

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, AABC

Roger set up his own practice 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 is an Architect Accredited in Building Conservation (AABC) and has been a committee member/Guardian of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) since 1996 and a member 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; YES, provides opportunity through sport for young people in Hackney and adjoining boroughs.



TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010 Accredited as Architect in Building Conservation (AABC)
- 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)

- 2010 U-Value Research – Results (SPAB)
Welsh Building Materials (SPAB)
Insulation and Plasters (SPAB)
- 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)

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**
Crossing 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
2005, 2009-10 repairs to a church or chapel

CASEWORK FOR SPAB (selection)

- 2011 **St Martin's within Ludgate:** reinstatement of gallery,
disabled access
- 2010 **St Paul's Cathedral:** disabled access to North Porch
- 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 Porch 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 **Sker 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

SPAB John Betjeman Award 2009 – article in Cornerstone, the
magazine of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Struggles with Shovels – article in Cornerstone, 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