

the
EGYPT
Centre

May - August
2015

What's On



Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

Welcome

Welcome to the Egypt Centres' What's On Guide: May-August 2015.

We are very pleased to share with you this summer a fun filled programme full of events, activities and workshops perfect for adults, children and families. If you are interested in ancient Egypt and want to learn more, if you love museums, or if you are simply looking for something new and exciting to do this summer then come along to Wales' only museum of Egyptian antiquities!

Ranked Number 1 Museum in Swansea!  *tripadvisor®*

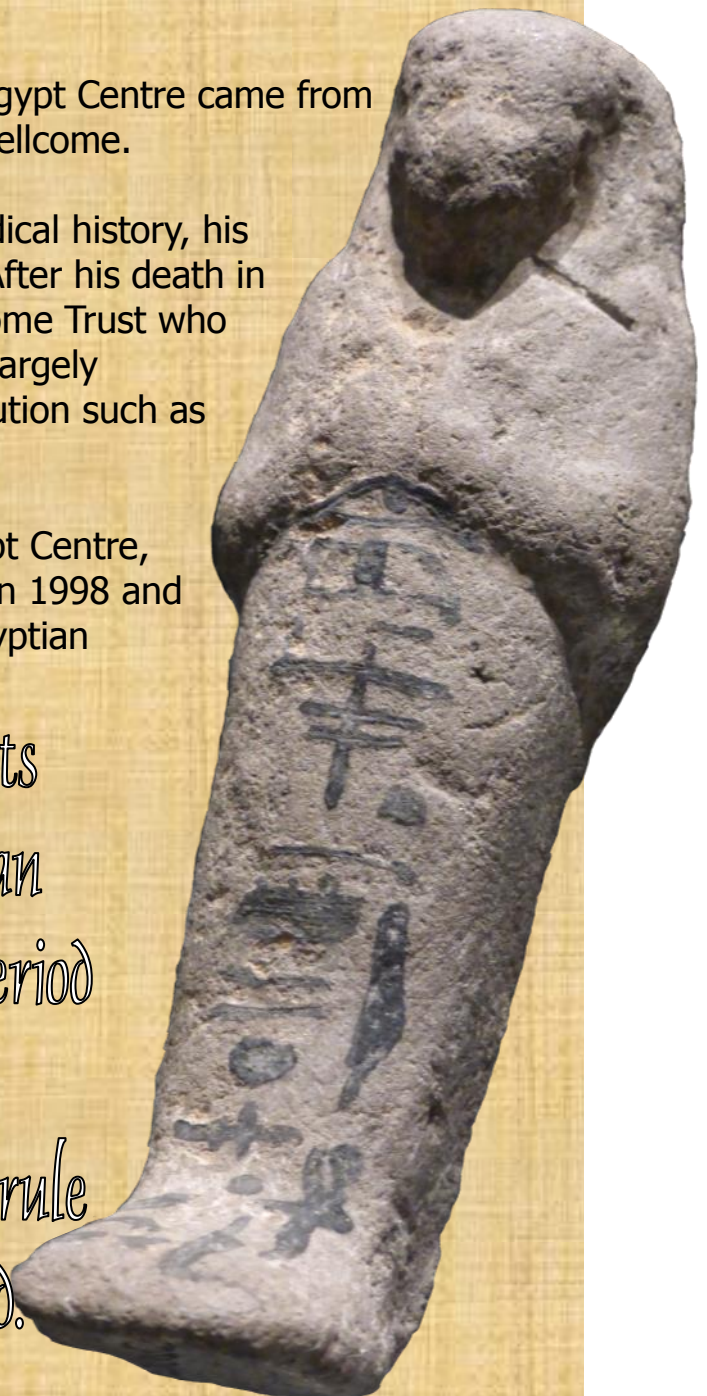
About us...

The majority of the artefacts here at the Egypt Centre came from the collection of Sir Henry Wellcome.

