

one amazing city



COMMUTERLAND for London workers isn't all about Thirties semis, as **Chalk Hill** (left, above and below), in Guildford, Surrey, proves.

A new open-plan minimalist home in a tranquil hillside setting overlooking the Wey valley, it is open to the public for tours all through Architecture Week.

For more details, and to join a tour, contact Elspeth Beard or Suraj Vithlani at Elspeth Beard Architects (01483 860342). Email info@elspethbeardarchitects.co.uk, or visit www.elspethbeardarchitects.co.uk.



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tect Alex Lifschutz — from Hungerford Bridge to the Millennium Bridge, and **Edifice and Artifice**, a tour of the National Gallery with Rebecca Lyons, exploring architecture in paintings. To complete the week's events, the **V&A** offers an architecture exploration of the building with Christopher Middleton, and a guided tour of the museum's new show to celebrate the **Royal Festival Hall's** £100 million refurbishment.

Visit an exhibition

Exhibitions during the week include **Unfinished**, a series of photographs by clients, builders and students working on projects with architect Niall McLaughlin,

at the Photofusion gallery in Brixton, plus the six architect-designed birdwatching hides in Battersea Park by designers who include Giani Botsford, Nick Stickland and Spacelab.

For **Frank Gehry** fans, there is the gala screening of the new Sydney Pollack film, *Sketches of Frank Gehry*, tomorrow in Chelsea (www.curzoncinemas.com), which will be followed on Friday with Pollack and Gehry in conversation at the RIBA.

One of the more surreal offerings of the week will be a 15-minute film called **The Games**, made with artist Hilary Powell, in which a version of the Olympics is staged on derelict wasteland in Stratford poised to become the 2012 Olympic Park.

Book offer: New London Architecture

As a sequel to the excellent **New London Architecture** book of 2001, comes **New London Architecture 2**.

Lavishly illustrated, and with knowledgeable and succinct text by Kenneth Powell and Cathy Strongman, it is a great way to catch up with the amazing crop of recent new projects in and around the city.

Homes include a striking one-off house by Prewett Bizley in Newington Green on the site of an old shed; One Centaur Street, a block of flats that makes the most of a tricky inner London site, by De Rijke Marsh Morgan; and the Wrap House extension in Chiswick, by Alison Brooks, which sets new imaginative standards for adding space.

Many other high-profile projects featured include the uplifting Evelina Children's Hospital at St Thomas', by Hopkins Architects; Terry Farrell's complex Home Office in Victoria; and Will Alsop's intriguing Palestra office building in Blackfriars Road, Southwark.

Published in hardback by Merrell, priced £29.95, Homes & Property readers can buy the book for £26.95, with free p&p in the UK, by calling 01235 465500, quoting reference code NLA2H&P.



Catch up on the amazing crop of new projects in the capital with **New London Architecture** (Merrell)



De Rijke Marsh Morgan Architects' One Centaur Street flats, SE1 (above), are progressive in design and materials, while timber is the feature at Alison Brooks's Wrap House extension in W4 (left)

How to take part

- Booking is essential for many of the events during Architecture Week. For more details on times, venues and ticket availability, visit www.architectureweek.org.uk.
- Architecture Week is organised by Arts Council England and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).
- Get your free copy of this year's Architecture Week guide and map (compiled with Ordnance Survey) with the Evening Standard at news-stands tomorrow (Thursday 14 June) or Monday 18 June.

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