

Stonehenge



- Mystery from 4000 years

- Historical background
- Theories, legends about the Stonehenge
- "Welcome to Stonehenge!" – how is it function today?



Location

- South England
- Salisbury Plain
- World Heritage (1986)



- 8 miles north of Salisbury, in Wiltshire
- ‘stāt’ → ‘stone’
- ‘hen(c)en → ‘hang’ or ‘gallows’
- Henges: earthworks consisting of a circular bank enclosure with an internal ditch
- Stonehenge is atypical in many ways

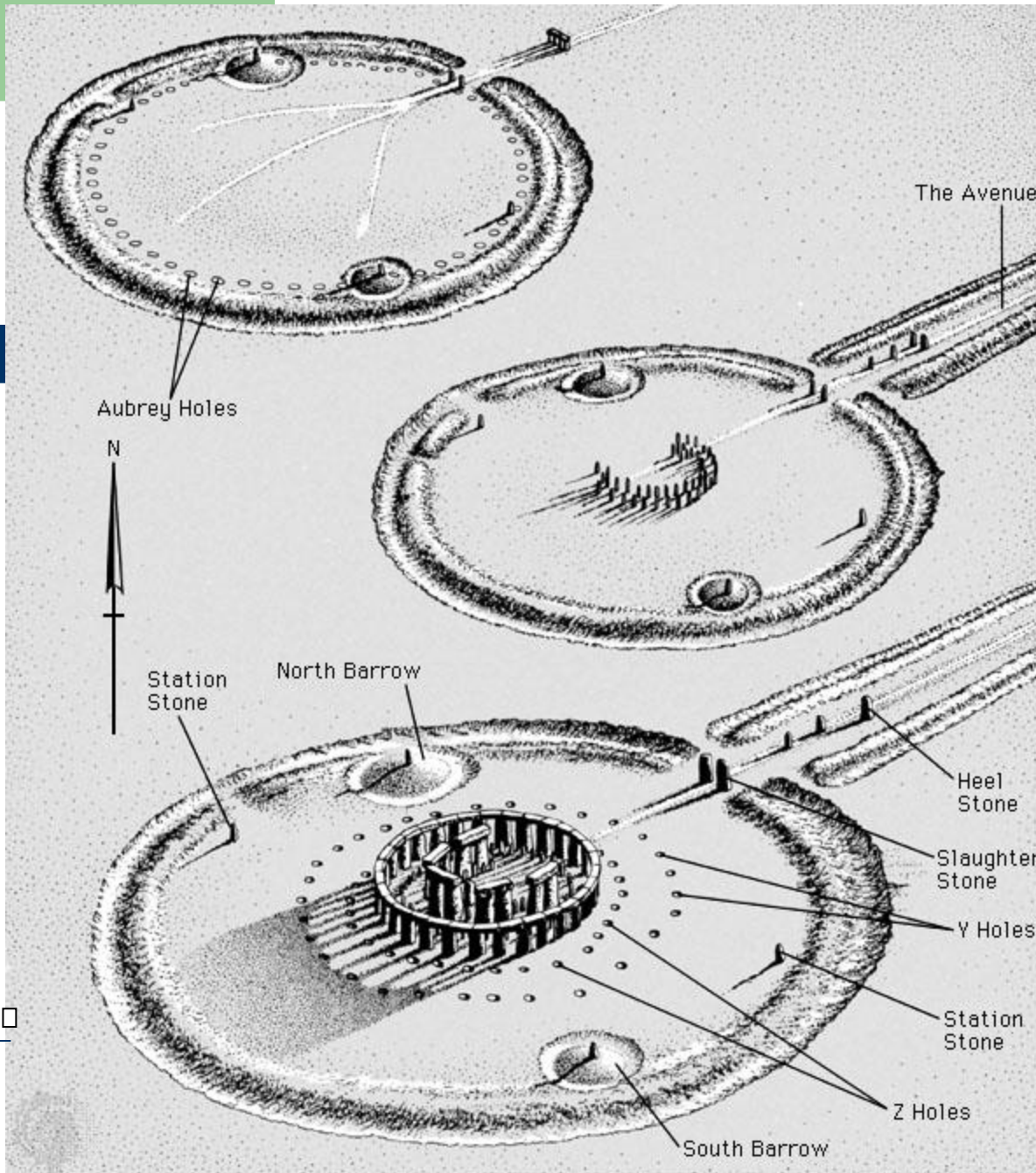


history

- 3 Phases : (*Atkinson, 1950*)
 - Stonehenge I. 2950-2900 BC