Although he first began collecting medical history, his interests grew to include ancient Egypt. After his death in 1932, his collection passed to the Wellcome Trust who began to distribute the vast and largely un-catalogued collection to various institution such as Swansea University in 1971.

Situated on university campus, the Egypt Centre, Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, opened in 1998 and houses the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities in Wales.

We have over 1000 artefacts on display spanning Egyptian history from the Predynastic period through the Pharaonic era, to the time of Graeco-Roman rule and the early Islamic period.



"Always a pleasure to visit!" Visitor Feedback March 2015

Free daily activities

As well as our amazing displays there are lots of free activities on offer everyday!

Become a royal scribe as you learn to write your name in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs or even an embalming priest as you carry out a mummification on our 'dummy-mummy'. We also have colouring activities, themed trails and audio guides, for further information on the collection as well as the chance to try on Egyptian style clothing.

Bring Your Camera!

You can also play the ancient board game Senet, and handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts including beaded necklaces, pottery and an amulet mould used to mass produce magical talismans worn by the living and the dead.



Have a go handling objects on the 'Materials Board' in the House of Life and discover what this artefact was used for!



Almost free daily activities

Although we have eager Gallery Assistants ready to demonstrate the hands-on activities for you, 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 ancient Egypt.



We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm / 5pm in August
Admission is free

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

May

Public Lecture

Wednesday 13th

Under the Sky of Wadjet: Astronomers and Priests in Ancient Imet.

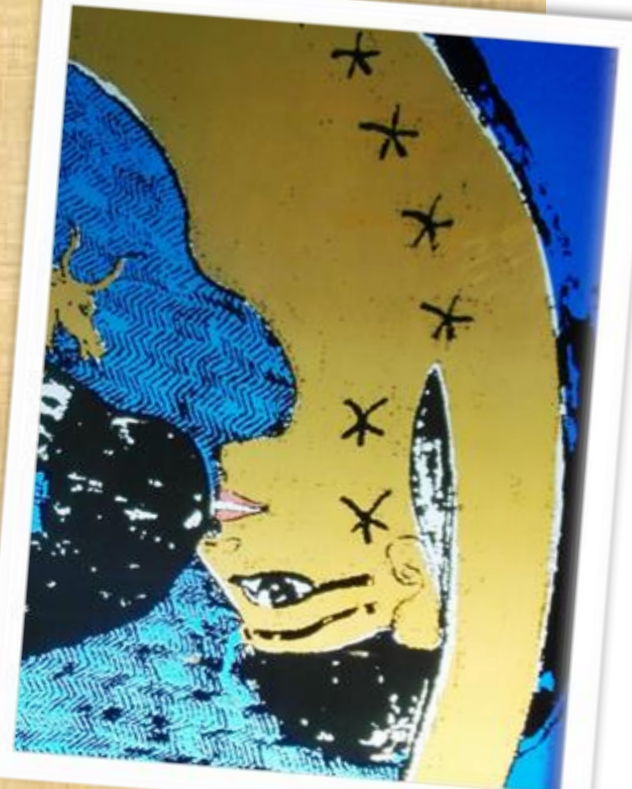
Vincent Razanajao (The Griffith Institute)

In ancient Imet, modern Tell el-Far'un, astronomers seem to have played an important role in the religious life of the town. This lecture will take a look at famous and less famous individuals who left their mark in this little town of the eastern Delta, as well as at Pharaohs court.

Friends of the Egypt Centre — Fulton House Room 2

Doors open at 6.30pm with lecture starting at 7.00pm

£3 for non members—Membership from £10



Museum by Torchlight

Friday 15th

As part of **Museums at Night 2015** the Egypt Centre will be opening late to offer you a unique experience to explore the galleries as you have never seen them before!

With the gallery lights off and only the case lights on, you will get the chance to re-discover our great collection by torchlight.

