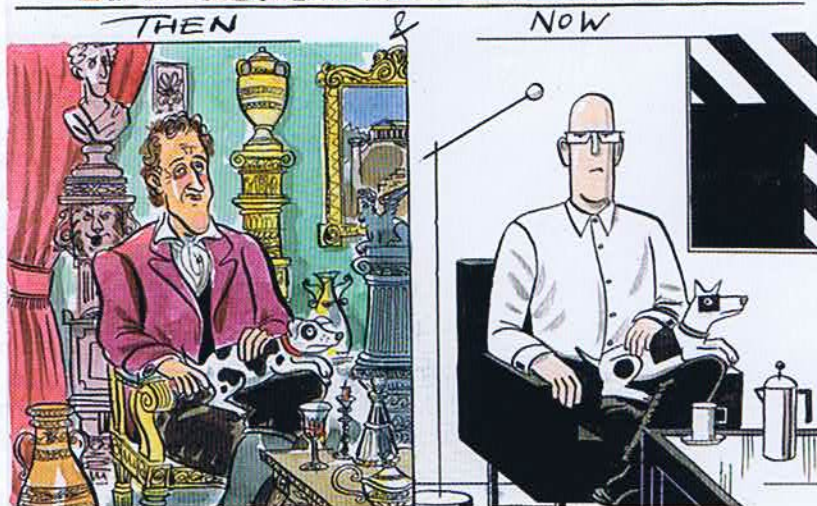


# Soane's inspiration lives on

## THE ARCHITECT AT HOME



Could you win this cartoon by a leading artist inspired by Soane (above)?

LEADING figures in art and design, such as Damien Hirst, Vivienne Westwood and Ronald Searle, have donated new works to an exhibition at the Sir John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2, in which visitors can enter a 'blind sale' to own one of the pieces. The 191 artists were invited to create a work celebrating the museum dedicated to the 19th-century neo-Classical architect, the linking theme being that pieces must be inspired by him. The exhibition, 'Inspired by Soane' (September 10–October 1), will

benefit the £7 million restoration of the museum. Visitors can buy a £200 raffle ticket; when the draw is made in October, they will find out whose work they have acquired. Director Tim Knox says: 'We are thrilled that so many leading lights have supported us and we've had enormous fun unwrapping their wonderful and very diverse pieces. We hope people will be inspired to make a blind purchase, especially as everyone taking part has an equal chance to carry off a work of significant value.' For a full list of artists, visit [www.soane.org](http://www.soane.org)

### Barometer Good week for

#### Hedgerows

Some 42% are now protected, an increase of 18% over 12 years, says the CPRE, which wants management regulations to be tightened

#### The Holburne Museum

It has been awarded £86,000 from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to conserve its collection; the Bath museum reopens on May 14, 2011

#### Lake Buttermere

It's been voted Britain's most beautiful view, in a survey by Chevrolet. Derwentwater came second and Sussex's Seven Sisters third

### Bad week for

#### Classical music

One-third of participants in a survey by *Reader's Digest* claimed never to have heard any; the Welsh emerged as the biggest fans

#### Garden birds

Greenfinches and chaffinches are being affected by a disease thought to be spread through saliva; gardeners are urged to clean birdbaths

#### Libraries

The outlook is gloomy, as only 39.4% of adults have visited one in the past year; only 5.4% go once a week

## Stamp out horse abuse

MEMBERS of the horse world are being urged to take part in the Great British Horse Survey, through which it's hoped to gain a picture of the state of our equine community and improve welfare standards, stamping out shocking cases such as that of Spindles Farm, Amersham, where 125 horses were discovered in appalling conditions. The survey, which opens on September 3 ([www.horsesurvey.co.uk](http://www.horsesurvey.co.uk)), is run by the charity World Horse Welfare (WHW). Trustee and leading event rider Pippa Funnell says: 'People often don't realise the scale of equine abuse that still exists in the UK. Britain certainly has a reputation as a nation of horse lovers, but with an increasing number of abuse cases, we are in danger of tarnishing it.' WHW investigates about 2,000 cases a year—the number has risen by 10% in the past 12 months.

## Clean up of British seas begins

THE Government has put forward 15 habitat-rich areas in British waters for inclusion within the European Natura 2000 network of protected areas. This follows the Marine and Coastal Act 2009, which is designed to clean up our seas. The 15 sites are Inner Dowsing; North Norfolk sandbanks; Haisborough, Hammond and Winterton; Margate; Bassurelle sandbank, Lyme Bay and Torbay; Prawle Point; Lizard Point; Land's End, Shell Flat; Red Bay; North-West Rockall Bank; Wyville Thomson Ridge, plus Outer Thames Estuary and Liverpool Bay for red-throated divers.

Three other sites—Lune Deep, Prawle Point to Start Point and Dogger Bank, which has also been identified as an area for potential wind-farm development—are also being considered. The consultation period ends on December 12.



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