



**STOP PRESS NEWS: STOP PRESS  
NEWS: STOP PRESS NEWS:**

## Events



### **Traditional Limewashing Workshop - St Mary's Church, Pitstone – still time to book on later this week !**

**10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> October (10-4pm daily)** - Free of charge . Come and have a go!  
Join the CCT at St Mary's church and help them limewash the walls of the nave. You'll be given training on the traditional use of limewashing and have the opportunity to put your skills to the test. The workshop runs for a week but you can book a single day or more than one, subject to availability.

To book your place and for more information, please contact Sally Porter on 07799 424079 or via [sporter@tcct.org.uk](mailto:sporter@tcct.org.uk)  
See attached flyer



---

### **SPAB Technical Day - Date: Tuesday 8th November 2011**

Training has always been an important part of the Society's work. The dates of all forthcoming courses are listed on the [events](#) page.

#### **T9/11: Terracotta and Faience - History, Manufacture and Repair**

Venue: SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London, E1 6DY

Time: 1pm - 5pm approx , Cost: £50

---

**IHBC South Branch Conference and AGM - Friday 11th November at  
Abingdon**

The theme the conference will be "New Uses for Old Buildings" with an all-day programme of speakers, lunch and a site visit in the lovely and historic Thameside town of Abingdon. More details to follow .....

---

---



**Programme for COTAC Conference, King William Undercroft,  
Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London – 15-16  
November 2011**

**Improving Thermal Performance in Traditional Buildings**

Spread over two days, this conference will be held in the King William Undercroft, In the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Principal theme will be promoting the sustainability of traditionally constructed buildings, improving their thermal performance, and other measures..

Building upon the opportunities presented by the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, part of the World Heritage Site, where many buildings have been adapted for reuse, this event will focus on providing the most up-to-date information on the retrofitting of energy-efficient measures in existing traditionally constructed buildings across the UK.

A particular emphasis will be put on enhancing energy performance. By assessing available information it will concentrate on offering emerging best practice that will be of interest to a wide variety of policymakers, local authority staff, practitioners and contractors.

Linford-Bridgeman, and the BRE Trust sponsor the Conference, with support from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills, Historic Scotland, English Heritage, the Building Research Establishment, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the National Trust, the Greenwich Foundation, and the Building Crafts College, Stratford. It is also recognised by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, the Chartered Institute of Building, and the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists for up to 8 hours of CPD activity, and RIBA members who attend can also use it for CPD purposes as part of their yearly obligation.

This event will provide you with practical guidance that you will be able to apply in your day-to-day role, and help you deliver improved thermal performance in traditionally constructed buildings for clients. You will learn how government initiatives and current research findings are going to impact on the industry, get technical information on how to improve energy performance, and understand a range of approaches aimed at delivering sustainable, cost-effective and energy efficient traditional buildings.

See Attached flyer for more information

IHBC Director Sean O'Reilly said: 'This is a great opportunity for members of all built environment disciplines to review the current state of research, not least as it confirms the inherent 'greenness' of

traditional construction. It will also look at what – if anything – should be done to enhance the low-carbon credentials already inherent in pre-1919 buildings.’



## **Financing the Future of historic churches – Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**A conference to address the new context for funding community led projects in historic churches/buildings**

**Who Should Attend** - All those involved with the maintenance and development of historic churches and other community buildings: DAC members; Architects; community groups; heritage sector professionals.

**Timings** : – 9.30 am – 4.15 p.m

**Where** : - RBS Headquarters, London

**Price** : - £65

**See attached (Regeneration Conference) for more details or [www.visitchurches.org.uk/regenerationconference](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/regenerationconference)**

---

---



## **LIME SPECIFICATION FOR PROFESSIONALS & CONTRACTORS 18TH NOV**

Very pleased to be able to announce that booking is now OPEN for the Lime Specification Day for professionals and contractors. RIBA have agreed to allow Architects to include this course toward their annual CPD obligations, so if you'd like to get some valuable training in conservation and lime under your belt, then book now. Priority will be given to West Midlands based businesses, but get your booking registered. Go to the new EMCBE website for more details Stafford Holmes, Jeff Orton, Richard Jordan and Cliff Blundell are among the experts providing expert lime specification advice.

