

**Hotel: Jurys Inn, Newcastle - Scotswood Road, Newcastle NE1 4AD**

Telephone: 0191 2014400 Fax: 0191 2014411

Check in from 14:00

Check out by 12:00

Directions from Newcastle Central Railway Station (2 minutes walk):- turn left out of the station and keep left through the plaza of the Centre of Life. The hotel is directly opposite.

Parking: Times Square Car Park, Blenheim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4EP

Telephone: 0191 2438294 Cost: £10.50 per day.

Note: Accommodation is bed and breakfast only. Any additional costs incurred are to be paid by individual person.

**Friday 1st April: Jurys Inn Hotel**

16:00 - 18:00 AGM and Board meeting in the meeting room at the Jurys Inn Hotel.

**Northern Canapés at Pitcher & Piano, 108 The Quayside, Newcastle NE1 3DX**

Telephone: 0191 2324110

Drinks reception 19:15

Canapés 19:45

Walking directions:- 1 mile approximately. Turn right out of the hotel and head back to Central Station. Continue ahead and keep right along Westgate Road to end. Cross over Saint Nicholas Street/Westgate Road and head diagonally left down the "Side". Continue down Side to end onto Sandhill to end. Turn left onto Quayside under the Tyne Bridge. Continue along Quayside for approximately 500m past the Sage (opposite bank) and Millennium Bridge to Pitcher & Piano.

**Saturday 2nd April: Conference at the Grand Hall, Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JA**

Telephone: 0191 2326789

Directions:- turn left out of hotel along Scotswood Road to end, turn right onto Blenheim Street and left onto Westmorland Road then first right onto Blandford Square. Discovery Museum is on the left.

**9.15 - 09:25 Welcome introduction by Paul Glover.**

The conference theme is regeneration. We will follow the reinvention of Newcastle and Gateshead from the decline of the industrial economy through the establishment of the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation, the redevelopment of the Gateshead Quayside, analysis of the work of Ryder and Yates, review of recent Hadrian Awards winning developments and how the principles of "passivehaus" technology allows for the continuation of regional architectural style rather than the use of a standard architectural approach incorporating "eco bling" to reduce energy consumption.

**Speakers 9.25 - 10:00 Trevor Robertson - BSc (Hons) FRICS, MBA**

Trevor is a Chartered Surveyor with some 28 years post qualification experience in property development, regeneration and property management.

He has operated extensively in the north of England and particularly in the north east, but has also undertaken many assignments throughout the UK and abroad, for a wide variety of organisations and clients. His career has straddled both the public and private sectors including British Rail, Local Authorities, the Commission for Social Care Inspection, Storey Sons and Parker, Imass Ltd and Lend Lease. In recent years Trevor has headed up the regeneration consultancy team for Lend Lease, managed the national estate for the Commission for Social Care Inspection and lead North Tyneside Council's massive capital investment and regeneration programme, as a Head of Service and member of the senior management team. In addition, between 1988 and 1998, Trevor spent ten years as Development Executive with the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation and played a key role in the successful inception and delivery of many of the Corporation's outstanding achievements and flagship schemes.

Trevor has recently established his own consultancy firm, Robertson Property Consultants (Warkworth) Ltd, which specialises in all aspects of regeneration and property development, property management and interim senior management.

**Presentation – The Historic Context to the Regeneration of Tyneside outlining the work of the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation**

The presentation will cover:

A resume of the economic backdrop of the area up to the 1980s

The creation of the TWDC in 1987, its role and purpose

The achievements of the TWDC

An analysis of how regeneration was approached and delivered.

**10:00 - 10:35 John Devlin**

John is an Architect and Urban Designer by profession with over thirty-five years' experience of delivering major projects and regeneration initiatives across the UK, in both the public and private sectors, as a practicing architect and urban designer, project manager and client. He is particularly identified with the multi-award winning arts-led urban regeneration of Gateshead Quays.

He recently formed John Devlin Consulting Limited as a creative development & enterprise consultancy offering a range of services to public and private sector clients, including development & regeneration advice, arts-led urban regeneration specialism, major projects & project management and visioning. Amongst other projects, John is currently working with a number of local authorities, advising on: departmental restructuring; reconfiguring to enable delivery of major projects; driving asset challenge processes; releasing value from property assets, etc. He was heavily involved in the successful EU Interreg3b "Waterfront Communities Project" – a three-year study into best practice in European waterfront regeneration.

