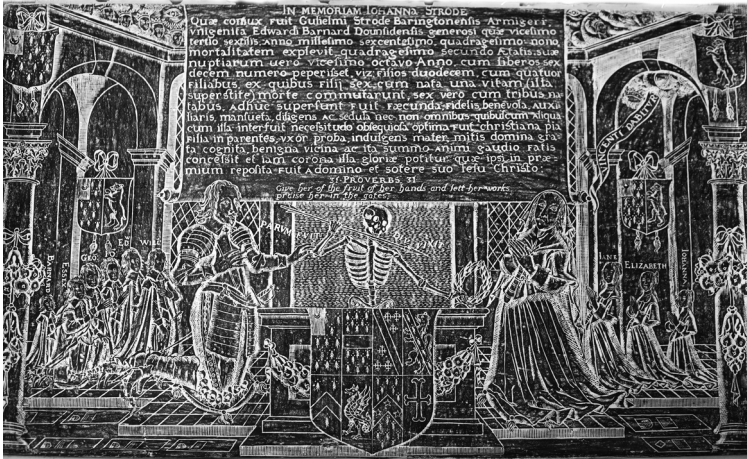


SHEPTON'S LOST GEM

The Sepulchral Chapel of the Strode/Barnard Family

A talk by Peggy Strode



The Strode family arrived in England with the Conqueror and became prominent landowners in the South West. The Shepton Mallet branch of the family endowed a magnificent medieval chapel and vault in the parish church of St Peter & St Paul, adorned with rich ornamentation and gilding. The chapel was lost to posterity when the church building was enlarged in 1837, leaving just wall memorials and eye-witness descriptions.

Peggy Strode is an authority on the history of the Strode/Barnard dynasty and particularly Col. William Strode of Barrington Court, a 17th Century MP, soldier and philanthropist from Bowlish whose family is depicted in this Shepton memorial.

Peggy will share some of the revelations from her extensive research and vividly describe the grandeur of the Strode chapel in the space where it once stood, bringing a fascinating piece of Shepton Mallet's history back to life. An event not to be missed.

Friday 20th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

St Peter & St Paul's Church
Shepton Mallet

Free admission
Refreshments from 7.00 p.m.