

the EGYPT Centre

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Museum of Egyptian Antiquities



Welcome

The Egypt Centre holds the **largest collection** of Egyptian antiquities in Wales, with over 2000 ancient objects on display.

 **tripadvisor**[®]
Ranked Number 1 Museum in Swansea

Most of the artefacts are from the collection of Sir Henry Wellcome, however we also have objects on loan from other places such as the British Museum, Aberystwyth University, and Woking College.

Entry to the museum is Free*

Open:*

Tuesday—Saturday 10.00am — 4.00pm



Egypt Centre
Swansea University
Singleton Park
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SA2 8PP

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Daily Activities



The *House of Life* tells the story of everyday life in ancient Egypt displaying artefacts that were used on a daily basis including household furniture, children's toys, jewellery and clothing.

The *House of Death* explores the ancient Egyptian attitude to death and religion, with exhibitions that include mummified animals, magical amulets, death masks and even the book of the dead.



'A Fabulous day!

We loved the dress up and handling the artefacts! Thanks.



Free Public Activities

Play the ancient board game Senet, handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts and learn to write your name in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

Try your hand at mummification as you practice on our 'dummy-mummy', or have a go at our colouring activities, themed trails and audio guides. You can even dress up and try on ancient Egyptian style clothing, so remember to **bring your camera!**

Exploring Packs available to hire for just £1

Activity pack includes worksheets on topics including; writing Hieroglyphs, mummification, animals and the gods of ancient Egypt.



Hands on Learning



Bring history to life and discover the wonders of ancient Egypt!
With role play, costume and handling real ancient artefacts.



Key skills based

activities:

Foundation Phase

KS2

KS3

For more information on our school education programme
Please see our website www.egypt.swan.ac.uk
and go to our education page.



January



Wednesday 20th

Search for the missing tombs
**Dr Chris Naunton, Director of
the Egypt Exploration Society**

Manetho and others gave us lists of kings. Archaeologists have provided us with their tombs, but not quite all of them — yet.

What are the chances that the tombs of Imhotep, Alexander the Great, Cleopatra and others have yet to be found, and where might they be?

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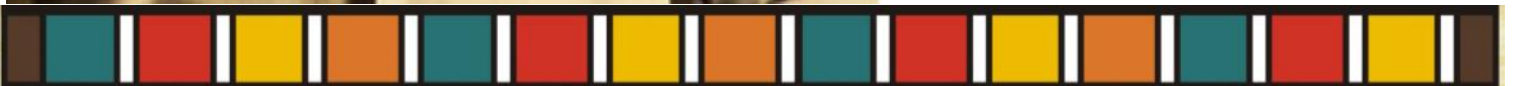
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Fulton House Room 2

£3 for non members

Annual Membership from £10

**Doors open at 6.30pm with
talk starting at 7.00pm**



February



Friday 5th *Photography Exhibition* **Opening night**

Join us as at the Egypt Centre for the opening of the Photographing Antiquity temporary exhibition!

Following the success of the Photographing Antiquity event held last December, a number of photographs were submitted for the chance to appear on display at the Egypt Centre & Taliesin.

A selection of the best have been chosen by a panel of judges including Sybil Crouch, Assistant Director and Head of Cultural services for Swansea University.



Suitable for all ages
Egypt Centre & Taliesin
5.00pm — 7.00pm
Free Entry

16th - 19th *Tutankhamun's Tomb* **Half Term Workshop**

Learn all about the boy King Tutankhamun and discover what his tomb can tell us about the ancient Egyptian afterlife!

Explore the secrets of mummification as you practice on our dummy mummy. Find out what was needed to live forever in the afterlife, and learn how to write your name in magical hieroglyphs.

You will also have a go at some arts and crafts activities, and make your own mummy model.

Suitable for ages 6-10
Limited places—Booking is essential
1 day workshop—Children
dropped off at 10am and picked
up at 3.00pm
£20 for the day
Early Bird Booking! Pay before
1st Feb and pay only £15 per child!



February



Wednesday 24th

Decoding Egyptian Art
Professor Alan Lloyd

One of the most important elements in the development of any society's representational strategies is the generation of visual code which makes it possible to express what that society needs to express in particular contexts.