**Presentation**

John's presentation will focus on the history; background and context that gave rise to and influenced the delivery of Gateshead Quays, giving an insight into the unseen factors & challenges that the delivery and design teams faced over a 10 year regeneration period.

**10:35 - 11:00 Refreshments**

**11:00 - 11:35 Rutter Carroll BA BArch MA RIBA**

Rutter Carroll is an architect and academic based in Newcastle upon Tyne. Since qualifying in 1978 he has also lectured full time at the Universities of Leeds, Northumbria, Huddersfield and Birmingham. He has written articles on post war architecture, reinforced concrete and structural engineering published in learned journals, particularly Concrete International and

lectured on aspects of modern architecture, especially Ryder and Yates, to conferences and learned societies. Rutter has led discussions of local modern architectural heritage, particularly the Gateshead car park, on local and national radio stations, notably BBC Radio 3. He completed an MA Thesis in 1986 at the University of York on the work of Ryder and Yates, the subject of which he was commissioned to write a book for the RIBA published in 2009 and the architects of a house Rutter is currently restoring for a member of his family. Rutter has lived in Yorkshire but now resides Newcastle, where he can indulge his other passion, watching Newcastle United with the family.

#### Ryder and Yates

The aim of the lecture is to show that Ryder and Yates' contribution to the architecture of the North of England was of enormous significance. No other post war architects in the region has provided a body of work of such consistent quality and direction within a modernist structure. Over a period of thirty years, their office produced designs for a series of buildings of extraordinary power within a radical framework, their peak being the group of buildings for Northern Gas at Killingworth. Viewed today, Ryder and Yates' early buildings, now simply fragments of a modern Tyneside, still carry the distinction of their formative period. Virtually all of these early projects, particularly at Killingworth, have been remodelled, altered or demolished, with the exception of ERS, which is listed. The evaluation of their projects reminds us that the accomplishment of successful building is reliant on more than architectural endeavour alone; it concerns the political economy of urban renewal in all its complex totality. Ryder and Yates' considerable post war achievement demonstrates that such a goal is not attainable through any single formula but is the object of a struggle that will take place again and again in every new set of circumstances.

**11:35 - 12:20** **Howard Liddell**  
**Principal of Gaia Architects, Guest Professor University of Oslo and Sustainability Spokesman RIAS**

Gaia Architects is a Norwegian/British collaboration which emerged from the Oslo School of Architecture, where Howard was Professor of Building Ecology from 1979 to '83. The practice started with Howard, six of his former students and a member of staff from Oslo, and is possibly the oldest, dedicated Ecological Design Practice in the world. For three decades Howard has watched with interest the periodic waves of interest in Sustainability and also the work perpetrated in its name by architects. Frustration with clip-on Eco-bling solutions and the rapid growth of Greenwash led in 2009 to the writing of the Book "Ecominimalism".

**12:20 - 12:35** **Questions and Answers**

**12:35 - 13:30** **Lunch**

**13:30 - 14:15** **Graham Bell**

As an architectural student, Graham joined Ralph Erskine's project office working on the Byker Redevelopment, which proved influential to him because of the ethos to respect communities & place in design. That grounding continued when Graham joined Jane & David Darbyshire (a founding practice in Acanthus) to work on St Oswald's Hospice (an RIBA Building of the Year). Moving to NECT as Director in 1995 led to him representing English Heritage on the Board of the Grainger Town Partnership in Newcastle upon Tyne, overseeing a six-year £200m regeneration programme that has won national and international best practice awards. He chaired the urban design and public art panels, and

represented the project as a speaker at a conference at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and in receiving the Europa Nostra Prize for cultural environments at its annual congress in Munich. Graham has been a studio design tutor and an assessor for regional, national and international awards; for nearly twenty years he has chaired the Hadrian Awards. He is a member of SPAB and as a member of the National Trust's Architectural Panel he advises on projects around the country. He is increasingly involved in European cultural heritage, being Secretary of Europa Nostra UK and a founder member of the European Historic Places of Worship Network whose inaugural conference at Canterbury Cathedral in 2010 attracted 60 delegates from 24 European countries. Graham divides his time between the UK and Hungary where he has set up a Foundation based on NECT.

