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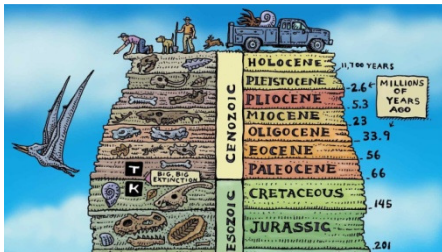
Newsletter of Ponteland Local History Society

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OCTOBER MEETING

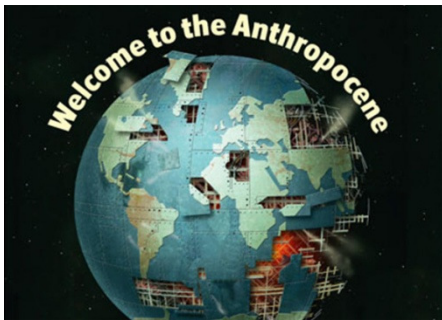
This evening's meeting must have the longest title ever "**A BIRTHPLACE OF THE ANTHROPOCENE: THE ROLE OF THE NORTH EAST IN MAKING OUR FOSSIL-FUEL WORLD**". Our speaker is Dr. Scott Ashley

Let us not speculate on what our speaker has to say but "*The Anthropocene defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans.*"



The word combines the root "anthropo", meaning "human" with the root "-cene", the standard suffix for "epoch" in geologic time.

The Anthropocene is distinguished as a new period either after or within the Holocene, the current epoch, which began approximately 10,000 years ago (about 8000 BC) with the end of the last glacial period".

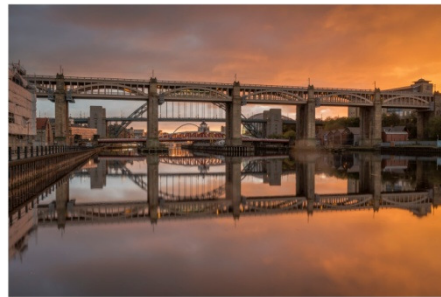


Our speaker is Dr Scott Ashley is a lecturer in medieval history at Newcastle University, a historian of the end of the Roman world and the emergence of the early middle ages in Europe. His interest in this period stems from his childhood in the North-East of England and memories of family visits to Hadrian's Wall, Lindisfarne and the Anglo-Saxon churches in the region. That interest has taken him far afield, from Oxford to the United States and Hungary, before taking up a full-time position at Newcastle in 2002.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Unfortunately Barry Meads talk 'Stone and Bones and Recent Discoveries around Druridge Bay' has had to be postponed to a later date.

Our own Michael Taylor has kindly stepped in to present '**SEVEN BRIDGES: THE CROSSING OF THE TYNE GORGE**'.



This is an extensively illustrated talk which will take a non too serious look at the various crossing points of the river at the Tyne gorge between Newcastle and Gateshead. Each bridge is considered in its historical context, highlighting and expanding on some of the personalities involved.

DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual social event will be held on 13th September and we are delighted that '**VIVARCE**' will once again be our main entertainment.

It is some years since the group joined us to give their '**Stories & Songs of Christmas**'

There will also be the usual raffle and quiz as well as a buffet.

Tickets are on sale now price £8.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 11th NOVEMBER 2018

It seems such a short time ago that we were commemorating the commencement of the 1914 -1918 war but this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of that war. An Act of Remembrance will be held at the Memorial Hall, Ponteland on Sunday, 11th November 2018 at 10.55 a.m. At 11 a.m., two minutes' silence will be observed at the War Memorial, after which wreaths will be laid.

Light refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) will be served after the service at the **Memorial Hall**.

THE BEACON

The Beacon on top of St Mary's Church will be lit on the evening of Sunday 11th November as part of the national 'The Battle's over' campaign. The Beacon will be lit at 7.00 p.m. Further details on this event will be included in the November issue of Pont News and Views.



STANNINGTON COMMEMORATES

At 10am on Saturday 10th of November Stannington will host a World War One Living experience featuring a working WW1 tank, a replica WW1 monoplane, David Allton and The Living History Team will be in attendance to talk about life as WW1 medics there will also be other WW1 re-enactors, a WW1 trench, 16th Lancers Cavalry display and 29th Field Kitchen. There will also be a Vickers machine gun and WW1 effects from the Blyth Battery. Food and crafts from local businesses will be available.

There will also be the spectacular WW1 commemorative flower festival in St Mary's Church.

Ticket prices are £5.00 for adults Children under 16 free.



"Ridley's" aeroplane will also be on display. See this replica of a 1916 Morane Type N 'Bullet' built by the North East Land Sea and Air Museum on Saturday 10th November.