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[RIBA South Office Move](#)

[RIBA South Regional Office has moved!](#)

Our new office is located on the outskirts of Reading at the London Road campus of Reading University.

Our new address is:

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

Our new telephone number is 0118 987 4900

Our new fax number is 0118 378 6422

Email addresses remain the same.

For location details of the London Road campus please go to:
<http://www.reading.ac.uk/about/find/about-findindex.asp>

If you have any queries call Vicki on 0118 987 4900 or email Vicki.howe@inst.riba.org

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

11 Nov	Party Wall + The Architect** Speaker: Malcolm Lelliott, Institute of Party Wall Surveyors	M Keynes	5-8pm
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Oxford

12 Nov	Conservation Master Class 2 – Roofing Speaker: Ian Constantinides	Oxford	2-5.30pm
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20 Nov	Practical Planning** Speakers: Philip Waddy & Miles Thompson, West Waddy ADP; David Ashe, C H Design Partnership	Oxford	2-5pm
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10 Dec	Conservation Master Class 3 – Heavy Oak Carpentry Speaker: Ian Constantinides	Oxford	2-5.30pm
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15 Jan 2009	Conservation Master Class 4 – Traditional Lime Plasterwork Speaker: Ian Constantinides	Oxford	2-5.30pm
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Reading

3 Dec	Sustainable Concrete Construction & Thermal Mass for Housing** Speakers: Tim Mealing & Jeff Dyson, The Concrete Centre	Reading	2-5pm
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28 Jan 2009	EST/RIBA Refurbishment Event Speakers: Gina Yuzbasioglu, BRE Housing & James Honour, RIBA, Senior consultant, Housing Features, BRE	Reading	1-4.30pm
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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 987 4900

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; Wessex, South West, South, 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 in late November/early December, 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 sue.powaza@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:

- Buckinghamshire Society of Architects AGM 2008
Date tbc

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH:

- RIBA Hampshire AGM 2008
Date tbc

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH:

- Next Isle of Wight Branch Meeting is **13 November 2008**, 6pm at The Quay Arts Centre, Newport.

Isle of Wight Branch Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month but due to a clash of events, the above meeting had to be rescheduled.

OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

- RIBA Oxford AGM 2008
Date tbc

OXFORD BROOKES LECTURE SERIES

All lectures will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre (next to the main Oxford Brookes University main reception, just off Gypsy Lane at 6.30pm on Thursdays. For Directions visit: <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about/findus>

Drinks and questions on the fourth floor in Abercrombie Building after the lectures.

13 November 2008	Architecture as more...? www.fashionarchitecturetaste.com	Charles Holland, Fat Architects
20 November 2008	A sustainable approach...? www.architype.co.uk	Jonathan Hines, Architype
27 November 2008	Housing as architecture...? www.habhousing.co.uk	Kevin McCloud and Isabel Allen, Hab Housing

Cost: £5 attendance (£2 concessions)

Booking: Please contact oxfordarchitecturesociety@gmail.com

Put the word BOOKING in the subject and give details of your name, contact details and the number of tickets required.

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 will be held on **3 December 2008**, 2.30pm – 5pm at the RIBA South meeting room, Building LO19, University of Reading, London Road, Reading RG1 5AQ. For University directions visit: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/about/find/about-findindex.asp>

RIBA SOUTH GREEN GROUP

Next RIBA South Green Group Meeting is scheduled to be on **26 January 2008**, 2pm – 4pm at RIBA South Regional Office, Reading RG1 5AQ. **Details to be confirmed.**

RIBA SOUTH PLANNING GROUP

Next RIBA South Planning Group Meeting: tbc

SIMPLIFY THE PLANNING SYSTEM?

Should Architects be sceptical when the Government announce they are going to “simplify the planning system?”

From the significant response received by the Southern Region Planning Group to the call for members’ experience of the new ‘1 APP’ planning application procedure, it would seem that far from a smoother, more streamlined process promised by Government, the new on-line forms have proved a good deal more cumbersome and time consuming for most. Not only that, but the variation in administration of the system by different Local Planning Authorities, is remarkable. Perhaps the system is still bedding down.

There is still time to respond with your views and this issue will be debated at the forthcoming

“What’s New In Planning” seminar on the 20 November 2008 at Wolfson College, Oxford. For more details email sue.powaza@inst.riba.org or call 0118 987 4900.

Another topic for the forthcoming seminar is the new General Permitted Development Order designed to remove the need to apply for planning permission for certain domestic operations. The Government thinks this will reduce the number of householder applications by up to 30,000 per annum thus reducing the demands on overstretched Planning Authorities and releasing valuable planning resources to improve performance elsewhere.

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.

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Building Control User Group Meeting will be held on **26 November 2008**, 4.30pm – 6.30pm at Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Crowmarsh Gifford (entrance via council chamber reception).

The meeting will provide an update on various planning and building control activities as well as discussing any issues and questions you may have.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please email them to Rachel.facey@southoxon.gov.uk by 19 November 2008.

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, 0118 939 0286 or email: ldf@reading.gov.uk

RIBA South Awards Presentation Evening

Award winners and their guests celebrated RIBA Awards in the South Region, RIBA South Conservation Awards and Student Awards

The awards presentation evening was held in the National Film and Television School, Beaconsfield on 14 October 2008. Award winners and their guests celebrated the RIBA Award Winners in the South region, RIBA South Conservation Awards and student awards from both Oxford Brookes University and the University of Portsmouth. The evening began with a champagne reception accompanied by a harpist playing harmoniously in the background.