#### **Presentation**

Graham will review award winning developments of the Hadrian Awards 1997 - 2010.

#### **14:15 - 14:30 Questions and Answers**

#### **14:30 - 17:30 Walking Tours**

**Option 1** Gateshead Quayside with John Devlin, including "The Sage", Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts, Tyne Bridges and Gateshead Millennium Bridge with possible extension to the Ouseburn Valley.

**Option 2** **Byker Wall Estate (Ralph Erskine)**  
Guided tour with Andy McDermott, resident and member of the Ralph Erskine Society, to see how this iconic award winning development of the 1970's actually functions as a major residential community, warts and all. Please note this tour is limited to a maximum of 15 delegates and will involve travelling on the underground metro from St. James Park to Byker (payable individually).

**Option 3** **"The Lost World of Newcastle - Brasilia"**  
Guided tour by Dr Michael Jefferies, Northumbria University. The tour explores the forlorn, despised remnants of architecture from a previous millennium or what is left of them. A complete contrast to the regenerated Quayside, it gives a rather different view of what makes the city tick and includes some dangerous sports, pterodactyls, fabulous fakes and powerful ancient magic. Interested? Please note this tour is limited to a maximum of 25 delegates.

**Option 4** **"Urban Translation Tour"**  
Self guided. The tour explores the less familiar side of Newcastle and discovers the remnants of grand visions and unresolved spaces which characterise parts of the city. Tour booklet available within the delegate pack.

**19:15** **Northern Gala Banquet**  
Coaches depart from Jurys Inn at 19:15. Meal orders to be taken on the night. Dress code: Casual. Note: please bring money for drinks.

**22:30** **Carriages**

**Sunday 3rd  
April:**

**The Sage**

10:00 - 11:00 guided tour around The Sage. Please note this tour is limited to a maximum of 50 delegates.

**11:00 Conference closes.**

A list for walking tour preferences and The Sage tour will be available from 9:15am on Saturday 2nd April 2011 at the Discovery Museum on a first come first served basis.

12:00 latest checkout of the hotel.

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## Acanthus Architects DF

Our office is now 14 including 10 fully qualified Architects – Kirsten & Claire passed their part 3 in the last 6 weeks and are just going through the formalities of becoming registered with ARB.

Our work continues to include new schools, conservation, regeneration of existing buildings, student housing, private homes, distilleries and company head quarters. Our work also continues to involve conservation work and modern work both in rural areas and in city centres such as Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Leeds. We have noticed a downturn in work since November 2010 and are adopting an office strategy and tactics to respond to this and hopefully generate more work. At the end of the financial year 2010 / 2011 we have a large number of commercial opportunities in Glasgow, Leeds, Edinburgh and Aberdeen and also some significant projects on private estates.

We were delighted to receive 5 awards at the Aberdeen Society of Architects Dinner on 11th March and the awards were for conservation work, a modern new building of steel and glass and regeneration of existing buildings in Aberdeenshire and the City of Aberdeen. In 2010 we started an AAdf newsletter in August and we intend repeating this in April / May 2011. This was prepared in-house and circulated to around 1000 contacts of the practice. The outlook for 2011 remains relatively gloomy and though we are busy at present, we want to see one of a number of quite large projects turn into a reality along with the usual trickle of interesting projects which continually come to the office. Our marketing strategy and implementation tactics will be reviewed monthly to see any tangible results.



## Acanthus Associated Practices Conference - Newcastle - April 2011

A very warm welcome to the wonderful city of Newcastle upon Tyne. Thank you all for making the effort to be here. Being here shows that the ethos of Acanthus of raising the standard of design and a strong commitment to continuing professional development is still embraced. Following the demise of heavy industry in the 1980's, Newcastle had to re-invent itself, finding new and ingenious ways to diversify and prosper, whilst retaining its regional identity. In these challenging economic times Acanthus Practices similarly have to embrace these principles by working together, sharing information and pursuing new avenues whilst retaining their unique identity. I hope you enjoy the conference and this fantastic city.

