



the
EGYPT
Centre

January - April
2015

What's On



Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

Welcome

Welcome to the Egypt Centres What's On Guide: **January– April 2015.**

We have an exciting programme of events planned to welcome in the new year , perfect for those of you who are interested in ancient Egypt and want to discover more, as well as those simply looking for something new and different to do. With workshops activities and events suitable for adults, children and families there is something for everyone!

*Join us at the Egypt Centre!
Wales' largest collection of
Egyptian antiquities!*

About us...

We opened in 1998 and have two galleries you can visit with over 1000 objects on display dating back as far as 150,000 BC!

The majority of the artefacts we have on display were part of the collection of Sir Henry Wellcome, who is virtually unknown even though he was the most generous benefactor ever to British medical science.

We also have a number of objects donated to us and on loan from other institutions including The British Museum, The University of Wales Aberystwyth, and Woking College.

Discover what day to day life was like for the ancient Egyptians in the House of Life and explore their fascinating religious beliefs and funerary culture in the House of Death.

"Really good, interesting...Best Day!"

Visitor Feedback November 2014



Free daily activities

As well as our amazing displays there are lots of free activities on offer. We have something for everyone, for children aged 3-103!

Become an embalming priest as you carry out a **mummification using our 'dummy-mummy'**, or a royal scribe as you learn to write your name in Hieroglyphs.

We also have audio guides which offer further information on the highlights of the collection, colouring in activities, pyramid puzzles, themed trails and the chance to try on Egyptian style clothing.

You can also have a go at playing the ancient board game Senet, and even handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts including make up pots and beaded jewellery.



Have a go handling objects on the 'Materials Board' in the House of Life and discover what this is!

Almost free daily activities

Although we have eager Gallery Assistants ready to demonstrate the hands-on activities some families may want more control over their learning. On offer we have a family Exploring Suitcase available to hire for just £1 for families to learn at their own pace.

Activities covered include: Writing and Hieroglyphs, Materials Board, Exploring and Archaeological Finds and Mummification, as well as the Animals and Gods of Egypt.

We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm
Admission is free

For information on parking, etc. see: www.egypt.swan.ac.uk



New at the Egypt Centre!

Under 5s activities area

Designed perfectly for our younger visitors and their families, our new **under 5s activities** area situated just outside the House of Life is now open!



Window Display

As part of The Big Draw and the Family Arts Festival 2014, visitors to the Egypt Centre got the chance to help create a lasting mural and decorate three of our windows under the themes of the Egyptian Desert, Marshlands and the River Nile.

Adult costumes

Following the success of the first Welsh Museums Festival 2014, you can now have a go at trying on our new ancient Egyptian costumes. We have linen kilts, wrap dresses and ancient Egyptian inspired jewellery perfect for your Egypt Centre selfie!



January



Public Lecture

Wednesday 28th

'Just a Catchy Title: On the History of Reception of the Ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead'

Aris Legowski (University of Bonn, Germany)

Being one of the most attested sources of Ancient Egyptian literature, the chapters of the so called Book of the Dead could be expected to have received a fair amount of attention within the overall Egyptomania during the last centuries. Surprisingly, this is not the case. Instead, this important text corpus has experienced some obscure and even unintended reception, which will be unravelled in this lecture.



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£3 for non members — Yearly Membership from £10

Lecture starting at 7.00pm

February

Half-term holiday workshop

Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th

Journey down the Nile!

Visit the Egypt Centre this February Half-Term and take a trip down the river Nile! Learn about the importance of this great river, and of the people that relied on it as you become a Pharaoh and take a boat journey down the Nile meeting many different characters along the way. Handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts that passed across the river and play the magical game of Senet.

You will also be able to make your very own Nile boats to take home with you!

Suitable for ages 6-10

1 day workshop—Children dropped off at 10am and picked up at 3.00pm

£15 for the day Limited places - Booking is essential



Public Lecture

Wednesday 25th

'Mummies, Asps, and Far Too Much

**Eye Make-up: Ancient Egypt
in the Cinema'.**

John J. Johnston (University College London)

From the flickering Ten Commandments of the Silent Era through to the computer-generated spectacle of recent blockbusters, this talk considers, across a variety of genres, all of the major and many of the minor films, which have contributed, for over a century, to the public perception of ancient Egypt.

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March

9 ways to write 7 languages

Tuesday 3rd

This workshop explores the development of writing in the Near East, from cuneiform and hieroglyphs to Greek, Latin and Arabic.

You will get the chance to handle some real ancient artefacts that are usually on display and view others in our two galleries looking specifically at examples of nine scripts or alphabets used in Egypt to write seven different languages.

We will also explore the function of writing in Ancient Egyptian society: as a powerful tool of religion and politics as well as a method of recording important events and daily needs. Without writing, our knowledge of the history, culture and religion of Ancient Egypt would be severely diminished.

This workshop is created and led by linguist Dr Dulcie Engel, who volunteers at the Egypt Centre.



Adult Workshop—Handle real artefacts usually on display!

12.30pm — 2.30pm

£20 per person

Booking is essential as limited spaces are available

March



Drop in and Discover! Saturday 21st

For a fun family day out, why not drop in to the Egypt Centre and discover the wonders of ancient Egypt as part of **British Science Week!**

There will be special guided tours given by our young volunteers, and a variety of **Arts n' Crafts** sessions being run throughout the day

Dress up and have your family photo taken as ancient Egyptians, learn how to write your name in hieroglyphs, make your own papyrus bookmarks and learn about the **science** of mummification!

