

R O G E R M E A R S A R C H I T E C T S

CURRICULUM VITAE

Roger Malcolm Loudon Mears MA (Cantab), Dipl Arch, RIBA

Roger set up Roger Mears Architects in 1980, developing expertise in the field of repairs, alterations and extensions to historic buildings, principally in domestic use. A particular interest in joinery repairs led to the publication of leaflets giving guidance on window repairs and historic glass. Roger has been a member of the committee (now a Guardian) of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) since 1996 and of the casework panel of the Georgian Group since 2003. He is also a trustee of two other charities; ABC aims to restore derelict buildings in rural Wales for use as affordable housing, the other, YES, provides opportunity through sport for young people in Hackney and surrounding boroughs.



TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

- 1985 Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB): Annual Repair course.
- 1972 registered (ARCUK-now ARB)
- 1969 Diploma in Architecture University of Cambridge
- 1966 BA University of Cambridge

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES attended (recent)

- 2009 Historic Plain Glazing (SPAB)
- 2008 Church Surveying for Quinquennial Inspections (EASA)
- 2007 Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Historic Buildings (SPAB)
- 2006 Historic Plain Glass (lecturer) (SPAB)
Traditional Paint (SPAB/TPF)
- 2005 Lighting of Historic Buildings (Assoc of Light Designers)
- 2004 Mortars and Renders (SPAB)
- 2003 Timber Framing (SPAB)
- 2002 "A Career in Ruins – a Force for Our Future" – Joint Chair of conference on traditional skills training (CHS)
- 2000 Architectural Paint Research (English Heritage)
- 1999 Treating Dry Rot in Historic Buildings (EH)
- 1998 Success with Lime Renders (SPAB)

LECTURES given

- 2009 **Your Terrace House**
SPAB Home-owners' course
- 2008 **Affordable Housing in Wales and ABC**
Architect's Journal conference on Affordable Housing
- 2006 **Historic Plain Glass**
SPAB course
- 2001 **Historic Panelling**
Cressing Temple (Essex County Council)
- 2001 **Joinery Repairs**
SPAB Repair course
- 1997 **SPAB Repair Courses**
SPAB Scholars and Fellows visit to 53-55 Newington Green to inspect work in progress
- 1996 **Joinery Repairs**
SPAB spring and autumn repair courses
- 1993 **Repairs at Tudor House**
SPAB (evening lecture series)
- 1993 **Repairs at Tudor House**
English Heritage London Region
- 1993 **Joinery Repairs**
SPAB Home-owners' course
- 1992 **SPAB Repair Courses**
Lectures and demonstrations at Tudor House

AWARD JURIES

- 2002 **SPAB: Philip Webb Award** for a student project in an historic environment
- 1997-2003 **SPAB: John Betjeman Memorial Award** for repairs to a church or chapel
- 2005, 2009

CASEWORK FOR SPAB (selection)

- 2009 **Easton Neston House, Northants:** reinstatement after fire
- 2008 **St Paul's Church, Covent Garden:** gallery alterations
- 2007 **St Paul's Cathedral:** access to American Chapel
New Chapel in crypt
Replacement of South Transept steps
Repair and reinstatement of parapet sculpture
- 2004) **St Paul's Cathedral:** cleaning and redecoration of dome and tambour
- 2003) **St Paul's Cathedral:** stone cleaning
- 2002 **St Alban's Abbey:** access proposals
- 2000 **Crosby Hall, Chelsea:** new screen in mediaeval hall
- 1997 **Skerr House, Porthcawl:** rescue of building at risk
- 1996 **Wealden Hall, Larkfield, Kent:** repairs to timber framed building
- 1993 **The Priory, Kettering:** successfully represented SPAB at public enquiry to save original windows

PUBLICATIONS

Struggles with Shovels – article in Cornerstone, the magazine of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings 2005

The Betjeman Memorial Award - article in Ecclesiastical Buildings supplement, The Building Conservation Directory 1998

Sash Windows: a Guide to the Repair of Sash Windows – own publication

Glass and Glazing: a Guide to Historic Glass – own publication

AMENITY SOCIETIES/CHARITIES

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) – Life Member

Committee 1996-2005

Guardian 2006-present

Georgian Group (GG) – Member

Casework Panel 2003-present

Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association (EASA) – Associate Member

Traditional Paint Forum (TPF) – Member

Construction History Society (CHS) – Member

London Borough of Islington

Conservation & Design Panel, 1991-present

Crosby Hall, Chelsea

Building Committee 1984-1990

Union Chapel, Islington

Building Committee 1998-2002

Adfer Ban a Chwm (ABC) Revitalise Hill and Valley – Founder and Chair of Trustees, 2008-present

Youth Experience in Sport (YES) – Trustee, 2000-present

OTHER INTERESTS

Music: viola player – orchestral and chamber music

Theatre and concerts

Sport: sculling – Lea Rowing Club

Mountain walking