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DOLOMITES: THE KILLING MOUNTAINS



An illustrated talk by David Edwards

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.30 pm

The Assembly Room

Council House

North Street, Chichester

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

David has climbed for many years in the Dolomites region of northern Italy, using the 'Via Ferrata' - fixed iron cables that were originally set up to allow Austrian and Italian troops to fight at high altitude in the Great War.

These sheer, mountainous routes are still littered with evidence of the suffering man inflicted upon man, and an even worse suffering that an implacable nature inflicted upon the unfortunate soldiers posted here. Many of them, from these remote self-sufficient mountain valleys, had friends and relations fighting on the other side and loyalties were often torn.

In this talk, David will explore the impressive mountain landscape in vertiginous detail, while also developing on the history of this little known, but harsh wartime frontline. In the meantime, our thoughts return to the outstanding talks David gave us on Pompeii and the Aeolian Islands back in 2019 and 2020.

David is a university tutor on renewable energy and natural hazards. He is also an earth science field studies guide for the Bay of Naples volcanic area. He combines this with freelance public speaking and lecturing around the world.

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