Paul Glover - Chairman 2010/2011



## Richard Gibson Architects

Harbour House Renovation and New Public Toilet on Lerwick's Waterfront.

Won as an architectural competition for the redevelopment of the site, the project eventually morphed into the renovation of the existing mass concrete, listed, ex harbour master's office and a new build public toilet.

Both sit happily on the harbour front and make a significant contribution Lerwick's townscape.

Grodians - New-build Housing Estate for Hjaltsland Association.

A cheerful mix of timber-frame houses, flats, and a new build children's home, all clad with bright coloured timber boarding, linked together with high slatted fences and roads to Designing Streets (Manual for Streets) principles makes for a sheltered, child friendly environment well suited to Shetland's variable climate and dark winter evenings.



## Acanthus WSM Architects

Despite the somewhat uncertain future we count ourselves extremely fortunate having got through another busy year with the full team intact. Whilst there are the beginnings of movement on private developer led schemes our public sector work has resulted in us breaking all records with over 750 houses & apartments going through the planning process or under construction. We continue to work closely with Darbyshire Architects, currently collaborating on an exciting student residential scheme for Durham University. In January Woodhall Planning & Conservation started trading as an independent company with Andrew Brown & Susan Amaku promoted to directors. We are also delighted to announce the arrival of Helen Walker (Architect) & Mike Bottomley (planner).

1. Lambeth Water Tower, conversion & extension of a Grade II listed 7 storey water tower to single residential dwelling.
2. Porter's Lodge. White Rose Award winner.
3. Former Whafedale Hospital, conversion of Grade II listed buildings & new build houses.
4. Welbeck Estate. Conversion of listed stable block to create The School of Artisan Food & Bakery.





## Darbyshire Architects

The following are proposed projects for St. John's College, Durham. All projects are on the South Bailey adjacent to Durham Cathedral World Heritage site.

Residential accommodation - 66 student rooms to be built on the existing open area to the rear of South Bailey, formerly 18th century gardens. This is a very sensitive site on the rim of the peninsular & bounded to the east by the city wall. The 2 new blocks form a new court creating a more collegiate feel & interlinked diverse spaces. Following 12 months of negotiation with the City Planners & English Heritage, planning permission was given in February 2011. The first phase of 38 rooms will commence in September 2011 with completion by September 2012. Contract value £3.2m. Dining Room Extension - to supplement the existing dining facilities & cater for the extra numbers created by the new accommodation. The glass & steel structure creates a building with minimal interference with the existing grade 2\* 18th century building. The former main entrance into the dining room will be restored creating an axial vista from the main entrance into the college. Contract value £380,000. Learning Resource Centre - on completion of the first phase of the residential accommodation work will begin on a resource centre containing a library & lecture facilities. It will accommodate the 30,000 books in the existing library, which will be demolished to make way for phase 2 of residential accommodation. The facilities will be contained within a three storey building and basement. Dialogue with the planners & English Heritage will commence at the end of March.

Derwenthaugh Boat Station - This building provides overnight dormitory residential accommodation for Sea Cadets with activity room, kitchen & ancillary accommodation. The location is on the banks of the Tyne at Swalwell with views of the Scotswood Bridge & sweep of the river.



## Acanthus Clews Architects

St Thomas' Church Goring-on-Thames. RIBA South Region Conservation Award 2010. ACA undertook the extension and internal reordering of this Grade I listed church, dating back to the 12th Century, once part of an Augustinian Priory. The substantial side extension provides multi-use community facilities.

New Science Block, Thornton College Buckingham. Aylesbury Vale District Council Award for Design Excellence 2010. Designed as a replacement for the existing science laboratories and additional classroom space. A modern approach was taken in the design of the extension which also forms a book end to the main elevation of the Grade II Listed School. The judges described the extension as a "beautiful place to study which sits comfortably in the historic landscape setting".

New Monastery at Mucknell Abbey Worcester. The Practice has been working with the Monks since 2008 when they purchased Mucknell Farm near Worcester. The courtyard of brick barns were converted and a new Oratory and new 3 storey accommodation buildings added. All were designed to be highly environmentally responsive in their construction. The Community moved into the Abbey in November 2010.