Experience the excitement felt by explorers entering lost tombs for the first time in search of wonderful things hidden in the darkness.

All Welcome

4pm — 6pm

Entry to the museum is FREE



**MUSEUMS
at NIGHT**

May

Half-term holiday workshop

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th

Exploring Egypt:

Step back in time to the early 1900's as you dress up and become explorers for the day searching the galleries to unravel the mysteries of ancient Egypt. Carefully unwrap our dummy mummy to reveal its secrets, learn to play the popular board game Senet and handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts.

Collect finds from each activity and bring them together at the end of your travels to create your very own souvenir mobile to take home with you!

Suitable for ages 6-10

1 day workshop 10am-3.00pm

£20 for the day - Booking is essential as limited places are available!

Early Bird Booking - £15 per child if booking is paid for before 9th May!

Egyptian Art

Saturday 30th

Using similar methods and materials as the ancient Egyptians, this workshop will give you the chance to create your very own egg tempera painting with local artist Sue Mann.

Using the museums rich collection as inspiration, you will get the chance to grind your own pigment, make your own paint and create your very own work of art!

Sue Mann is currently exhibiting in and curating a group show at the Grand Theatre until 24th April called Blue Orchard Paintings.



Suitable for ages 7-11

1 day workshop 10am-3.00pm

£20 for the day - Booking is essential as limited places are available!

JUNE

Museum Open Day

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th

As part of **National Volunteers' Week**, the Egypt Centre will be running an open day to showcase our talented and valuable Volunteers!

This is a great chance for those interested in volunteering to explore our galleries and meet some of our current adult volunteers on **Friday 5th** and some of our young volunteers on **Saturday 6th**.

Take the opportunity to find out what its like to help run Wales' only museum of ancient Egypt and discover what we can offer you!



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

Open Day—All Welcome

10am — 4pm Entry to the museum is FREE

June

Drop in and Discover Saturday 14th



For a fun family day out this summer, why not drop in to the Egypt Centre and discover the wonders of ancient Egypt!

There will be special guided tours given by our award winning young volunteers, and a variety of **Arts n' Crafts** sessions being run throughout the day. Dress up and have your family portrait taken as ancient Egyptians, learn how to write your name in hieroglyphs as you make your own papyrus bookmarks and even make your very own Egypt Centre key rings to take away with you!

Family friendly event suitable for all ages

10am — 3pm

Activities cost £1.50 each or less

Entry to the museum is FREE

Public Lecture

Wednesday 17th

'Egypt in Nubia: the discoveries of F. W. Green'

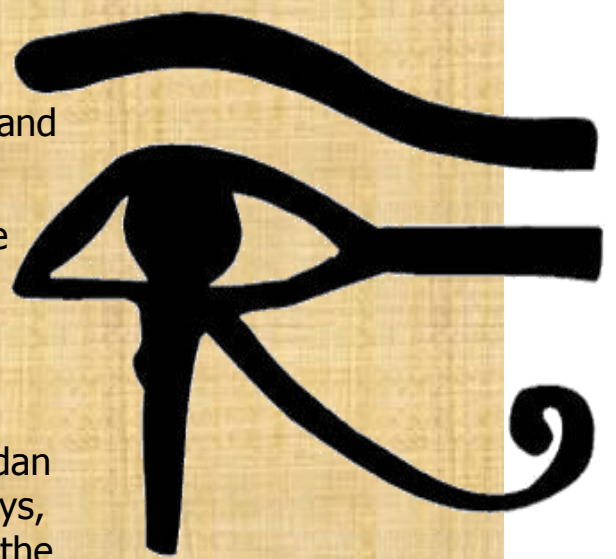
Vivian Davies (Former Keeper of Ancient Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum)

The Egyptologist F. W. Green travelled along the Nile in the first decade of the 20th century and made a number of important discoveries which were never published. Using Green's personal diaries which only recently came to light, Vivian Davies, former Keeper of Ancient Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum, will chart Green's journeys, highlighting his discoveries and setting them in the context of current scholarship.

