

## Capon, Kenneth 1915 - 1998

Charles Kenneth Capon [commonly known as Kenneth Capon] was born in Wokingham, Berkshire on 15 December 1915. After briefly studying at the Royal College of Music, he decided to pursue a career as an architect entered the Architectural Association School in London. In 1939 he was one of the eleven founding partners of Architects' Co-operative Partnership (ACP) [in 1951 renamed the [Architects' Co-Partnership](#) (ACP)], an architectural co-operative all of whom attended the AA School.

Following the outbreak of World War Two in September 1939 the partnership was dissolved but was re-formed in 1946 with seven of the original members including Capon. He continued his association with ACP until his retirement in 1983.

Capon was an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA). His address was given as Charfield, Charvil Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire in 1939. Capon died on 9 May 1988 while on holiday in Turkey. His death was registered in Istanbul.

Worked in

UK

Works

Among projects on which Capon worked as a partner of ACP Cox, Anthony. Architects Co-Partnership: the first 50 years.were Charfield Cottage in Sonning, Berkshire (1939-40); Wildwood Cottage, 17 Parfit Close, North End, Hampstead, London (1950-55); Upper Wolves Copse, Bosham Hoe, Bosham, West Sussex (1955); Salt Hill, 37 Bridle Way, Grantchester, Cambridgeshire (1959); and buildings for Essex University (1960s). With Michael Grice (1917-2008) of the ACP, Capon also designed for the 1951 Festival of Britain, the Chicheley Street entrance, offices, the VIP pavilion and the Minerals of the Island pavilion.

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