

**Welford and Weston Local History Society**  
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**'Round the Square and up the Tower'**

**A talk by Sarah Hosking**

*25 March 2022, at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall*

Clifford Chambers is a near neighbour - its parish boundary abuts that of Weston-on-Avon - but, because its main street is a no through road, most of us pass by the turning to the village from the B4632. A great shame because we thereby miss the beautiful and historic buildings of the centre of Clifford Chambers such as the medieval rectory dating from the mid 15C and the fine manor house at the end of the main street remodelled several times after fires but now restored to its 17C appearance.



St Helen's church, built on a Saxon site, has Norman elements and is close by one of the village's most distinctive features: the Square comprised of 16 small houses (formerly 18 with some since having been doubled up) dating from the 18C and 19C.

Who better to guide us on a tour '**Round the Square and up the Tower**' than Sarah Hosking, one of the residents of the Square? Sarah was brought up in Warwick and attended art school in the 1960s but then retrained in arts administration and for twenty years worked in arts organisations before joining the health service in the mid-1980s. On retirement in 2000, she returned to Warwickshire to fulfil a life-long dream of giving reality to Virginia Woolf's idea that a woman needs a room of her own and money if she is to write. The Hosking Houses Trust was born in 2002, consists of a tiny cottage in Clifford Chambers where women (over the age of forty) can have a working retreat to write about any subject whatsoever. Two books have been written about the church, the Square, the river and the surrounding cottages and gardens. Sarah will talk about these and both will be available to buy.



I am very pleased to say that this talk will be available to people attending 'face to face' in the village Memorial Hall, as well as available remotely via Zoom. The choice is yours. If you do decide to attend in person, could I ask that on the day of the talk you all do a Lateral Flow Test? This is to protect everyone. Thank you.

**Some admin for the talk.....**

You will receive an email from Karen Dickinson, inviting you to join this meeting about a week before the meeting itself. This email is being sent to all members, whether or not you will be going to the Hall or viewing remotely via Zoom. Please check in your junk folder if you don't receive it.

**On the evening** of the talk you will be able to join the meeting by Zoom from 19:00. The talk itself will start at 19:30. If you are fairly new to Zoom I would encourage you to join the meeting early, so that if you experience a problem, you'll have time to call Karen Dickinson (on 07970 179821), and get it sorted out before the talk starts at 19:30.

If you are going to attend in person, the doors of the Memorial Hall are open from 19:10.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be another great talk.

Kind regards,

Brad Plimmer 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022