**SOURCE:** Cathie Clarke, HeritageSkillsHUB

## **CARING FOR YOUR TRADITIONAL BUILDING 19TH NOV**

In partnership with English Heritage, SPAB and Avoncroft Museum, we are holding a day of demonstrations and presentations from experts in building conservation and restoration. In addition to presentations, conservation businesses including craftspeople, contractors, architects and surveyors, will be available to answer your questions and help with your repair, maintenance and development plans. With the Green Deal and funding for insulation just around the corner, find out important information about current research into upgrading your home to reduce energy and carbon emissions. This event is FREE to attend and a day not to be missed by anyone who owns or works on traditional buildings. For more information, go to the emcbe website <http://www.emcbe.com/>

**SOURCE:** Cathie Clarke, HeritageSkillsHUB

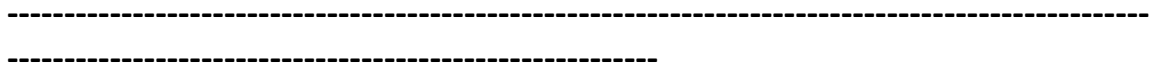


### **Heritage Lottery Fund says yes to “the People’s Pier”**

Today, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) announced it has given the green light to support the Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust (HPWRT) in their bid to save Hastings Pier, East Sussex.

Development funding of £357,400 has been awarded by HLF to enable the Trust to move to the next stage of its plans before a final decision is made on a full HLF grant of £8.75m.

Grade II listed Hastings Pier is one of only seven surviving examples of piers designed and built by the foremost Victorian pier designer Eugenius Birch. Opened to the public in 1872, it closed in 2006 and subsequently suffered extensive fire damage leaving its future at serious risk. The pier has had an eclectic and colourful past, including hosting a number of musical greats such as Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, The Who and Pink Floyd. Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust, set up by a group of highly committed local residents, put together plans to restore the historic fabric of the pier and create new facilities which will give huge impetus to the social and economic regeneration of the town. The particular strengths of this project are that it has mobilised enthusiastic support from the surrounding community and will also provide much-needed opportunities for skills training plus a volunteers’ programme. See attached press release for more information



# TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILLS BURSARY SCHEME



## Subject Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme

- Bad news:** The Scheme is now in its final 6 months
- Good news:** There is still funding available for up to 3 month placements (see self-referral application route below).
- Bad news:** The Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme will be ending in March 2012
- Good news:** The Skills for the Future Scheme is starting very soon.

### NEW AVAILABLE PLACEMENTS

There are still new placements currently available on the website and further ones will be advertised as they become available:

- Craft masonry placement with Teamforce, Seaton Delaval Hall
- Traditional woodwork placement with Down to earth Project, Swansea

Just click on this link to take you to the placement specifications:

[http://www.buildingbursaries.org.uk/applications\\_pack.html](http://www.buildingbursaries.org.uk/applications_pack.html)

### CALLING PLACEMENT PROVIDERS

Actively looking for more potential placement providers to offer placements, so if you are thinking of applying to become one, please contact [enquiries@buildingbursaries.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@buildingbursaries.org.uk). Or if you are involved in any heritage projects that could offer training opportunities, then please also contact the Scheme if you can help deliver these on the email above.

If we can not help you then the new Skills for the Future Scheme may be able to, so please get in touch.

### SELF-REFERRAL APPLICATION ROUTE

We have extended the [self-referral](#) route, so there is still time for you to apply, but hurry, this will close at the end of **October**. Applications are reviewed by the Bursary Scheme Management Group on a monthly basis. So if you don't see a placement that suits you, you may wish to apply for a bursary placement through this route. To be considered for a bursary, you will need to have identified a Placement Provider as part of your self-referral application. At this stage in the Scheme, we can only consider placements between 1 and 3 months and they need to be completed by February 2012.

### NEW TRAINEES

We would like to welcome the following new Trainees: Rhidian Stoddart, who is doing a 6 month stonemasonry placement with Centreline Architectural Sculpture, Liam

Donaldson who is doing a 3 month placement with the Fringe Workshop and Spencer Perrin who is gaining his NVQ Assessor Heritage qualification.

**COMING SOON...**

We hope to bring you more information about the **Skills for the Future bursary scheme** very soon, so keep your eyes peeled because this is going to offer more training opportunities.

