

## AHS London Lecture Series in a new venue



The RICS building, main entrance at 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, SW1P 3AD

In 2016 we have benefited from the sponsorship of Ben Wright and the hospitality of Columbia Threadneedle, which provided the venue for the London Lecture Series in its spectacular premises high above Cannon Street Station. It has proved a hugely popular venue. Attendees cannot have failed to notice the growing pressure on space that follows on the heels of a winning combination of first class lectures and a reception afterwards – the buzz at Cannon Place has been electric all year.

Responding to the need for more space, from January 2017 the London Lecture Series will move to Parliament Square, to the spacious apartments of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), courtesy of a kind introduction from Council Member James Stratton. RICS is housed in a listed and historic building on the north west corner of the square, opposite HM Treasury, designed by Alfred Waterhouse and purpose-built for the institution in 1889. The oak-lined Lecture Hall can accommodate over 100, surrounded by portraits of the Institute's distinguished members, and boards listing the historic holders of office.

The broad format for the evenings will remain unchanged. Doors will open at 17.30 for tea and coffee. Lectures will commence sharp at 18.15, to be followed by a drinks reception with canapes. Events will end at 20.30.

We have to emphasise security. Increasingly, major venues in Central London demand not only to know exactly who is expected to attend, but also for attendees to wear a badge. RICS is no exception. It will be

absolutely necessary to register in advance for your (free) ticket – using the AHS website (which many of you are now used to doing), or alternatively by calling the office at Ticehurst. You cannot simply turn up. There is a cloakroom at ground floor level, where you can leave coats and bags, and where your pre-printed badge will be issued. Attendees are asked not to arrive before 17.30.

We look forward to seeing you at the new home for the wonderful AHS London Lecture Series, 2017.



The oak-lined main Lecture Hall at the RICS

### The 2017 AHS London Lecture Series

- 19 January: David Rooney, *The Politics of Precision: Standard Time and Violent Protest, 1884–1914*
- 16 March: Julia Clarke, *Casing Watches and Automata: The Goldworkers and Enamellers of Geneva*
- 20 July: Jenny Bulstrode, *Edward John Dent's Glass Springs: a Historical and Artefactual Study*
- 21 September: Professor Mike Edmunds, *The Antikythera Mechanism and Mechanical Universes*
- 16 November: Richard Constable, *Berlin or Birmingham: Finding a Market for the Black Forest Clock*

Guests will be most welcome. Lectures and all refreshments are free, thanks to the generous support of Jonny Flower, our sponsor for this year.