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Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects

Chairs Report to the AGM 2005

The past year has been extremely busy for all of us in practice and whilst it would have been good to have seen through more of our plans I am pleased to say that we have arranged a number of events that have attracted some new members along.

During the summer 4 building study visits were arranged and generally well attended. These were:

Compton Verney, Warwickshire
Worcester Cathedral, including a talk by Chris Romain, Cathedral Architect
Cobtun Residence, RIBA 2005 Award Winner
Worcestershire Wildlife Centre, Smite

Thanks go to all of those members who made the effort to attend these visits.

Practices within the County advised the Secretary of the numbers of Part 3 and newly qualified architects who might be interested in a "master class" on professional practice tying in with Part 3 examinations in September/October. Efforts were made to contact these students in order to arrange for the master classes to be organised. Two students attended the sessions arranged in Glazzard Architects offices and led by Sid Glazzard. It was unfortunate that the take up of these sessions was poor, but hope that the two students who did attend benefited from them.

The Secretary has initiated proposals for an Architect's Surgery. Locations and volunteer practices have been identified, but the surgery has not yet gone ahead due to time restraints on members.

Morphicity have worked hard with us to develop the WSCA website which is now fully operational and being well utilized. We welcome feedback from any of our members. The website is frequently updated through the maintenance contract that we have with Morphicity, and we ask that any information that our members would like to see on the website should be sent to me. The Shropshire Society is interested in using our website as a template for their own.

A trip to Rome is planned for 14th – 16th October, 2005. Full plans are to be released within the next few days, along with an itinerary similar to the one produced for Berlin. This trip, we will be offering a day of organised visits, with architect guides, to buildings by Renzo Piano, Richard Mier and Zaha Hadid. We hope that the Rome trip is as successful as the two previously arranged trips and look forward to seeing you there.

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