Such codes are often of great sophistication, requiring great care in interpretation. What I propose to do in this talk is to analyse a series of representations in order to establish the underlying iconographical principles in ancient Egyptian art.

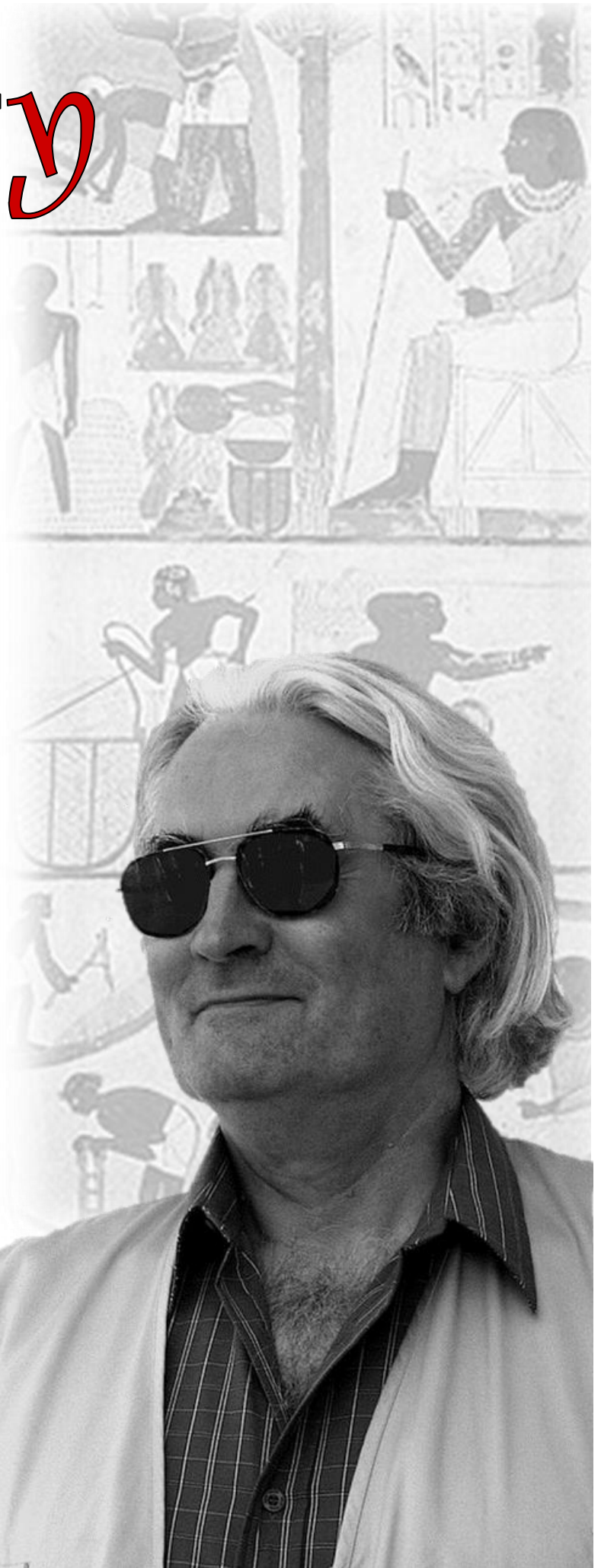
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March



Wednesday 16th

The Mummy Trial

Egypt Centre Staff & Volunteers

Around 3000 years ago the Chantress of Amun, Iwesemhesetmut, passed over to the west to dwell forever in the land of the gods. Should we display her carefully mummified body, or 'hide' it in the museum stores? You the jury will decide.*

*This is a fictional scenario designed to raise awareness of issues surrounding the display of human remains. Unfortunately the body of the Chantress was destroyed many years ago.

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21st — 24th

Demon Things Conference

This international conference explores the range and variation of liminal entities the Ancient Egyptians believed capable of harm and help from the Pre-dynastic through the Coptic periods.

The conference is open to all. Events include an optional trip to the magical Gower Peninsula, a special Egypt Centre "Night at the Museum", cheerful dinners, and more!

