

Paget, Paul Edward 1901 - 1985



Paul Edward Paget [commonly known as Paul Paget] was born in London, England on 24 January 1901 and studied at Trinity College, Cambridge where he met [John Seely](#) (1899-1963). In 1926 they founded the London-based architectural practice [Seely & Paget](#). Seeley had studied architecture at Cambridge but Paget had no training in the profession and had initially worked in banking.

Notable among the firm's commissions was the conversion of Eltham Palace, a 14th century palace in Greenwich, London into an Art Deco mansion for Stephen Courtauld and Virginia Courtauld in 1936. They also designed interiors for celebrities including the writer J.B. Priestley and the actress Gladys Cooper. Following World War Two, they designed St Andrew and St George in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and were responsible for restoring a number of churches damaged by wartime bombing.

Paget succeeded Seely as Surveyor of the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral in 1963. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA). In 1963 he joined the Art Workers Guild and in 1971 was made master of the Guild. He died in Northrepps, Norfolk on 13 August 1985

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