---

---

**Challenging History: understanding aims, audiences & outcomes, Feb 2012**

The Challenging History project steering group invites delegates to register for the International Challenging History conference to be held at City University London (and the Tower of London), Feb 23-25th 2012.

Since 2009, the Challenging History group has been working with heritage professionals, practitioners and academics in order to explore and interrogate issues raised in work with difficult, contested and sensitive heritages in a range of contexts within and beyond the UK. The project acknowledges that all history is – to a greater or lesser degree – challenging, and encourages practitioners to consider how heritage interpretation can better acknowledge this complexity at its core.

The conference programme will foster collaboration and shared understanding between academia and the heritage sector, and offer opportunities for networking, demonstrating approaches and practice, and presenting empirical research. Registration is now open until 6 January, with a special early-bird rate available. For more information, fee details, and to register, click [here](#).

---

---

**Forthcoming Events :**

**Lime in Conservation and New Build Conference –  
Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> , 2012**

**Where** – The Vyne , Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thevyne](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thevyne)

**Cost** - £50 including lunch, refreshments and a private tour of the house

**Who should attend ?** - ; heritage sector professionals, all those involved with the maintenance and conservation of historic buildings

**More details to follow .....**



## **Heritage Skills Fair and Conference – weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> (conference on the Friday)**

**Where** – The Vyne , Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thevyne](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thevyne)

**Cost** – entry to the Heritage Fair will be free . Conference will be ticketed – prices tbc

**Who should attend ?** Local home owners and enthusiasts who want to do the right thing by their historic/traditional building

Career finders/changers looking for future opportunities in heritage skills, young people wishing to engage in fun hands on activities.

The Conference will be aimed at professionals in the heritage sector from the SE region and nearby SW including architects, private companies, conservation and planning officers and students studying in the field. However we will also open the conference to anyone who will find the programme of relevance. The theme will be along the lines of ‘Conserving our Heritage for a Sustainable Future’ but could be subject to change. **More details to follow .....**

## **News**

### **NPPF debate continues as consultation deadline looms**

Another fortnight, another raft of commentary on the future of the Government’s draft [National Planning Policy Framework](#). Eyebrows were raised at the weekend when the cabinet minister Francis Maude described the concerns of the NationalTrust and CPRE, shared by hundreds of thousands of people across the country, as “b\*\*\*\*cks”, stating that he has [no sympathy with their position](#). The National Trust described the outburst as "the latest in a string of insults" and The Daily Telegraph’s editorial suggested that Mr Maude’s contribution to the debate “suggests the consultation is a sham.” In their speeches at this week’s Conservative Party Conference Eric Pickles, Greg Clark and Oliver Letwin all insisted the Government was in listening mode.

On Monday last week [The Times claimed](#) that “Ministers believe that the only way to appease the furious reaction among core Tory voters is to produce a new version of the document.” On Tuesday last DCLG Minister [Bob Neill told the Daily Telegraph](#) that Government was “genuinely prepared to listen” and that the document would be “improved” so that “by the end of the year we will be in a very different place”. But [Property Week magazine](#) reported that at a private reception with developers that same evening Mr Neill is understood to “have sternly refuted claims in a national newspaper that the policy is likely to undergo a substantial rewrite.”

Potential changes mooted include an 18 month “transition period” to give councils more time to draw up local development plans, and a requirement for councils to try to build

on brown-field or previously developed sites before greenfield land. The requirement that forces councils to plan for enough housing to support five years of building is apparently being reconsidered.

The consultation is open until 17 October.

Source : Extract taken from Heritage Update 217 (The Heritage Alliance)

---

---

## **EH: 'Heritage Angels' shortlist**

**Sixteen local groups have been chosen to go forward to the finals of the English Heritage Angel Awards, supported by Andrew Lloyd Webber, in London on 31st October.**

English Heritage experts met recently to sift carefully through more than 200 applications received since the competition was launched by Andrew Lloyd Webber in June. Looking for passion, perseverance and imagination as well as the scale of the challenge and how well it had been tackled, they came up with a shortlist of four outstanding projects for each of the Angel award categories:

### **Best Rescue of a Place of Worship**

- Church of St. Peter, Shackerstone, Leicestershire
- Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, Nottinghamshire
- St James Priory Church, Horsefair, Bristol ?The Former Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Leeds, West Yorkshire