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July

Egyptian Experience Day

Saturday 18th

The Egypt Centre will be **out on tour at Carmarthen County Museum**, working with them to bring you a fantastic Egyptian Experience!

Come along for a fun filled family day out and discover Carmarthenshire's connection to ancient Egypt. With a variety of ancient Egyptian themed activities for children, talks on the Egypt Centre and Egyptologist Harold Jones as well as craft stalls and delicious refreshments, there is something for everyone!

Family friendly event suitable for all ages

10.30am — 4pm

Carmarthenshire County Museum, Abergwili, Carmarthen, SA31 2JG

Entrance is FREE

PLEASE NOTE! THIS EVENT IS NOT HELD AT THE EGYPT CENTRE



Summer holiday workshops

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st

Week One: Craftsmen and Artisans

This workshop will transport you back to the workers village at Thebes, where the most skilled and talented people in ancient Egypt were once gathered to build the tombs for the Pharaohs. As a craftsman you will dress up as an ancient Egyptian, handle real artefacts on our materials board and create your very own shabti figurine to place in the tomb and serve the king in the afterlife.

Suitable for ages 6-10

2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

£40 for the two days

Booking is essential as limited places are available



August

Summer holiday workshops continued



Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th

Week Two: Animals of ancient Egypt

Find out why animals were so important and make your own 3D animal mask!

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th

Week Three: Writing Hieroglyphs

Learn to write your name in hieroglyphs and create your very own offering stela!

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st

Week Four: Roman Egypt

Discover what the Romans did for ancient Egypt and make your very own mosaic!

Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th

Week Five: Journey to the afterlife

Become the King of Egypt as you make your way to the afterlife and create your own coffin pencil boxes

Two days of hands on activities and arts and crafts based on exciting Egyptian topics!



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Museum Gift Shop

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

Jewellery

Our new summer jewellery collections by our exclusive designers Seren's Charms and Sarah & Heart are in store now! Jewellery inspired by the styles and precious stones used by the ancient Egyptians themselves.

Both collections include the use of lapis lazuli, known as *khesbed* by the ancient Egyptians. This stone was considered to be superior to all other precious stones, and was valued higher than gold and silver.

Gifts

We have a wide range of beautiful gifts available, including a large selection of fine summer scarves, recycled Egyptian glassware, and statues replicating what can be seen in the galleries.

Our best sellers include our Shabtis. These are servant figurines believed by the ancient Egyptians to magically come to life and serve you in the afterlife. A wall of Shabtis can be seen in the House of Death!

Don't forget Fathers Day!
Sunday June 21st



Toys and Games

There's plenty to keep the children occupied this summer, including a range of ancient Egyptian themed toys including excavation kits and sand animals, games and stationery.

One of our most popular items in the shop is our replica board game Senet. This was one of the most popular games from ancient Egypt, played by both the rich and the poor and was even found in the tomb of Tutankhamun!

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



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!

**The Gift Shop Manager Lauren Wale can be contacted directly on:
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CARMARTHENSHIRE MUSEUM PRESENTS

