

## Historic Building Mythbusting

### Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

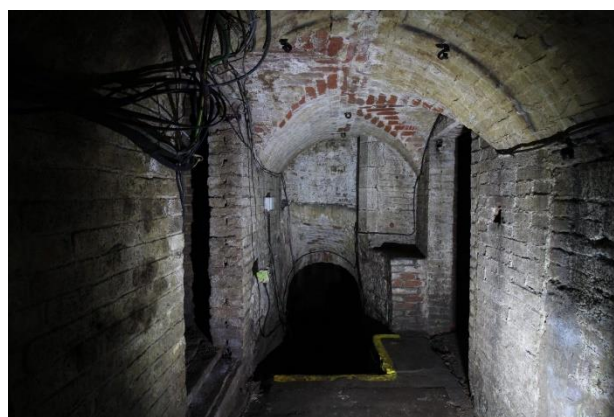
#### Study Morning with James Wright

#### Eric Morecambe Centre – Function Room 2



##### ***Lecture 1 – Historic Building Mythbusting***

Go to any ancient building and there will be interesting, exciting, and romantic stories presented to the visitor. They are commonly believed and widely repeated – but are they really true? These stories include those of secret passages linking ancient buildings, spiral staircases in castles giving advantage to right-handed defenders, ship timbers used in the construction of buildings on land, blocked doors in churches which are thought to keep the Devil out and claims to be the oldest pub in the country.



##### ***Lecture 2 - Secret Passages and Hidden Tunnels***

Every single hamlet, village, town and city in the British Isles has a story of secret passages running beneath the landscape. The tales speak of hidden tunnels connecting the castle and the monastery, or the hermitage and the pub, or the church and the manor house.

Often these are supposed to be escape tunnels, sometimes they are connected with smuggling or treasure, on other occasions the given reasons for their existence are somewhat salacious and scandalous.

The folklore of Britain's subterranean landscape is ubiquitous, but is there ever any archaeological evidence for these yarns? What are the underlying truths? Can the stories ever tell us something about how people think about their communities and heritage?

### Booking Details

Times: 10:00 – 12:20

Tickets are £25 each and can be booked online:

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### Questions?

Please email the Programme Secretary [programme.tasha@gmail.com](mailto:programme.tasha@gmail.com) with any queries.