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***Housing the people in Victorian Bristol: a  
tale of two cities***

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*The growth in the population of Bristol between Victoria's accession in 1837 and the end of the century resulted in the construction of at least 30,000 new houses, mostly in a ring of new and expanded neighbourhoods, from Clifton round to Bedminster. All but a trivial number of the new houses were built by a multitude of small builders, responding to market forces, unconstrained by any kind of effective planning framework. Nevertheless, the contention of this presentation is that these builders worked within a limited range of possibilities. First, we can say that they built terraced houses for the working class and villas for the middle class. Second, it will be shown that the design of terraced houses changed little over time, but even though villa design changed to a greater extent there were still only two or three basic types.*

***Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January***

***Time: 7.45***

**Venue: Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Pembroke Road, Clifton, BS8 3BX  
(ample free parking; no 8 bus close by)**

**Cost £1, students free**

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