Restoration and Extension, Dinton Hall Aylesbury. Dinton Hall is a grade II\* listed building dating from the 16th Century, which had previously been converted to multiple dwellings, and was in a poor state of repair. The building was altered to again form a single dwelling, followed by a complete refurbishment and reordering, and the construction of a substantial new extension.



## Stuart Page Architects

Broom Farm, Tunbridge Wells. Substantial improvements to run down Grade II listed farmhouse, now post contract. Client: Long standing private Clients.

Newhaven Fort-Scheduled Monument. Conditions Survey, programme for repair and conservation works with projected costs. New bridge over moat and secondary means of escape. Client: Lewes District Council.

Southover Grange, Lewes. External repairs following conditions survey to building and garden, and feasibility study for internal improvements for community use. Grade II listed and a Scheduled Monument. Client: Lewes District Council.

Blenheim House, Brighton. Conversion of mid Victorian Grade II listed house in central Brighton from office use to residential use. Client: Developer.

Vicarage Cottage & Orchard House, Glynde. Improvements and alternations to Grade II listed houses, in Glynde. Client: Glynde Estates.

Abbey Farm, Leeds, Kent. Conservation advice, Scheduled Monument. Schedule of repairs to ancient monuments and conversion of redundant buildings to residential use, possible enabling development. Client: Rochester Bridge Trust.

St John the Evangelist Church, Groombridge. Re-roofing and associated repairs to Grade I listed church. Client: Parish Church Council.



## Acanthus Holden Architects

Rhondda Powerhouse. Listed for its association with the Tonypany riots in 1910, the building provided electrical power to the Rhondda coal field. Acanthus Holden Architects are commissioned to take the designs to RIBA Stage D. This involves the erection of a mixed use community facility 'inserted' into the existing, repaired shell. Value £2.5m. Lamphey Court Hotel leisure Centre. Destroyed by fire last April, the project is nearing completion. Value £1.2m. Roch Castle (listed grade I). This is the practice's first hotel project for the Retreats Group & involves extensive repair work to the medieval masonry & the complete re-modelling of the interior. Value £2.7m.

Penrhiw. The second project for the Retreats Group involves the conversion of the St Davids Convent into a 5\* quality hotel/retreat. This was completed in February 2011. Value £1.7m. Customs House. The finest ex-admiralty building in the Royal Dockyard, Pembroke Dock, listed II\* on account of its masonry & cast iron detailing. External repair of the building includes renewal of the cast iron windows, re-pointing & lime washing. The works are due to complete in June 2011. Value £0.4m. Citrus House, Margam Park, Port Talbot. The listed II\* glass house to the rear of the Orangery dates from c.a. 1800. Owned by Neath Port Talbot Council the project for repair & conversion to a visitor facility is due to start on site in July 2011. Value £600,000.

Twr-Y-Felin, St Davids. This is the third project for the Retreats group & involves major alterations & extensions to the listed building, to form a new 23 bedroom 5\* quality hotel. The project is due on site in summer 2011. Value £2.5m. Barry Pumhouse, Barry, for the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The pumhouse provided hydraulic power for the operation of the coal exporting docks at Barry & is the only significant dock building remaining. Listed grade II. The external repair of the building is nearing completion. Value £3.5m.





## Simpson & Brown Architects

Recently completed - The contemporary visitor centre for the Robert Burns National Memorial Park at Alloway opened to the public late last year. Yester Kirk, Gifford has recently undergone phased restoration with lottery funding. The work was largely to the exterior including lime work. The practice has recently finished 'Taigh Coille' (meaning wood house), a purpose built ticket and office building built for the Forestry Commission Scotland at the David Marshall Lodge Visitor Centre near Aberfoyle. The building provides facilities for the high rope adventure company 'Go-Ape'.

In progress - Simpson & Brown have been involved in the design of a new mansion for a private client in Kuwait. The work includes Stone Façade Design, Interiors, Paving and Landscaping, and the work is currently on site. Lower Kiltyrie is a substantial private residence on the shores of Loch Tay, currently under construction. The house will be the focus of a new estate founded on strong sustainable design principles and a beneficial long-term management plan. We have been commissioned to build a new chapel for the Dominican community and congregation of St Albert the Great in George Square, Edinburgh.

