

## July 2017 Report

Alex Coppock gave us an amazing look at the world of architecture, referencing the conservation and management of old properties. He emphasised the need for conservation in the framework of management of change. This seemed a concept which was often misunderstood by architects who had their own ideas. He insisted that conservation with repair and transformation had to fit into the original landscape using the original materials as far as possible.

Large spaces could be made useful and meaningful on the BOX principle. This had been applied to a church with a declining congregation with great success. The space divided up into places for different uses as well as some for communal use were a good option. With all changes from barns to houses to churches there must be a consensus of opinion which is often hard to achieve.

Alex commented that managing change had to be done in the view of what was important today. The example he used was the choice to eat outside and have the toilets inside now featured in most modern housing!

There will be no talk in August. The Society will start meeting again on Sept 8th at the Eden Centre with a talk on Croome Court, former home of the 6th Earl of Coventry with its splendid grounds created by Capability Brown.