



**RAVENNA AND
THE FALL
OF THE ROMAN
EMPIRE**



**An Illustrated Talk by Michael Starks
Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.30 pm**

*The Assembly Room
Council House
North Street, Chichester*

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

Ravenna has eight World Heritage sites dating from the fifth and sixth centuries AD and renowned for their exquisite mosaics. They were designed, constructed and decorated over decades during the era of the fall of the Western Roman Empire. How did Ravenna achieve such architectural and artistic glory against a tide of invasion, regime change, conflict and a destructive Italian civil war?

Michael Starks is a keen traveller with a special interest in the history of the countries around the Mediterranean. A former BBC producer and manager, he is the author of "Understanding Ravenna" which was published at the end of last year. A member of Friends of Ravenna and now resident in Oxford, he is a member of the Senior Common Room of Lady Margaret Hall.



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