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ITALY'S VOLCANIC ISLANDS

An Illustrated Talk by David Edwards

Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm

**The Assembly Room, Council House
North Street, Chichester**

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

Mt. Etna and the volcanoes of the Aeolian islands represent the physical expression of weaknesses in the Earth's crust. Etna, on Sicily, is the highest active volcano in Europe. Stromboli (one of the Aeolian Island volcanoes) has been continuously active for over 2,000 years, and was known to Roman sailors as a navigational beacon: "The Lighthouse of the Mediterranean". Starting in the old city of Catania (destroyed by Etna in the 17th century) David will explore the summit and environs of Etna and look at its impacts on the surrounding area. Then he will island hop around Vulcano, Lipari and Stromboli. The latter offers spectacular views of regular eruptions from its summit. Vulcano has bubbling sulphur fumaroles on its summit and Lipari bears the scars of its recent volcanic pumice quarrying activity.

David is a university tutor on environmental sustainability and renewable energy. He combines this with an earth science field studies guide for the Bay of Naples volcanic area (including Pompeii, Herculaneum and Vesuvius) and Iceland. He also engages in freelance public speaking and lecturing around the world.

Bruschette and a glass of wine will be served after the talk.