 - Stonehenge II. 2900-2400 BC
 - Stonehenge III. 2550-1600 BC
(3 sub-phases)



Phase I.



Phase II.

Phase III.

Phase I. 2950-2900 B.C

- Circle of timbers (Aubrey-holes) surrounded by a ditch (=bank).
- Findings: animal bones, deer antles (*agancs*) □ used for dig-out the ground



Phase II. 2900-2400 B C

- Bluestones (Preseli Mountains)
- Avenue



Phase III. 2550-1600 B.C

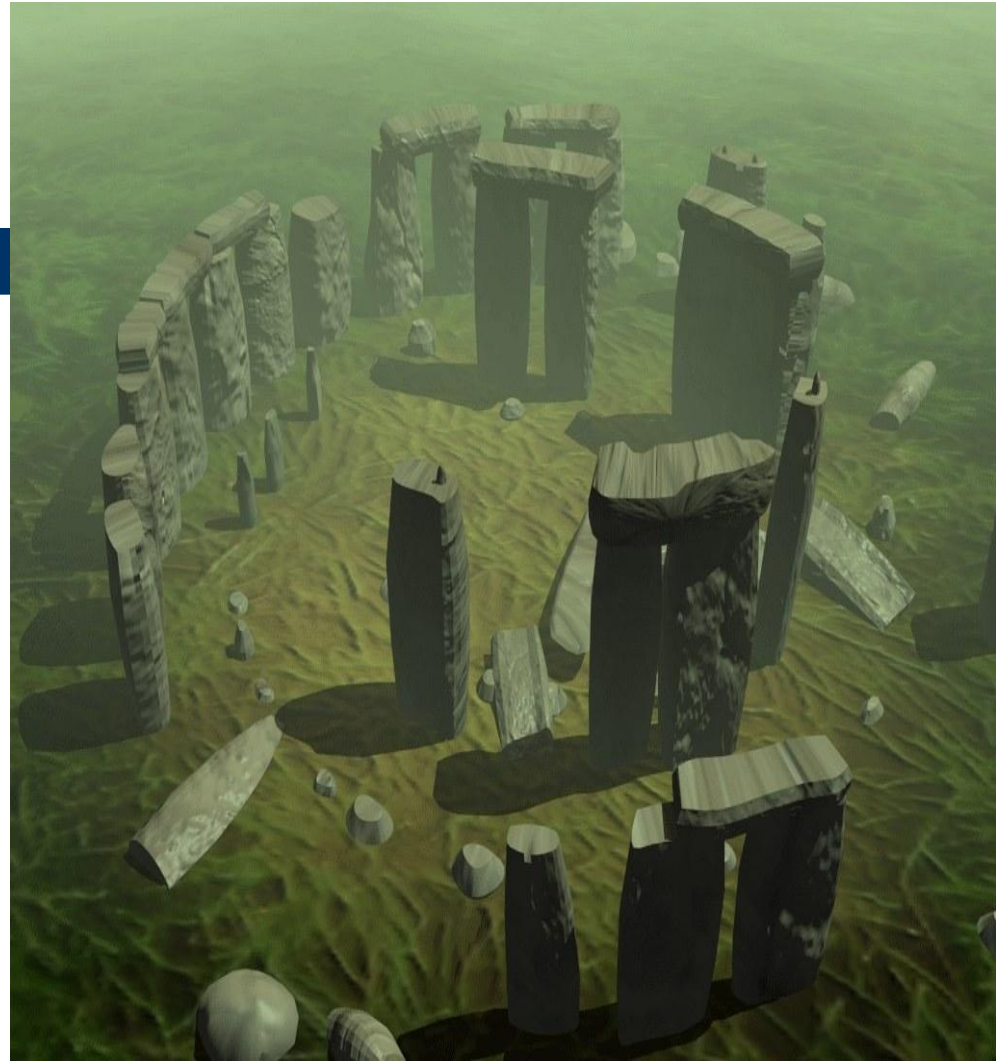
- Bluestones removed(⇒Sarsen stones←Marlborough Mountains)
- Trilithon Horseshoe
- Y and Z Holes (astronomy)
- Heel stone
- Altar stone



