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Architectural trip to Hafod Eryri, Snowdon



Photo: Ray Wood

Date: Thursday 30 July

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CPD points available for attending.

Cost: £20 per person (guest and families welcome).

For more information, please contact Amy Smith t: 02920 22 89 87 or: amy.smith@inst.riba.org

New JCT05 Contracts 2009 revisions

The publication of revisions to the JCT suite of contracts for the Standard Building Contract, the Design and Build Contract and the Minor Works Building Contract families are now available from the RSAW. The principal revision is the incorporation of sustainability provisions, following JCT's consultation, and provisions building on OGC's Achieving Excellence Criteria. The opportunity has also been taken to modify aspects of the payment provisions, while awaiting the outcome of the proposed payment legislation.

To purchase the JCT05 Contracts 2009 revisions, please contact Amy Smith at the RSAW amy.smith@inst.riba.org or t: 029 2022 8987.

RIBA Awards 2009

On 21 May 2009, Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing and the Vice-President of the RSAW, Pierre Wassenaar announced the two RIBA Award winners in Wales. These were the Penderyn Distillery Visitor Centre in Rhondda Cynon Taff by David Archer Architects and the Ruthin Craft Centre, Park Road, Ruthin, Denbighshire by Sergison Bates Architects.



The award-winning team at Penderyn Distillery (above)



The delighted clients for Ruthin Craft Centre (above)

New RIBA Chief Executive announced

The RIBA has appointed Harry Rich as its new Chief Executive. He will take up his new post in October 2009.

Harry joins the RIBA from Enterprise Insight which increases levels of entrepreneurship in the UK, where he has been Chief Executive since 2007. Under Harry's leadership, Enterprise Insight has undergone significant transformation: he restructured the organisation and successfully delivered an ambitious programme of work while improving relationships with partners and stakeholders. Prior to this, Harry was Deputy Chief Executive at the Design Council (1999-2007) playing a central role in programme delivery, strategic planning and leadership, organisational change and corporate governance.



Harry sits on the Press Complaints Commission's Charter Compliance Panel, is a governor of the University for the Creative Arts and an Advisory Council member for the Design Management Institute (USA).

Sunand Prasad, RIBA President and Chair of the selection panel, said: "In Harry Rich we have found a Chief Executive who will build on the achievements of Richard Hastilow's time at the RIBA, while responding with imagination and determination to the changed circumstances in which architecture as much as any profession finds itself."

Harry was born in 1958 in Birmingham. Educated in his home city, Harry completed his LLB Law at Birmingham University and his Solicitors' Finals at the College of Law. He ran a Midlands-based industrial electrical distributor from 1984, successfully growing it through two recessions in the late 80s and early 90s before selling it in 1994.

RSAW Annual conference 2009: Making the most of space

The RSAW annual conference will be held on Friday 27 November 2009 at St David's Hotel, Cardiff Bay. Speakers include Simon Henley (Buschow Henley), Alison Brooks (Alison Brooks Architects) and Jonathan Hines (Architype).

Flyers giving details of booking for the conference will be emailed in due course or you can register your interest with Sophie Gibbs, RSAW, 02920 228987, e: sophie.gibbs@inst.riba.org

RIBA Special General Meeting - 15 July, 2.00pm

at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD. In accordance with Byelaw 10, the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects hereby gives notice that a Special General Meeting of all Chartered Members of the RIBA. The meeting is convened, in accordance with Articles IX and XIV of the Charter, to consider proposed additions and minor amendments to the Byelaws and to resolve to confirm those proposed additions and amendments, which will then be subject to the final approval of the Privy Council. On 26 March 2009, the RIBA Council resolved to add new provisions to the Byelaws to enable the creation of a Board of Trustees, whose powers will be set down in revisions to Byelaw 5.19 and whose delegated responsibilities will be set down in Council Regulations. At the same time Council resolved to make a number of amendments to the Byelaws to correct and update text.

The proposals are explained at: www.architecture.com Members can also download a voting form at www.architecture.com/sgm and return it to the RIBA, rather than attend the meeting in London.

Call for entries: Reflecting Wales 09: 09

The Welsh School of Architecture in partnership with the Design Commission for Wales, and in collaboration with Design Circle RSAW South and Cardiff School of Art and Design announce Reflecting Wales 09: 09, a competition to highlight nine Welsh or Welsh resident architectural designers whose work critically defines, challenges, promotes, interprets or re-interprets themes of 'place'.