Highlights of the evening included a building tour of the National Film and Television School given by Glenn Howells Architects. Nik Powell, Director of the National Film and Television School gave an animated talk about the development and success of the National Film & Television School followed by a film that highlighted some of the renowned alumni that had passed through their doors.

The evening presented an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow architects, clients and other members of the construction industry. The evening was sponsored by Symm & Co.

For more information contact Vicki Howe: tel. 0118 969 8051 or email vicki.howe@inst.riba.org

News & Events

OXLEY WOODS WINS THE MANSER MEDAL

Oxley Woods by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners has won the **Manser Medal for Houses and Housing**, sponsored by The Rooflight Company.

The announcement was made on 11 October 2008 at a special awards ceremony for the RIBA Stirling Prize in association with 'The Architects' Journal' at the BT Arena and Convention Centre in Liverpool. The winner was announced by Michael Manser CBE and a cheque for £5,000 presented by Val King of the Rooflight Company.

The Manser Medal is awarded for the best one-off house designed by an architect in the UK. All the RIBA Award-winning houses and housing schemes in the UK were considered for this year's Manser Medal and five were shortlisted.

For more information go to:

<http://www.architecture.com/NewsAndPress/News/AwardsNews/Press/2008/OxleyWoodsWinsTheManserMedal.aspx>

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.

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: sue.powaza@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

ROYAL GOLD MEDAL 2009

Álvaro Siza has been announced as the RIBA's 2009 Royal Gold Medallist. The medal will be presented at the Royal Gold Medal and Fellowships Dinner in February 2009 at a black-tie ceremony in the RIBA's Florence Hall.

For more information visit:

<http://www.architecture.com/Awards/RoyalGoldMedal/RoyalGoldMedal2009/RoyalGoldMedal2009.aspx>

CPD RECORDING

As part of the efforts to improve member services, the RIBA is introducing a new database on which membership and other information will be recorded. The present system will close on **10 November** 2008 so all the information can be transferred to the new one. This will take some two to three weeks.

During that time, you will not be able to log on and record your CPD activities. We therefore ask you to make a manual record of all such activities which you can upload once the new database is operating. You will of course be notified as soon as a date is known. Once operating normally, the CPD recording process will be the same as before. For the next three weeks, a spreadsheet will be available on the RIBA website for you to use.

Please note that this only affects the *recording* of your CPD; there is no need for you to stop undertaking CPD activities, or to stop booking any RIBA CPD.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any queries, or would like some help from us, please contact cpd@inst.riba.org

RIBA ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING SCHEME FOR STUDENTS

On 23 October 2008 The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) launched the RIBA Walter Thomas Bursary, in partnership with Walter Thomas.

The bursary will be awarded to the students who show the most promising design talent, but who are in financial hardship. Awarded annually, the £10,000 bursary is being funded by Walter Thomas for undergraduate students enrolled in RIBA validated schools of architecture.

A preference will be given to Part II applicants and this year's entries will be judged by RIBA representatives, Todd Curry of Walter Thomas, Simon Pugh-Jones Director of Barton Willmore, Keith Pavey Head of South West Architecture at BDP and Chris Howe Director of Architecture Atkins.

For more information go to:

<http://www.architecture.com/NewsAndPress/News/RIBANews/News/2008/RIBAAnnouncesNewStudentFund.aspx>

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

The RIBA Trust Annual Lecture: Lord Stern

25 November 2008

Jarvis Hall, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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

RIBA Stirling Prize 2008

Until 22 November 2008

Florence Hall, RIBA , 66 Portland Place, London

For more information visit:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/At66PortlandPlace/2008/Stirlingprize08.aspx>

Architecture Now

Until 1 December 2008

Victoria & Albert Museum

For more information, visit:

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

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

PANGBOURNE COLLEGE CAREERS FAIR

21 November 2008 Pangbourne College is hosting a Careers Fair on for the fifth form and lower sixth (approx. 140 students). The event will provide the opportunity for students to talk to representatives from a broad range of professions.

If you are willing to attend the Careers Fair to give a talk to students on Careers in Architecture, please contact Dr Beth Raynaert, Head of Careers:

Tel. 0118 9767 452 or email: careers@pangcoll.co.uk

RIBA LONDON ANNUAL DINNER

World Cities Debate: Abu Dhabi and Dubai

24 November 2008 6.30pm – 10.30pm, 66 Portland Place, London W1B

RIBA London will launch a new annual series of 'World Cities Debates' at this year's RIBA London Annual Dinner with a focus on Dubai and Abu Dhabi. An expert panel will discuss the future role of these two city-states, the potential involvement for architects in the region, issues of culture and sustainable development, as well as the forthcoming launch of the RIBA Gulf Chapter. The evening will include a drinks reception and seated three-course dinner.

For more information contact Antonia Faust: Antonia.faust@inst.riba.org 0207 307 3624

SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS TALK

You are invited to attend a talk on Southampton University's Sustainable Building Philosophy by John Brightwell of the University's Estates Department:

27 November 2008 at 7.30pm at the Alton Maltings Centre, GU34 1DT

The talk will be illustrated with practical examples of a number of buildings and how the University's philosophy has developed over recent years. This lecture will be of particular interest to practising architects as much of its contents cover part of the RIBA's CPD core curriculum.

This event is **free of charge**. For more information contact Tony Cohen: 01420 82026 or email: info@britannia.uk.com

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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