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The exciting discovery in Ravenna
of a medieval love poem

An illustrated talk by Elena Ward

Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7.30 pm

The Assembly Room

Council House

North Street, Chichester

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

Elena's talk is about a mysterious Italian poem. On a visit to Ravenna she saw an eleventh-century manuscript on display at an exhibition there. What caught Elena's special attention was a love poem, 'Quando eu', scribbled on the back of a legal document from the archbishop's archive. Elena was intrigued and decided to find out more. Who wrote this poem? And for whom was it written? In her talk Elena will tell us what she found out—and could not find out.

Elena has worked for over twenty years for the University of Portsmouth delivering translations and Italian language courses. She was born in Bologna, where she obtained a degree in English and German literature. After graduating she moved to the UK, where she gained an MA in linguistics and medieval studies. Currently she is reading for a Ph.D at the University of Nottingham, focusing on northern Italian churches.