Supported by the RSAW, the exhibition showcasing the nine successful entrants will be held at Howard Gardens Gallery, Cardiff in October 2009 and will coincide with a design symposium hosted by the DCFW and the WSA.

A3 portfolio submissions are due by 5pm on 2 Sept 2009. For further details and to download an entry form, visit www.designcirclesawsouth.co.uk or contact exhibition@designcirclesawsouth.co.uk or t Rhodri Ellis Owen or Lleucu Cooke at Cambrensis on 029 2025 7075.

RSAW office launched

The RSAW's new offices in Cathedral Road were launched on 2 July with an evening reception.

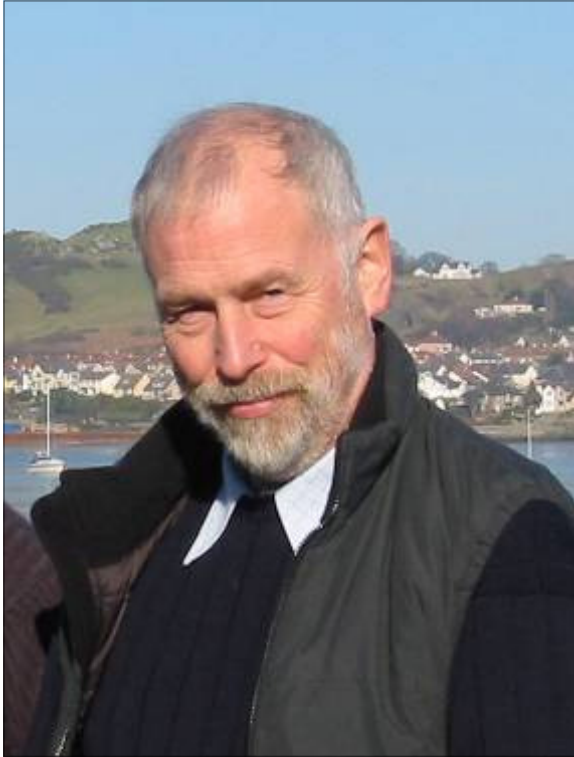


(l. to r.) Richard Hastilow, Chief Executive of the RIBA and Pierre Wassenaar, Vice-President of the RSAW, cut the cake at the event.

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Meet the Honorary Treasurer



The RSAW Council consists of 12 members from across Wales who meet regularly to respond to RSAW policy and local matters.

The current Honorary Treasurer is Skip Belton Dipl.Arch. RIBA. Hon.RCA.

Skip joined Bowen Dann Davies in Colwyn Bay in 1977, at a time of strong growth in the Practice, became an Associate in 1980 and a Partner of Bowen Dann Knox Architects (BDKA) in 1990. BDKA are a small practice with a strong base in north Wales and, because of some significant commercial clients, regularly work across the rest of the UK.

Skip has chaired the North Wales ProHelp Group [BITC], and is an Honorary Member of the Royal Cambrian Academy of Art.

Bowen Dann Knox Architects has always actively supported the local RIBA branch, with former and present Partners taking time to serve as Treasurer and/or President.

Skip served as Treasurer for five years, and then as North Wales President from 1997 to 1999. He then served as President of RSAW during Paul Hyett's RIBA Presidency from 2001 to 2003, and is the current Honorary Treasurer.

Skip also serves as the regionally elected RIBA Council member, from 2005 to the present, and chairs the RIBA Audit Committee.

Born in Bromley, Kent, Skip spent his formative years in and around Kent, occasionally tagging along with his plasterer father to building sites. His interest in buildings, how they are put together and the desire to create them, emanates from that period. He moved to Torquay in Devon in 1960 and after three more years at school, joined a local family run construction company for four years of direct construction experience, learning the business in the traditional way.

Skip gained a place at the Oxford School of Architecture in 1967, under the legendary Head of School Reginald Cave, and graduated in 1973.

