

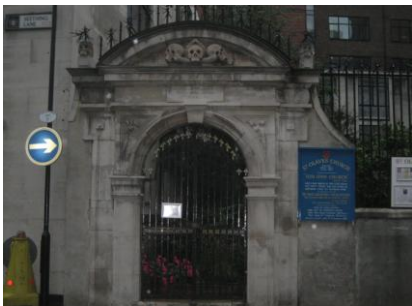
## Architectural Walking Tour with Ken Allinson

Since August is a month when the majority of members are on holiday, CoreNet Global UK doesn't organise any formal events. Instead, for the last several years, we have found someone who will lead us on a walk round various parts of London.

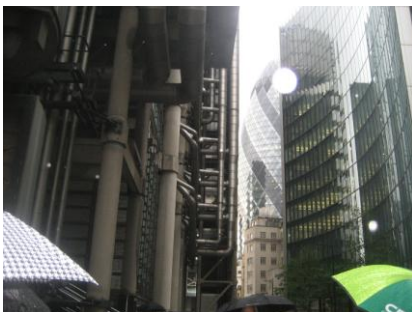


This year **Lucy Scott** organised the walking tour which was led by **Ken Allinson, RIBA**. Ken has taught at the Architectural Association and has also been an associate partner of Terry Farrell and DEGW. He now takes architectural study tours for professionals as well as writing for various publications on the theory of architecture.

We were lucky to have him. Not so lucky with the weather however, which started with a drizzle, developing into a full-blown tropical rainstorm. Nevertheless 20 hardy souls met up at the All Bar One on Tower Hill for a sharpener before setting off, umbrellas up.



We began on the edge of Trinity Square Gardens from where can be seen 2,000 years of London's architectural history - from glimpses of the original Roman wall, to the Tower, to Trinity House, Tower Bridge, and More London and City Hall. We then moved off, past St Olave's Church where Pepys worshipped, across the



front of Fenchurch Street Station, and on across Fenchurch Street to the Lloyd's Register and the Gherkin, where we were finally defeated by the weather. Sheltering in an alley, Ken gave us graphic explanations of the buildings we were looking at. We then marched swiftly past the Lloyd's Building into further shelter, this time under the splendours of Leadenhall market's painted frontages, before finally retreating to the roaringly noisy comfort of the Counting House on Cornhill.



In spite of the rain, those who did brave the weather had a fascinating insight into the architectural history of this ancient part of London. We thank **Lucy** for arranging it all and **Chapman Bathurst** for kindly supporting us and providing us with the stiffener beforehand and the reward afterwards!