Deadline for registration - 1st February 2016.

Swansea University & Egypt Centre

<http://www.demonthings.com/demon-things-conference-2016/>

Full conference fee £75

Concession fee £55

Per day fee £30

Concession per day fee £25



April



5th – 8th

Exploring Egypt
Easter Holiday Workshop

Become early explorers setting out to Egypt for the first time in search of wonderful things!

Dress up as famous explorers as you carefully unwrap our dummy mummy to reveal its secrets, learn to read ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and handle real artefacts that you discover in the hidden tomb.

You will also get the chance to design and make your very own exploring kits.

Suitable for ages 6-10

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Wednesday 13th

In bed with the Egyptians
Charlotte Booth, PHD Candidate

We will go behind the bedroom doors of the ancient Egyptians to investigate the most intimate moments of their lives. We will discover what they found attractive, general approaches to sex, pre, post and extra-marital. We will also discover what the consequences of sex were; both positive and negative.

Book Signing:

There will be an opportunity after the talk to meet the speaker and purchase a signed copy of her new book!

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Gift Shop

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

Jewellery

With a wide range of jewellery at great prices, including exclusive ranges by local designers 'Sara and Heart' and 'Seren's Charms'. Both collections inspired by ancient Egypt with a modern twist.

Gifts

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

Souvenirs

We have a number of Egypt Centre branded items including torches, key rings and postcards.

Toys

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



Don't forget Valentines Day!

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



**The Front of House & Gift Shop
Manager Lauren Wale**

can be contacted directly on:

01792 602660

l.j.thomson@swansea.ac.uk





Friends Membership

Starting from just **£10.00**, Friends of the Egypt Centre Membership is perfect for those who love ancient Egypt, history and museums - and you will be helping to support the Egypt Centre, Wales' only museum of Egyptian antiquities!

The Friends of the Egypt Centre organise an exciting programme of talks by museum professionals and Egyptologists each year, as well as visits to other museums, and other social events.

Discover

Our monthly talks cover a wide range of topics from current museum exhibitions and practises to the latest theories and discoveries about ancient Egypt.

Enjoy

Come along and share your thoughts, meet new people and make new friends at our talks and social events. As a member you will be eligible for discount in the museum gift shop during seasonal promotions.

Support

As a Friends member, you will be helping to support the Egypt Centre, making sure our galleries stay open to the public and that the museum stays free of charge!

Be part of Wales' only museum of Egyptian antiquities.

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

01792 295960

w.r.goodridge@swansea.ac.uk



Volunteering

As a **volunteer** 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 - Saturday, 10am - 4pm and is open to anyone **over the age of 18!**

We rely on volunteers to maintain our galleries, welcome our visitors, answer enquiries and give guided tours.

You can also volunteer as an educational leader for visiting school groups, become an admin assistant or even a documentation assistant working with the collection!



So what are you waiting for?
Sign up as a
Volunteer
Today!

We also offer **Free** Egyptology classes for our volunteers and give them the opportunity to handle artefacts usually on display within the museum or in storage.



If you would like to join us, or receive more information please contact the

Volunteer Manager Syd Howells:

Tel: 01792 606065

E-mail: l.s.j.howells@swansea.ac.uk



Young Volunteers



Anyone over the age of 10 can become a **young 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!

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

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.

Kids in Museums



The young volunteer programme runs 10.am—4.pm every **Saturday**, and during school holidays with both morning and afternoon shifts available.