On the drawing board - We are one of four architectural practices submitting proposals for the second stage of a competition for a new hunting and shooting lodge on the Glenprosen Estate in Angus. We have been commissioned to design a new building that completes the missing west side of the cloister of Paisley Abbey, to provide a modern shop, café and visitor information/interpretation facilities. The practice has just been awarded the Biggar Museum project which involves the relocation of the current museum to a new site.



## Acanthus LW Architects

2010/11 has been, as for many, another difficult year, turnover has fallen & unnecessary expenditure cut. Salaries have reduced & a small number of redundancies have been forced to maintain business viability. On a positive note, we have completed a number of Transport infrastructure projects for London Underground. A maintenance facility at New Cross Gate for London Overground, designs for a new Docklands Light Railway station for Crossrail at Pudding Mill Lane & the Crossrail tunnel portal & Emergency Intervention Point adjacent. Long-term infrastructure projects continue at Tottenham Court Road & Bond Street stations. We also carried out railways works in Bolton, Lancashire & Wuxi, China. Our Housing team maintained activity in a very competitive environment in private & public sectors with projects in Chiswick, Hammersmith, Hayes, London Docklands, Thames Gateway & Swaffham, Norfolk. Some of our most interesting work has been Health & Education projects, including modular 6th form buildings for 4 secondary schools in south London, a new classroom block at Green Infants School & an extension to a school in Dartford. We completed a cycle circuit clubhouse in Hillingdon for British Cycling. The Ebony Horse Club is on site in Brixton with support from Sport England & the Duchess of Cornwall. Conservation projects include the completion of the relocation & reconstruction of the historic Grahame-White Watch Office building at the RAF Museum, Hendon, & the ongoing restoration & adaptive re-use of Hertford Brewery for Sainsbury's. Our Landscape team continues to support all of our sectors as well as working with other consultants at Marine Wharf in Lewisham, & for Network Rail in East London. We have provided support staff to Robert Hutson Architects on a project in Central London. The outlook remains uncertain for the year ahead, however we take pride in having carried out some really good work & secured our place in the AJ100 largest practices for another year.





## Robert Hutson Architects

The major occupation for the Practice over the last year has been the development at Lincoln's Inn Fields establishing a new hotel from the former home of Cancer Research.

The Building contains an element designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and will provide, when finished, hotel suites, residential units and expanded restaurant and retail uses at ground and basement levels.

The proposed alterations and extensions to 61-62 Lincoln's Inn Fields will enhance and extend the life of the existing commercial building and provide an opportunity to preserve and reinvigorate 40-42 Kingsway, one of Camden's intact architectural heritage sites.

The past year has also seen the completion of our project at Tavistock Place for The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, with ongoing works to convert the former Fremlin's Brewery at Faversham into residential apartments over an extended Tesco's store.

Recent works have included an exciting feasibility study for approximately 1200 student bedrooms for The University of London, with ongoing studies for The University of Westminster's West End Campus portfolio, which has resulted in a commission to design a new Lecture Theatre converted from existing Library space within their Little Titchfield premises.



## Ferguson Mann Architects

ST JAMES PRIORY, BRISTOL: Heritage Lottery funded repair and alterations to Grade I listed priory for worship, community and 'rehab' uses (completion 2011).

79-81 THE PARK, CHELTENHAM:  
10 new apartments for Comparo (detailed planning and CAC submissions 2011).

DENBIGH CASTLE, NORTH WALES:  
New visitor centre for CADW (detailed planning submission 2011).

REDLAND HOUSE, BRISTOL:  
New HQ for Simplyhealth/Stoford (detailed planning permission 2011).

MILLBAY PLOT G:  
48 new dwellings for English Cities Fund (start on site 2011).

LAKE SHORE PHASE 1:  
Conversion of listed structure to provide 270 new dwellings for Urban Splash (completion 2011).

INNS COURT, BRISTOL:  
Masterplan for 2000 new 'infill' dwellings for Knowle West Residents Planning Group.

