

## **Booth, David 1908 - 1962**

David Booth was born in London on 9 January 1908. He studied at the Architectural Association Schools of Architecture in London. He was awarded his A.A. Dip. and was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1932 and later a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA). He commenced practice in Oxford in the early 1930s and from 1933 was in partnership with George Alexander Nuttall-Smith (1902-1980), as Nuttall-Brown and David Booth.

The partnership with Nuttall-Brown would appear to have been dissolved in 1939 as in that year Booth formed a partnership with the Dutch-born architect Judith Ledebøer (1901-1990) as Booth & Ledebøer. They had offices at Lincoln's Inn, London and Blacknall Road, Oxford. The practice was suspended in 1942 as both Booth and Ledebøer were engaged on war service - Booth in the Army and Ledebøer at the Ministry of Health. In 1944 she was appointed secretary to the Dudley Committee, which was established to prepare to raise housing standards after the war.

Following the war, Booth and Ledebøer reactivated their practice in Oxford in 1946. In 1956 John Pinckheard (1911-1977) joined the practice which was renamed Booth Ledebøer & Pinckheard.

In addition to his work as architect, Booth also designed and wrote about furniture. A photograph featuring a tub chair designed by him is illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1933 (p.66). In 1935 he wrote an article on the construction of cheap furniture for 'RIBA Journal' and in 1951 he designed a mahogany sideboard for Gordon Russell Ltd.

Booth was elected a Fellow of the Society of Industrial Artists (FSIA). He lived for many years in Oxford and died on 1 July 1962.

Worked in

UK

Works

Projects by the Booth and his practice included three-storey flats in Lambeth, London (Booth & Ledebøer, 1947-48), housing for the Festival of Britain Exhibition of Architecture in Poplar, London (Booth & Ledebøer, 1951), 'Nuffield House' health centre in Harlow, Essex (Booth & Ledebøer, 1955), Nos.29-35 Gordon

Square, London, for the University of London (Booth Ledeboer & Pinckheard, 1957), a residential block at Magdalen College and an extension to St. John's College, University of Oxford (Booth Ledeboer & Pinckheard, 1950s) and the School of Artillery in Larkhill, Wiltshire (Booth Ledeboer & Pinckheard, 1962).

#### Links

- GBS Health <https://www.gbshealth.co.uk/about-us/history/our-history>
- UK Modern House [http://www.ukmoho.co.uk/html/architect/Nuttall\\_Smith\\_David\\_Booth.html](http://www.ukmoho.co.uk/html/architect/Nuttall_Smith_David_Booth.html)