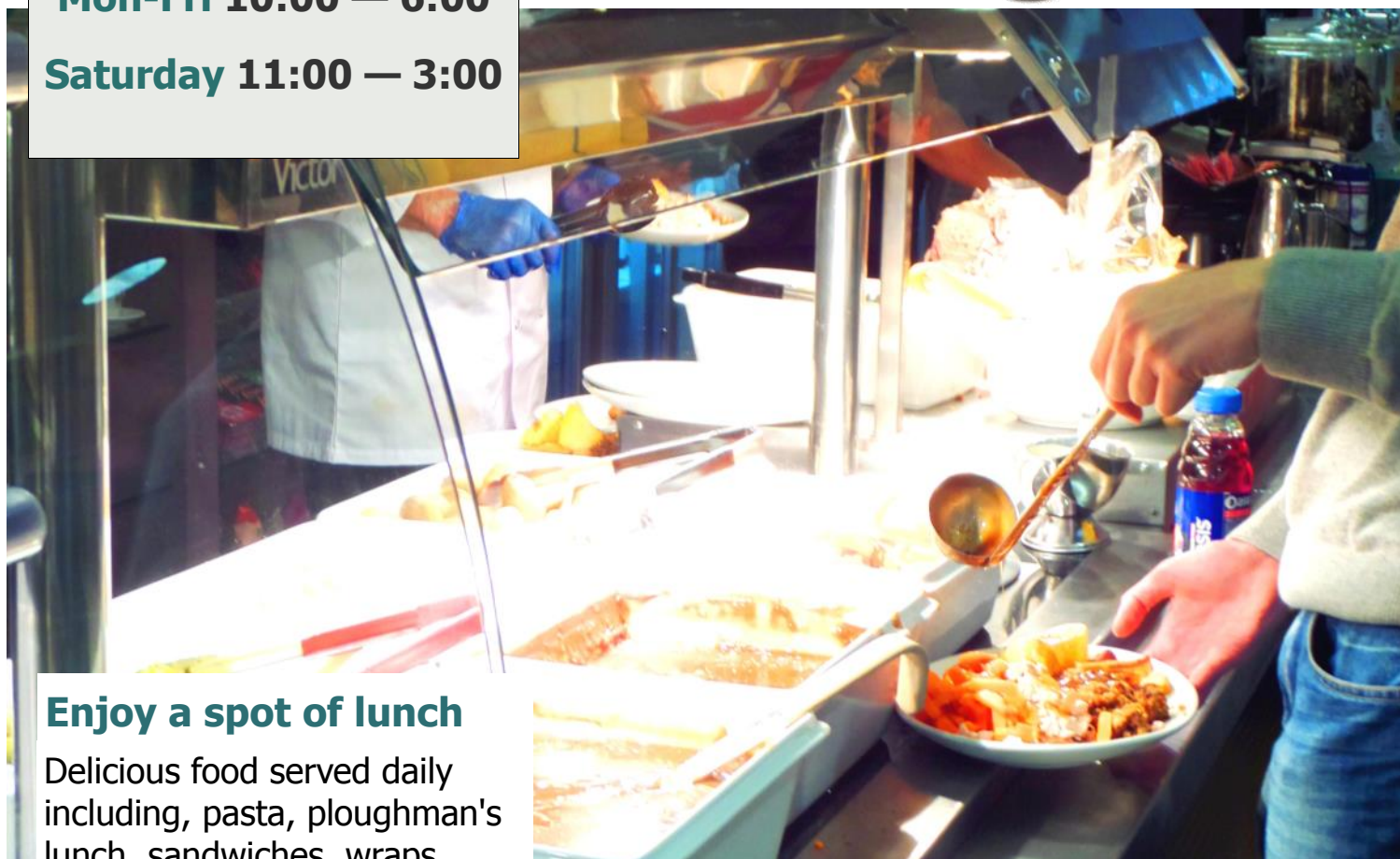


Taliesin Cafe

Opening Times*

Mon-Fri 10:00 — 6:00

Saturday 11:00 — 3:00



Enjoy a spot of lunch

Delicious food served daily including, pasta, ploughman's lunch, sandwiches, wraps, homemade soup and even full roast dinners!

Perfect for a short break!

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with a nice handmade cake.

Taliesin



*Occasionally the café may be closed to the public due to conference booking. Please contact catering on 01792 295559 to check before your visit.

