



THE RISE AND FALL OF THE ITALIAN CITY STATES

An Illustrated Talk by John Lippiett

Thursday 18th April 2019 at 7.30 pm

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

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

The city states of Italy held power and led trade in the Mediterranean for nearly a thousand years, peaking in mediaeval times. John's talk begins by examining Greek and Roman ships and trade, before going on to illustrate how cities like Pisa and Amalfi developed a commerce which dominated the European maritime scene, and generated wealth and influence. Rivalry was often intense, leading to not infrequent open warfare. These cities still hold annual regatta races, a remnant of their ancient feuds.

Rear Admiral John Lippiett served in the Royal Navy for 36 years, both at sea and ashore. On leaving the navy, he became Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust, and turned his attention to completing the conservation of Henry VIII's flagship and her remarkable collection of contents. He and his wife have lived in the Chichester area for many years, and indeed John was born close by.



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

