

PROGRAMME: 2017-2018

Tuesday 26 September 2017

Talk: The dynamics of masonry arches

Bill Harvey and Hamish Harvey, Bill Harvey Associates



Masonry bridges are starting to show signs of distress as loads increase. (They never call them arch bridges and will explain why.)

They will talk about behaviour in general, show how their measurements of live load response help understanding and how 3D modelling from photographs is about to make a massive impact on conservation of all kinds.

Bill spent 23 years researching behaviour as an academic and now has 17 years of fieldwork on real bridges as a consultant. Hamish joined the company 7 years ago. Their customised analytical tools have reduced temporary works costs and shortened programmes for railway and station works, and avoided damage to the original vaults in the National Museum of Scotland.

Download further details [here](#)

Tuesday 17 October 2017

Talk: Brompton Cemetery

Richard and Margaret Davis, MDRA and Robert Stephenson, The Friends of Brompton Cemetery

Friday 10th November 2017

Winter Visit: Brompton Cemetery

Tuesday 21 November 2017

◆ ASCHB at 50: Influential Books

ASCHB will be asking for nominations for the most influential books for conservation over the last 50 years, and debate over the top 5.

Details of the Nominated Books are on our Book Review page [here](#)

Tuesday 9 January 2018

Talk: Brooklands Museum
Clive England, Thomas Ford & Partners



Constructed in 1907, Brooklands was the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit and the birthplace of British motorsport and aircraft design and manufacture. The last motor race was held in 1939, but aircraft manufacture continued until 1986, producing such well know planes as the Wellington bomber, Hurricane fighter, VC10 and Concorde. Brooklands Museum occupies the most significant surviving part of this historic sporting and industrial site.

The recently completed HLF funded project encompassed the dismantling of a



Grade II Listed WWII Bellman hangar and its restoration and reconstruction on a new site, the restoration of the Finishing Straight (in part a

Scheduled Monument), and the construction of a new building, known as the Flight Shed, which provides a range of museum facilities. This talk will cover some of the background history of the site and will describe some of the practical and technical challenges of this unique project.



Clive England is a Partner with Thomas Ford & Partners, a practice specialising in historic buildings and sites. His previous work includes projects at the Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey; Fulham Palace; Forty Hall, Enfield; Hall Place, Bexley; Chicksands Priory; Hylands House, Chelmsford; Birmingham Cathedral and Sheffield Cathedral. He is Surveyor of the Fabric for Ely Cathedral and Cathedral Architect for Sheffield Cathedral.

Tuesday 13 February 2018

Talk: Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Protection of Elizabethan Playhouses in London

Jane Sidell, Inspector of Ancient Monuments (London), Historic England

The talk will focus on the current projects surrounding the recent discoveries in Shoreditch of archaeological remains of The Theatre, and The Curtain Theatre. These two sites are amongst the earliest surviving remains of Elizabethan Playhouses, and are both associated with the iconic playwrights William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe. The talk will look at issues of development and archaeology in an intensely pressured urban environment, and the logistics, and ethics of excavation, display and reburial.

Jane is an Inspector of Ancient Monuments, working for Historic England to ensure the conservation and understanding of all scheduled monuments in London, from prehistoric earthworks, Roman buildings through to Livery Halls and Battle of Britain fighter pens.

Download further details [here](#)

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Tuesday 13 March 2018

**Talk: The Royal Hospital, Chelsea
Peregrine Bryant Architecture and Building Conservation**

The Royal Hospital Chelsea has been the home of military pensioners since 1692 when it was completed to the design of Sir Christopher Wren at the commission of King Charles II. Later alterations were carried out by Robert Adam and Sir John Soane. Peregrine Bryant will talk about the challenges presented today by the need to improve the quality and care of In-Pensioners' accommodation in both planning and technical terms. This required the careful balancing of respect for the historic fabric and the provision of improved facilities needed by both male and female pensioners, to enable this important building to continue to serve its original purpose.



ASCHB Visit in 2011

Peregrine is Senior Partner of Peregrine Bryant Architecture and has spent most of his working life on the conservation and adaptation of historic buildings. The key to their survival is to ensure that they have a viable and sustainable use. The project presented provides an example of this principle.

The Practice is currently working on the conservation and adaptation of Sir John Soane's Stables at the Royal Hospital. A talented young graduate, Gloria Trevisan, from Italy had started working with us on this project last year when she and her fiancé Marco tragically lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower fire. The Practice have established a fund, the Gloria e Marco Award, in their memory to provide an annual scholarship to bring a graduate from their university in Venice to the UK in the autumn each year.

Details of the Gloria e Marco Award are [here](#)

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Friday 16 March 2018

Annual General Meeting (9.00am) followed by the all-day

◆ **Conference: 50 Years of Conservation Education**

Details of the venue and the speakers are on our [Conferences Page](#), and were sent out with our AGM mailing.

Tuesday 10 April 2018

◆ **Talk: 50 years of Conservation Areas: Some personal reflections**

Graham King, BA DipTP MRTPI IHBC, AoU, Westminster City Council

Graham King is a Town Planner who since 1973 has worked in 3 London Boroughs, Bromley, Richmond upon Thames & since 1984 City of Westminster His work has encompassed the full range of conservation area issues, including in recent years the impact of major public transport and public realm schemes in conservation areas

This talk, although not on behalf of City of Westminster, will draw on his experience and offer some reflections of the background to 1968, the way conservation areas were introduced and developed as part of the local planning authority function, current issues and the way current concerns affect conservation areas.

Friday 11th May 2018

Spring Visit: The Masonic Temple, London

REGRETFULLY, THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE, LONDON ON 11TH MAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WE HOPE TO RE-ARRANGE THIS AT A LATER DATE.

Tuesday 15 May 2018

◆ **2018 Forum: What key project or occurrence to a historic place really made a difference?** (Chair: Ian Bristow)

Start time 6:00pm; details of speakers and panel will be posted nearer the date, and sent out via email

The 2018 Forum, *What key project or occurrence to a historic place really made a difference?* takes place on May 15th. What were the seminal conservation repair works on historic buildings, conservation disasters or key events that have befallen historic buildings

and have led to a change in conservation practice. We have drawn up an initial list [here](#) . Please nominate an event, and tell us if you would be prepared to talk supporting your choice for about 10 minutes on the night, and send us a relevant image as a backdrop. Send us your votes and suggestions for the meeting to [information\[a\]aschb.org.uk](mailto:information[a]aschb.org.uk) or through the [Contact Page](#) by Friday 11th May.

Saturday 2 June 2018

◆ Spring visit and picnic: Cambridge

Dennis Parr House, Kettles Yard

Booking details will be put on the website nearer the date

Tuesday 12 June 2018

The talk on Conserving the scagliola at the Reform Club by Cristina Beretta has had to be postponed. Instead, David Hills of Purcell will talk on Fulham Palace