

The Friends of the Willis Museum



The Murder by Smugglers in Hampshire 1747

A talk on Zoom by Dr Gale Pettifer
5th August 2021 at 7.30pm sharp



In 1747, a notorious smuggling gang kidnapped and murdered William Galley, a Custom-House officer from Portsmouth, and Daniel Chater, a shoemaker from Fordingbridge. Smuggling was a venture perpetrated by gangs who were often considered to be folk-heroes, as avoiding custom duty was seen as a poke at the Government. However, the brutal murders of Galley and Chater sent shock waves through eighteenth century society.

Members of the Friends will receive an email invitation with details of how to join the meeting on Zoom.