### **Best Rescue of an Industrial Building or Site**

- Brunel Goods Shed, Stroud, Gloucestershire
- Colliery Winding Engine, Engine House and Backstays, Gedling, Nottinghamshire
- Pleasley Colliery, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
- North Leverton Windmill, Retford, Nottinghamshire

### **Best Rescue of Any Other Category on the English Heritage at Risk Register**

- Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol
- The Ilam Cross, Ilam, Staffordshire

- St Stephen's Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, London
- The Worthing Dome Cinema, West Sussex

#### **Best Craftsmanship Employed on a Heritage Rescue**

- Remains of Guesten Hall, Worcester, Worcestershire
- The Smythe Barn at Westenhanger, Hythe, Kent
- Tyntesfield Orangery, Somerset
- Woodchester Mansion, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

The shortlisted candidates have all been informed and invited to attend a glittering award ceremony at the Palace Theatre in London's West End which will be hosted by TV Presenter, Clare Balding. The candidates will meet Andrew Lloyd Webber and the other judges at a private reception at the theatre before the awards ceremony itself takes place in front of an audience of celebrities and heritage supporters.

A limited number of tickets are available, charged at £5 each. To book your seat ring 0870 333 1183 or click [here](#) to find out more

---

---

## **IHBC & partners: Conservation cuts delay planning**

September 17th, 2011

[A dramatic cut in local conservation specialists could significantly delay planning applications, warns a report from the Institute of Historic Building Conservation \(IHBC\), English Heritage and the Association of Local Government Officers.](#)

This year's 'Annual Report on Local Authority Staff Resources', shows an accelerating drop in conservation and historic environment experts against a sharp increase in planning applications for them to manage.

### [Lack of experts to deal with planning applications](#)

'Over the past 12 months the number of conservation officers working in local authorities has dropped by 13.5 per cent. The number of archaeological officers is down by close to nine per cent, so that means that historic environment expertise has fallen by almost 12 per cent,' says Eddie Booth, president and secretary of IHBC.

In contrast to falling staff levels, the figures on planning application decisions have risen by more than five per cent, and listed building consent decisions are up by just over seven per cent.

‘If these trends continue it is likely that the demand, as demonstrated by these applications, will exceed the capacity of the local authorities to be able to respond with suitably qualified experts. This will have a direct impact on services for customers, whether householders, businesses or those concerned about their local areas’ explains Eddie Booth.

‘This lack of resources also means that local authorities won’t be able to meet their conservation obligations under the Government’s existing planning legislation, or even under forthcoming planning policies such as the draft National Planning Policy Framework outlines.’

Chair of English Heritage, Baroness Andrews is also concerned about the loss of expertise highlighted in the Report. ‘The imbalance between the numbers of staff and the volume of planning applications shown in this report are of extreme concern at a time of change in the planning system,’ she comments. ‘The historic environment is not a soft target; loss of expertise could lead to loss of elements of England’s heritage, which once gone, cannot be recovered.’ Link to report <http://bit.ly/goj32Z>

---

---

## **Six historic cities club together in new marketing initiative**

The Tourist Boards of Stratford, Bath, Carlisle, Chester, York and Oxford have collaborated to produce a joint website highlighting the cities’ heritage and culture to holiday-makers.

The [Heritage Cities](#) site is designed to showcase the cities’ heritage offers and to offer trip-planning ideas to encourage tourists to visit all or a combination of the cities. Find out more [here](#).

Source : Heritage Update 217 (The Heritage Alliance)

---

---

## **Engagement with heritage: latest Taking Part statistics published**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has published its Quarter 1 2011/12 statistical release for the national [Taking Part survey](#) of participation in heritage, arts and culture, leisure and sport in England.

Key findings showed that in 2011/12 Q1 (July 2010 to June 2011) 70.9 per cent of adults reported having visited a heritage site in the last year. Three per cent of adults reported visiting a heritage site at least once a week - a significant increase since 2005/06.

The survey showed a significant increase in the proportion of men who had visited a heritage site - 72.0 per cent in July 2010 to June 2011, compared to 70.0 per cent in 2005/06.

Highlighting the importance of the heritage sector's presence on the web, the survey showed that since 2005/06 the proportion of people visiting heritage websites had increased from 18.3 per cent to 27.5 per cent.