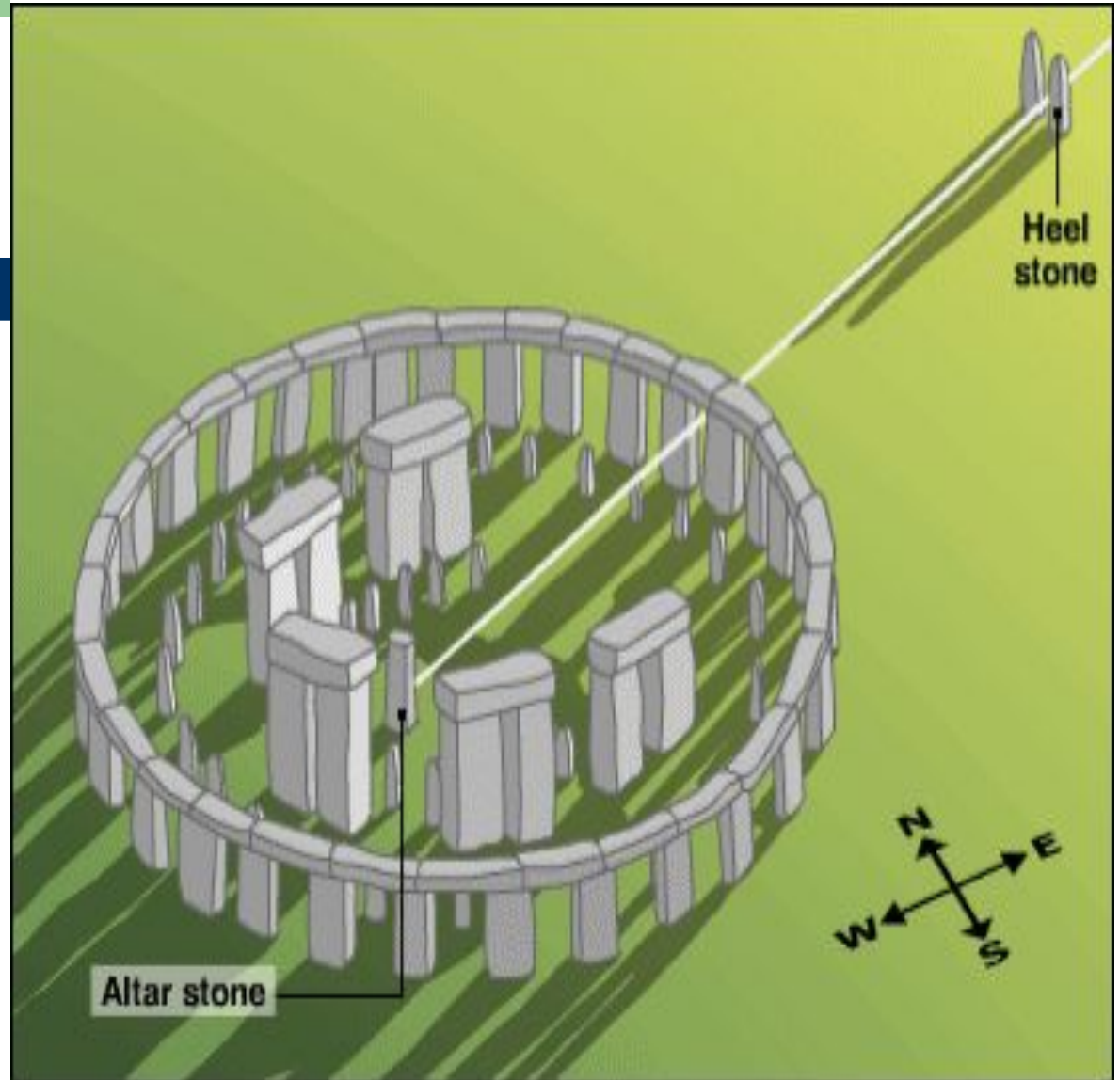
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Interesting facts Of Stonehenge:

