

DAY CONFERENCE

SEELY AND PAGET IN THE 21ST CENTURY: Restoration and Reputation

Date – Wednesday 1 May 2024

Venue – [The Charterhouse, London](#) (restored by Seely and Paget 1950s).

The buildings of the architectural practice of Seely and Paget, between 1920s-c.1970, were not greatly celebrated in their time, then largely overlooked as modernism became dominant through the second half of the twentieth century. In recent years, architecture of the time which aimed to blend (as they did) the best of the old with the best of the new, has become more appreciated. A number of their buildings have been restored in recent years, while at the same time their personal relationship has attracted attention.

Given the imminent centenary of the official commencement of their partnership (1926), it seems appropriate to reappraise Seely and Paget as architects and people. This one-day seminar will look at how several of their buildings have been restored in recent years but also discuss how their relationship can be seen today, as both architectural and personal partners. Contributions will be expected to be accessible to a general audience while also academically or technically sound. Overall it aims to review Seely and Paget's reputation both as architects and people. It is hoped to have a publishable outcome, in a journal such as *Architectural History*.¹

¹ Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain.

Draft timetable

09.30-10.00 – assemble

10.00 – Welcome

10.05 – Seely and Paget – who, what, when, where? *Peter Forsaith, The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University*

10.15 – Keynote *Neal Shasore, Principal, London School of Architecture*

11.00 - 11.20 – coffee break

11.20 – 12.45 – Restoration: case studies 1

- Richard Griffiths, Richard Griffiths Architects [the Charterhouse]
- Andrew Hann, English Heritage [Eltham Palace]
- George Roberts, National Trust [Mottistone Manor]

12.45 - 13.30 – lunch

13.30 – 14.30 – Restoration: case studies 2 – churches

- Esme Coppock, Alex Coppock, Communion Architects, [St Mary's Maidenhead]
- DaeWha Kang, DaeWha Kang Design [St Andrew, Holborn]

14.30 – comfort break

14.40 – Panel and discussion followed by open discussion:
‘The Partners’, towards new perspectives

16.00 – conference closes, tour of the Charterhouse available.