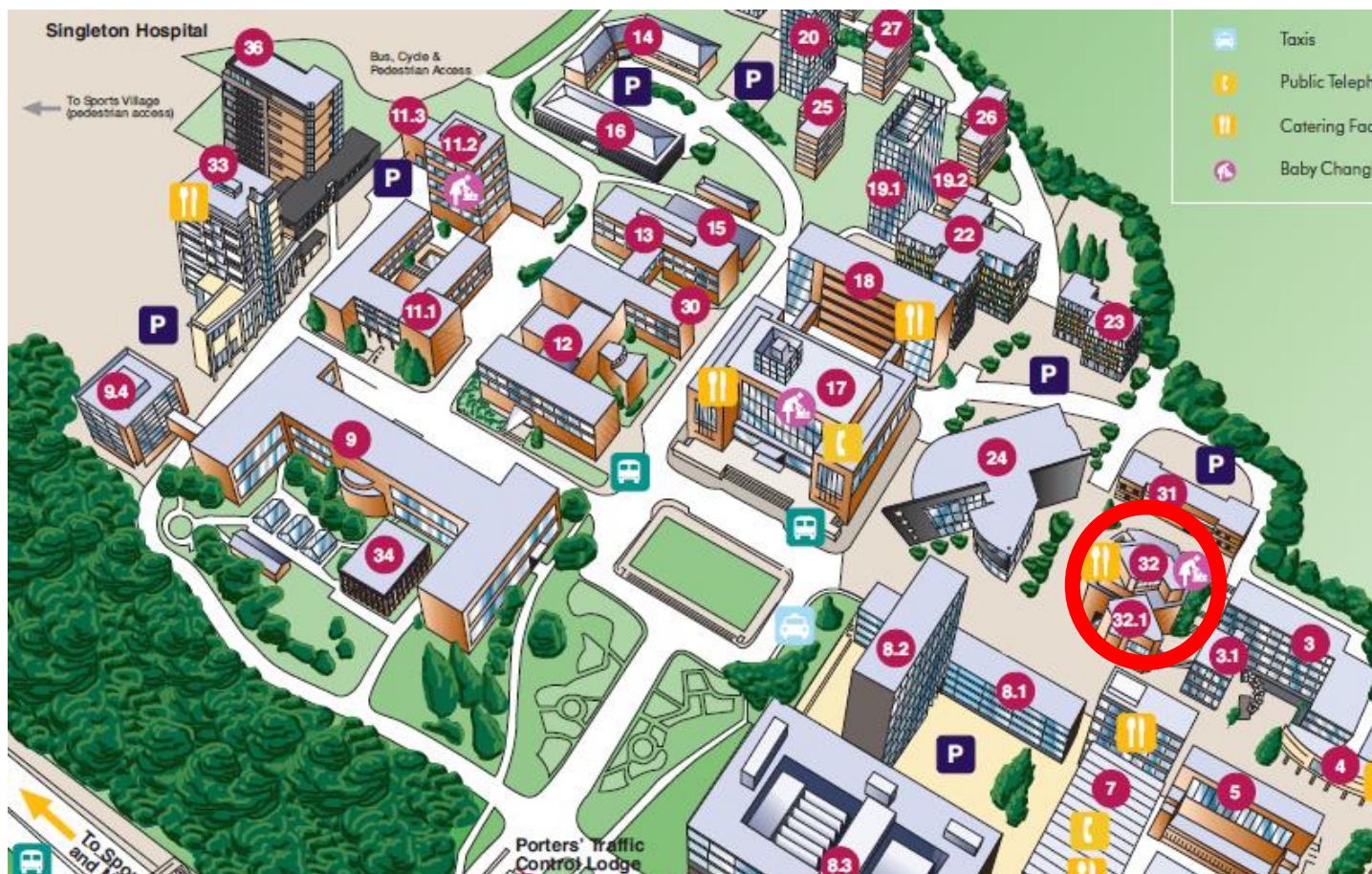
Disable toilets available as well as baby changing facilities.



Plan your visit

Where to find us

The Egypt Centre is situated on Swansea University **Singleton** Campus, and is part of the Taliesin building (Number 32 / 32.1 on map).



Arriving by bus

Please see the First Cymru website for full details.

Bus numbers 2A, 3A, **4** and 82A depart from the Quadrant Bus Station for the University's Singleton Park Campus and return at regular intervals.

Parking

The University must advise only disabled visitors are able to park on Campus itself. All other vehicles park in Swansea's Recreation Ground Car Park (approximately 500m walk away), or at the Pub on the Pond.



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