

MEETING AT WESTERHOPE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, NE5 5HA

Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 12-noon

BUFFET LUNCH followed by a talk on:

THE IMPACT OF THE ROMANS IN THE NORTH EAST

A talk given by Graeme Stobbs



From the time that the Romans invaded Britain in 43 BCE, their army battled and soon established Roman rule over Britain, spreading their culture, laws, and language. Many battles were fought, including the uprising of the famous Queen Boudica.

The Romans brought many new things to Britain, including plants like nettles and animals like rabbits. They established towns and a new language (Latin). There hadn't been written language up until this point, and

Romans taught Britons in power to read, write and count. They built new buildings that were much more sophisticated than the roundhouses and huts many Britons lived in. They also built roads to allow for easier transportation of soldiers and goods.

Temples were built dedicated to Roman gods, until they eventually adopted Christianity and brought that over to Britain too - Christianity had been previously banned in Britain in the second century. However, in 313 CE, when Christianity had become more and more popular, Emperor Constantine declared that Christians were permitted to worship freely.

This talk will cover the extended period from the invasion, through the following years of occupation, and beyond – the legacy.

The Speaker: Graeme Stobbs an archaeologist who has worked for over 35 years on various sites, from prehistoric to post-medieval/industrial, across the north. His passion, however, is the Roman era, particularly Hadrian's Wall (and its little cousin, the Antonine Wall in Scotland). Now semi-retired (a polite way of saying 'now getting under the wife's feet'), he undertakes archaeological consultancy work, leads tours of the Wall, and gives illustrated talks.

The cost for this lunch and talk is **£15.00** per head. If you would like to come along either:

- **Advise me by email that you are coming, giving the attendee's name(s) and concurrently pay the required amount by bank transfer (using the internet).**

Or

- **Detach and post the completed application form (on page 2) addressed to Patrick Pratt, together with your cheque.**

Please email your reply, or return the form, on or before: Saturday 4th November 2023

**Our Bank details are: Northumbria IET RMS Account, Sort Code: 20-59-59,
Account Number: 40093300. Payment Reference: Your initial(s) and Surname (e.g. A N Smith) followed by the date of the Talk (given as 6 digits - e.g. 151123).**

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Patrick Pratt, 42 Earnshaw Way, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE25 9UN
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I wish to apply for ___ place(s) for the above event. Tick here ___ if travel instructions are required.

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