- Horseshoe shape setting of
- 5 Trilithons
- Altar Stone
- Sources of stones
- Four Circles
- Heel Stone



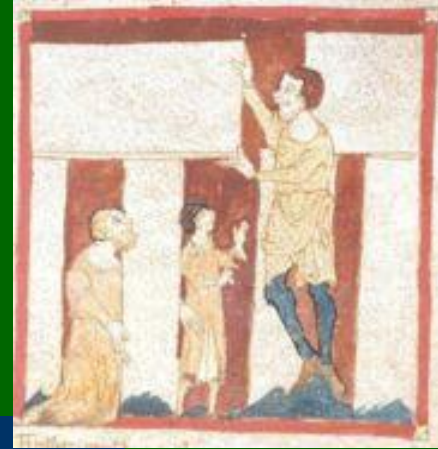
The Sun rises
between the Heel
stone and another
stone –
Midsummer
sunrise



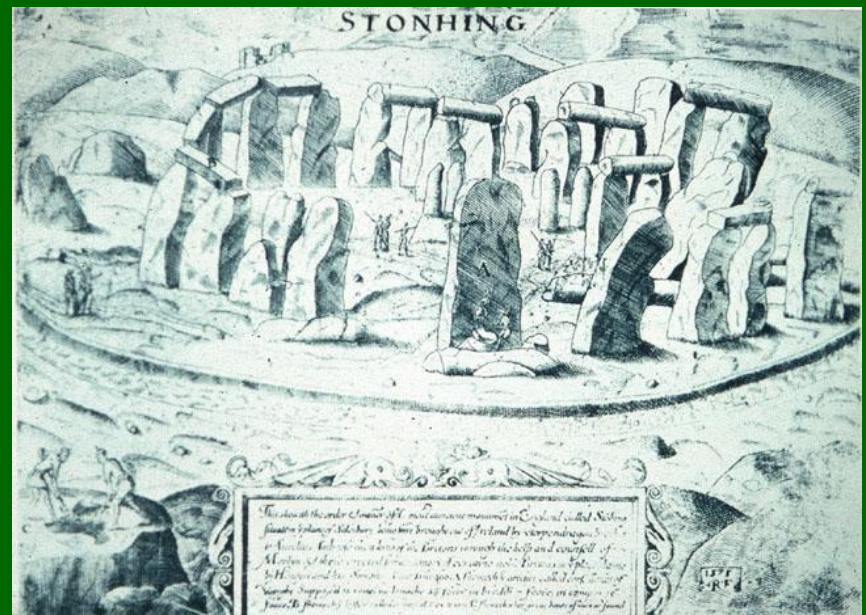
The Heel Stone. It
was delivered from
the Marlborough
Downs



Theories about Stonehenge



- Mystery for the scientists as well
- Merlin
- Roman temple(Inigo Jones 17th c.)
- Druids(18-19th. C) x
- Astronomy (ancient computer,observatory)
- New-Age,neo-pogans, UFO



**At the present day the Druids and others
assemble at the monument to celebrate the
Summer and Winter Solstice**



"Welcome to Stonehenge!"

- Tourist attraction
- Gives place for festivals (today: under control)