The continuous survey is commissioned by DCMS in partnership with English Heritage, Arts Council England, and Sport England. Click [here](#) for the full statistical releases.  
Source : Heritage Update 217 (The Heritage Alliance)

---

---

## **IHBC Education Chair briefs on CSkills plans**

October 8th, 2011

[IHBC Education Secretary and Committee Chair John Preston has provided a briefing note as he calls on members and colleagues to respond to the current UK-wide CITB ConstructionSkills Consultation on Future Skills strategy.](#)

[John Preston writes:](#)

'Are you concerned about finding skilled people to work on historic and traditional buildings? Here is an opportunity for you to help raise the profile of conservation within the UK construction industry.

IHBC Council agreed on 22 September that the current UK-wide CITB ConstructionSkills Consultation on Future Skills strategy is so important that it should be circulated to all IHBC members and colleagues to give them the opportunity to submit individual responses.

[The Consultation \(with separate versions for each of the UK home countries\) is at: LINK](#)

Source : IHBC News Blog archive

Note from HSN : Unless we represented our views as a Heritage organisation and make our voices heard, how can we make our frustrations within the wider construction industry understood about the importance of finding appropriately skilled people to work on our pre 1919 buildings and the importance therefore of heritage skills training in mainstream construction education? Can we please urge anyone involved in the Heritage environment to take some time to respond to this consultation - with thanks

---

---

## **Tenders for heritage craft skills mapping**

October 8th, 2011

The Heritage Crafts Association (HCA) has announce that the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) has pledged funding to develop a piece of research into the state of heritage craft skills, with the closing date 6pm on 17 October.

Led by Creative and Cultural Skills (CCSkills), the skills council for crafts and cultural heritage etc, the project will map the occupations, skills and economic contribution of the heritage craft sector.

The HCA commented: 'This will be the first time serious research has been undertaken mapping the whole of the heritage craft sector and it should give us very good information on the current state, which crafts are healthy, which are endangered and which have potential for growth. Once we have that data then we can set about addressing the issues raised.'

Experienced organisations are invited to tender for work on the project. For enquiries contact [james.evans@ccskills.org.uk](mailto:james.evans@ccskills.org.uk)

Source : IHBC News Blog archive

---

---

## **New Brochure of Building Conservation Masterclasses for West Dean .....**

West Dean College's new brochure of Building Conservation Masterclasses for 2012 has just been published. All the courses are validated by English Heritage and their Professional Development Diploma qualifies as a Conservation Training Course for entry to the RIBA Conservation Register. If you would like to receive a copy of the brochure please contact Liz Campbell at West Dean – [cpd@westdean.org.uk](mailto:cpd@westdean.org.uk)."

---

---

**Please send me your thoughts about any of the News items posted here or if you have any Events in the SE that HSN can post for you**

**Many thanks**

**Alison Letts**

SE HERITAGE SKILLS CO-ORDINATOR

For and on behalf of

**HERITAGE SKILLS NETWORK**

**Owlsworth IJP Limited**      [www.IJP.co.uk](http://www.IJP.co.uk)

follow me on twitter <https://twitter.com/alisonletts>

Trading address:    Hampstead Farm, Binfield Heath, Nr Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 4LG  
Switchboard:        01189 69 69 49  
Facsimile:            01189 69 77 71  
E-mail:                [Alison.Letts@IJP.co.uk](mailto:Alison.Letts@IJP.co.uk)

Owlsworth IJP Ltd is a company registered in England & Wales with company No: 04690025.  
Registered Address: 25 Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 2AR

**Stop! Do you really need to print off this e-mail? Be Green - Keep it on the screen**

*Information in this message is strictly confidential and may be legally privileged. It is sent by Owlsworth IJP Ltd solely for the person or persons to whom it is addressed and no-one else. If you are not the intended recipient, you should not disseminate, distribute or copy this email to anyone without the express prior written consent of Owlsworth IJP Ltd. Please notify the sender if you have received this email in error and delete the message from your system immediately, making no copies of it. Owlsworth IJP Ltd cannot accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this message as it has been transmitted over a public network. Although Owlsworth IJP Ltd operates anti-virus software, it does not accept responsibility for any damage whatsoever that is caused by a virus being passed on.*