Family friendly event suitable for all ages

10am — 3pm

Activities each cost £1.00 or less

Access to the museum is FREE



Public Lecture

Wednesday 25th

'Senenmut Rediscovered in Manchester'

Campbell Price (Manchester Museum)

In 2013, an unassuming fragment of a seated statue in Manchester Museum was re-identified as belonging to Senenmut the highest courtier of Queen Hatshepsut. This lecture reviews the significance of the Manchester piece in the context of Senenmut's other representations, and reflects on the extraordinary degree to which Senenmut wished to be commemorated for eternity.

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April

Easter holiday workshop

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th

Magic of Mummies!

This Easter, explore the ancient Egyptian belief in rebirth and discover the magic of mummies as you step back in time and become ancient Egyptians for the day!

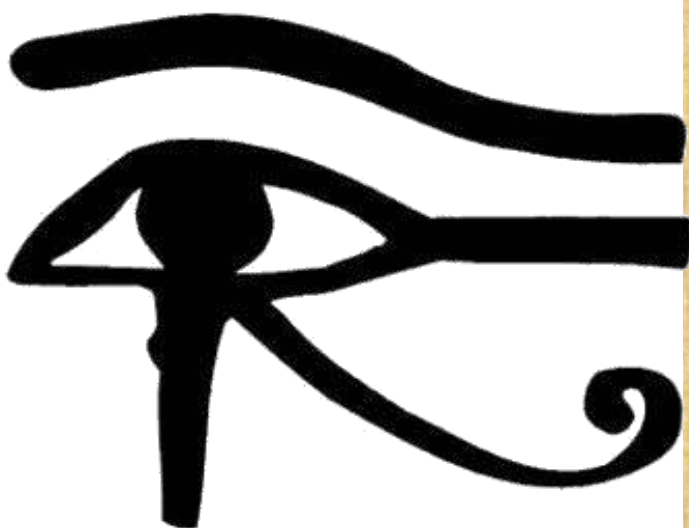
Find out why mummies were made, search for mysterious amulets, and carry out your own mummification on our dummy mummy.

You will also be able to make your very own ancient Egyptian mummy teddy to take home with you!



Suitable for ages 6-10

**1 day workshop—Children dropped off at 10am and picked up at 3.00pm
£15 for the day Limited places—Booking is essential**



Public Lecture

Wednesday 22nd

'An Allegory on the Banks of the Nile?'

Linda Steynor (Egypt Exploration Society)

This lecture will explore the colourful imagery used in The Tale of the Eloquent Peasant as the peasant battles against adversity, showing how his word-pictures develop as the poem progresses, and how they offer an insight into an Ancient Egyptian's view of himself and his place in society, raising issues as relevant now as then.

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Museum Gift Shop

The Egypt Centre Gift Shop has a wide range of gifts perfect for the whole family!

There's plenty to keep the children occupied, including a range of stationery, statues, toys, books, games and much more!

For adults we have beautiful jewellery including exclusive ranges by designers 'Sara and Heart' and 'Seren's Charms', Egyptian inspired jewellery with a modern twist.

You can find fine scarves, recycled Egyptian glass wear and replica Egyptian statues, just like the ones on display in our galleries!

We also stock a collection of replica animal mummies and hand painted brooches made in Australia by Egyptologist Dr Jasmine Day.



The Gift Shop Manager Lauren Wale can be contacted directly on:
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Don't forget Valentines Day!

Saturday February 14th



We have lots of romantic gifts to treat the one you love this **Valentine's Day.**

This includes a great range of Bastet statues and accessories!



Starting from only 5p, we have quizzes, trails and family exploring activities!

We also have do-it-yourself craft sheets where you can make your own Senet board game and counters, Canopic jar and even your very own mummy mask!





***"Lovely artefacts,
friendly staff,
very child friendly!"***

Friends of The Egypt Centre



The Friends of the Egypt Centre support the Egypt Centre and organise a series of lectures held at Swansea University in Fulton House, Lecture room 2 at 7pm (unless otherwise indicated).



Our members range from those with little or no knowledge of ancient Egypt, to those who are eagerly in search of more. An exciting programme of lectures, visits to other museums, and other social events are arranged annually.

Whatever your age or level of interest why not come along and see what the Friends of the Egypt Centre can offer you?

Annual membership will allow attendance to all Friends of the Egypt Centre public lectures in the commencing year.

Full Membership	£16.50 pa
Full family membership (2 adults and 2 children)	£26 pa
Concessionary individual	£10 pa
Concessionary family	£16 pa

For further information, or to become a member please contact the membership secretary Wendy Goodridge:

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Volunteering

Adult Volunteering

You can meet new friends, learn new skills, get on a career path, and have the satisfaction of helping run Wales' only museum of ancient Egypt!



The adult volunteer program runs Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 4pm and is open to anyone over the age of 18.

We rely on volunteers to maintain our galleries, ensuring the gallery is safe and clean and that all equipment is working. Volunteers talk to our visitors, welcome them, answer enquiries and give guided tours.

They can also work as educational leaders for visiting school groups and are closely involved with the development of hands-on activities with the Education Officer. We have also recently introduced some new roles, including administration assistants who help with the basic day to day admin of the Museum.

We have special free training events for you including the opportunity to handle artefacts normally only on display behind glass and even some that are usually kept in storage!

Volunteering

Young Volunteering

Anyone over the age of 10 can volunteer. You don't need to know anything about ancient Egypt, or museums, but you do need an interest in history and heritage, and like working with lots of different people!

As a young volunteer you will become a Gallery Assistant. This means you will be looking after galleries, talking with visitors and demonstrating our hands-on activities, such as mummification, to visitors. We also have special classes specially for you, including ones where you get the opportunity to handle some of the objects in the cases.

The young volunteer programme runs each Saturday from 10 am—4 pm.

No other museum in the country is run by young people so completely!



If you would like to receive more information on volunteering at the Egypt Centre, please contact the Volunteer Manager Syd Howells:

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