitable) please do not hesitate to contact Paul. You will not regret the decision!"

For more information contact Paul Grover, email: paul@solentcentre.org.uk or tel 023 8028 3053

Competitions

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE REDESIGN OF ROOF TERRACES AT THE RIBA HEADQUARTERS

The RIBA, through the RIBA Competitions Office, is soliciting Expressions of Interest from designers for the redesign of three roof terraces at the RIBA Headquarters at 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD. Expressions of Interest are welcomed from architects, interior/exterior designers and landscape architects with appropriate experience.

For more information email riba.competitions@inst.riba.org or telephone Martin Pascoe 0113 234 1335 or visit www.architecture.com/competitions

NEW OPEN DESIGN COMPETITION – Astley Village

The RIBA has launched a new competition to find a talented design team, who will help deliver a landscaping/environmental improvements scheme for Astley Village in Chorley, Lancashire. The competition is open to all practising architects, landscape architects, town planners and urban designers. Ideas are sought for improvements to Broadfields and Astley Village Ponds and surrounding areas.

Further details and the online brief are available on the website www.astleyvillagecompetition.co.uk

NEW OPEN DESIGN COMPETITION – Northampton University

The University of Northampton has launched a design competition for architects to plan future developments at its 14.5 acre Avenue Campus on St George's Avenue in Northampton. The aim is to further enhance the site's role as a centre for Arts & Applied Sciences education over the next 20 years, as well as to support community engagement.

For more information tel 0113 234 1334, email riba.competitions@inst.riba.org or visit www.architecture.com/competitions

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION – DWA ARCHITECTS CARING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

DWA Architects are organising this ideas competition, open to all architectural students, to mark this event. The competition is jointly sponsored by DWA Architects and BUPA Care Homes.

For more information: tel 0113 234 1334 or email riba.competitions@inst.riba.org or visit www.architecture.com/competitions

SHORTLIST – Redcar Seafront

The first stage of the competition attracted an excellent response, with 53 submissions from Competitors based in the UK, Eire, Iran, Italy, The Netherlands and Sweden. The Partnership was delighted that so many designers were interested in shaping the future of Redcar's Seafront zone.

For more information: tel 0113 234 1334 or email riba.competitions@inst.riba.org or visit www.architecture.com/competitions

RIBA HQ

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

The innovative RIBA Knowledge Communities pilot website led by the Research & Development department is now live with its first community led by the Sustainable Futures group: www.riba-knowledgecommunities.com

The community has a range of collaborative tools including a news feature, discussion forum, and easy-to-edit community 'wiki' pages. We are also creating more tools and communities in 2009 due to user demand - the site is an early 'beta' pilot so we welcome your feedback and suggestions. When joining the site users will also have access to a range of professional networking tools - a personal profile, message boards, contacts lists and more!

The RIBA would like to start registering regional members interested in contributing to discussions relating to sustainability - including zero carbon, climate change, energy, etc. If you would like to participate, please indicate if you are an existing RIBA member – membership is also currently available free for non-members to contribute their expertise as ‘co-professionals’.

For more information or for help and guidance, email:

research@inst.riba.org

JOB VACANCIES ON RIBA JOBS WEBSITE

RIBA members can now place job adverts on a dedicated regional page of www.ribaappointments.co.uk. RIBA Appointments offer a good value service for web advertisement and the site is linked to the regional web site.

RIBA TRUST TALKS

For more information visit:

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

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

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

The Olympic Stadium Project – Le Corbusier and Baghdad

Until 29 March 2009

Victoria & Albert Museum

For more information visit:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/lecorbusier/Events.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

BUSY ASBA NETWORK LOOKING TO GROW

ASBA (Association of Self Build Architects) is very busy at the Grand Design and HomeBuilding and Renovating Shows in London, Birmingham and Glasgow.

ASBA's marketing network of Chartered Architects seek further membership of Architects throughout the U.K. to meet enquiries from domestic clients of all types, from homeowners to property developers. Each year the effect of the many Shows and our national exposure in magazines means that there is a requirement to ever expand the spread of Architects in all regions in order for them to take up these enquiries.

ASBA is a non-profit making company run solely to generate business for RIBA registered practices who are embroiled in the design of houses, conversions and extensions and who, as a member, would be solely responsible for one area of the country.

Through a new look and discerning housing market, ASBA welcomes new members.

For further information please contact: Info@asba-architects.org

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.

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