Practice profile: George+Tomos, Machynlleth

Fe sefydlwyd George+Tomos ym Machynlleth gan Arwyn George a Dafydd Tomos. Mae'r ddau wedi cyfuno cefndiroedd yn y sectorau cyhoeddus a preifat ar ôl cael ystod eang o brofiad ar brosiectau ledled Cymru. Eu nod yw cyfuno syniadau dylunio creadigol gyda thechnegau adeiladu cynaliadwy. Ers sefydlu yn 2003 mae'r cwmni wedi tyfu yn raddol a bellach yn cyflogi saith yn eu swyddfa ym Machynlleth. Mae'r gwaith yn cynnwys prosiectau preswyl, masnachol yn ogystal â gwaith i ysbysai, colegau a chymdeithasau tai.

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This article is available in English upon request.



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JULY

THU 16, DESIGN CIRCLE RIVER CRUISE, at 7.00pm. Meeting at the Tafarn Bar, Fitzhamon Embankment, Cardiff with the cruise beginning at 8:00pm from Taffs Mead Embankment. See the city from a new angle as we set sail on the River Taff for a relaxed summers evening of entertainment. The trip includes a 1 hour boat cruise down the river and around Cardiff Bay, with music and a quiz with first class prizes. Drinks available to buy on board. The cruise will be followed by the monthly Design Circle social at the Tafarn Bar, set in the shadow of the Millennium Stadium. Tickets: £10 and can be booked via: boat@designcirclersawsouth.co.uk For further information visit www.designcirclersawsouth.co.uk

CPD THU 30, ARCHITECTURAL TRIP TO SNOWDONIA. The Hafod Eryri visitor centre on the top of Snowdon has finally opened to much with much excitement and acclaim. Organised by the RSAW, this trip to the summit will be led by the project architect, Ray Hole, who will talk about the architectural challenges and how these were overcome. Ray is a truly enjoyable and inspirational speaker who will reveal how the "highest slum in Wales" has become the new Hafod Eryri visitor centre. CPD points available for attending. Cost: £20 per person (guest and families welcome).

To book, or for more information on the trip, please contact Amy Smith, t: 029 2022 8987, amy.smith@inst.rba.org

SEPTEMBER

CPD WED 16, LEGISLATION UPDATE/ CONSTRUCTION LAW at HLM Architects, Greyfriars House, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff, Cf10 3AL. 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 provide an insight into areas currently under review. The session will cover: Fire Safety, Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 & 2005 and Building Regulations. John's informative and entertaining approach to regulatory developments will separate the facts from the flannel. CPD record: 3 hours of formal CPD. Fees (including VAT at 15%): £63.25 (RSAW Member) £75.25 (non-member). For more information contact Sophie Gibbs, t: 029 2022 8987, sophie.gibbs@inst.rba.org

SEPTEMBER (continued)

THU 24, DELIVERING REGENERATION 6 conference at Cardiff County Hall, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff. With the keynote address by Leighton Andrews AM, Deputy Minister Regeneration at the Welsh Assembly Government, other speakers include Adrian Passmore, Director of REGENWM (West Midlands); Craig McClaren, Director of the Scottish Centre for Regeneration and Chris Jofeh, Chair of the Zero Carbon Hub, Wales and Arup. This is the Annual National Conference 2009 of the Regeneration Skills Collective Wales.

All bookings/ enquiries to Felicity White 029 2063 0561 felicity.white@ice.org.uk

THU 24, CHANGING PRACTICES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, 9.30am to 5pm in the Jarvis Hall, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD. The Symposium will provide a context for the profession itself, when architects have had to look at and question the ways in which they operate, presenting the challenges and opportunities for architectural practice; it will explore how practice evolved in the past, operates in the present, and might change in the future. Online booking for this conference is available here: <http://is.gd/1q4wY> or please contact the RIBA Practice department, t: 020 7307 3749, e: research@inst.rba.org

A small number of bursaries are available for unemployed architects who wish to attend, but could not afford to do so otherwise. If you require one of these places, please call the telephone number above.

OCTOBER

CPD THU 01, RIBA CPD PROVIDERS NETWORK ROADSHOW RIBA CPD Providers Network and the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) 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. All sessions are accredited under the RSAW Core Curriculum in Construction Skills, Practice Management, Professional Context, Managing Projects and Health and Safety.

Each session is one hour, and you can book as many as 5 sessions during the day. Free attendance including lunch and refreshments. To book, see: <http://is.gd/1q4Qt> or contact the RSAW on 029 2022 8987.

ABS GOLF DAY
COTTRELL PARK - 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

Join the ABS and the RSAW at Cottrell Park golf course in Cardiff on 17th September 2009 for a charity golf day.

To book your place or for more information:
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