EGYPTIAN EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY JULY 18TH

A day of family fun
10.30am-4.00pm

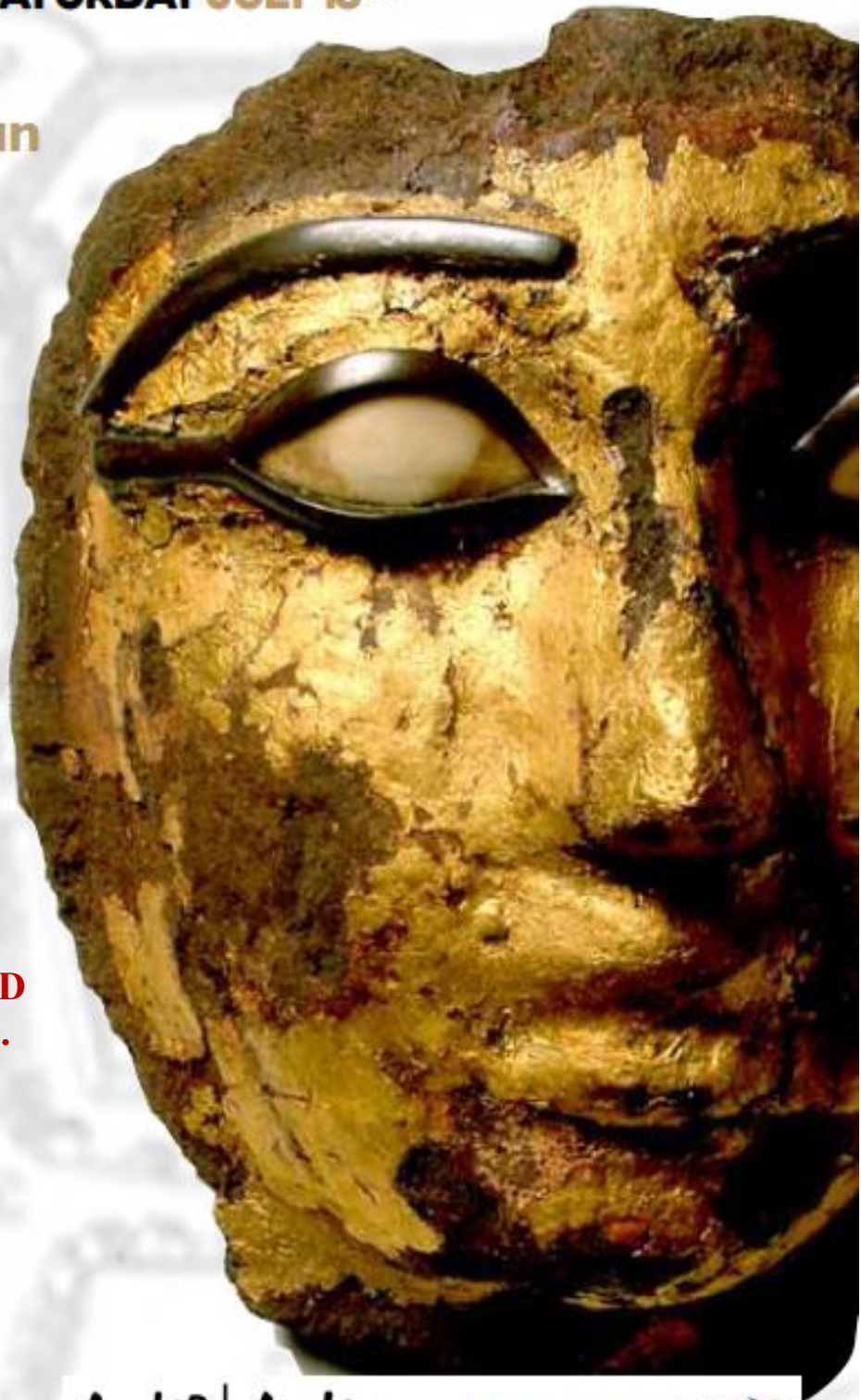
Children's activities, stalls,
refreshments

Optional Fancy Dress

Discover the
'Carmarthenshire
Connection'

Free entry

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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:

Tel: 01792 295960

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Volunteering

Adult Volunteering



Free Egyptology classes and object handling sessions for our volunteers!

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 and even documentation assistants who help with auditing the collection.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up as a volunteer today!

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

Volunteering

Young Volunteering

The Egypt Centre specialises in working with, and welcoming people of all different backgrounds and abilities!

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 10am–4pm

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

If you are interested, or would like to receive more information on volunteering at the Egypt Centre as an Adult or Young volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Manager Syd Howells:

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