



TALK: Thursday 9 February 2012
at 6.00 for 6.30pm

St Pancras Renaissance Hotel Restored

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George Gilbert Scott's last major building, the spectacular neo-Gothic Midland Grand Hotel, was completed in 1877. By 1935, being outdated and costly to run, it closed as a hotel and was converted into Railway Company offices, narrowly missing demolition as a campaign to save it resulted in a Grade 1 listing in 1967. The restoration of the hotel and including the creation of 67 residential apartments was taken on by the Manhattan Loft Corporation with Marriott Renaissance Hotels as the operator, and its opening in May 2011 was the culmination of a 13 year programme of investment. Project Architects RHWL, working with Richard Griffiths Architects, who designed the new extension, undertook a painstaking restoration of Scott's interiors while introducing all the servicing and upgrading required in a modern hotel.

John Simpson, who was Project Architect and Director at RHWL, will discuss the background to the project including liaison with statutory authorities, and the design team's approach to the project and its challenges.

Links:

<http://www.bdonline.co.uk/buildings/st-pancras-renaissance-london-hotel-by-rhwl-and-richard-griffiths/5017554.article>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/2011/feb/13/midland-grand-hotel-st-pancras>

<http://www.building.co.uk/sleeping-beauty-awakes-the-st-pancras-midland-grand-hotel/3141089.article>

Meetings are held at:
The Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, London EC1
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