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COMPLICITY AND COMPLIANCE OF ITALIAN WOMEN DURING THE 1943-44 NAZI OCCUPATION

An Illustrated Talk by Liz Sich
Wednesday 20th January 2021

Liz will talk about the lives of rural women in the Upper Tiber Valley in the later stages of the Second World War. This part of Italy was called *La Zona Grigia* (the Grey Zone) and was well-known for its level of complicity and compliance during the Nazi occupation. Liz will be exploring a background of diaries and memoirs from the Pieve Santo Stefano archive. She will also give examples of women who supported the partisans and ran terrible risks in doing so.

Liz had a career as a public relations executive, culminating in the role of managing director of the firm of Four Colman Getty. On retirement, Liz purchased a house on the border of Tuscany and Umbria and this stimulated her interest in things Italian. She undertook an MA in European history at Birkbeck College at the University of London. Her dissertation was on the lives of rural women in the Upper Tiber Valley during the war. Liz is also a trustee of a number of charities.