

the EGYPT Centre

Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

What's On
January - April 2017



Welcome

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



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
Swansea
SA2 8PP

01792 295 960

www.egypt.swan.ac.uk

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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*.



*'Fantastic museum!
Extremely user friendly'*
Visitor Feedback October 2016



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.



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£1



Try our
New
Family Activity
Packs
Today!

Family Activity
Packs



January



Wednesday 18th

*Recent excavations on Sai Island:
Pyramids, Pounders and Nimiti*

Dr Ken Griffin

Swansea University

This lecture will discuss the work (2014-15) of the Across Borders Project at Sai Island, Sudan.

Excavations conducted within the New Kingdom town and cemetery, including the discovery of a new pyramid, will be presented alongside highlights of the material culture from the site.

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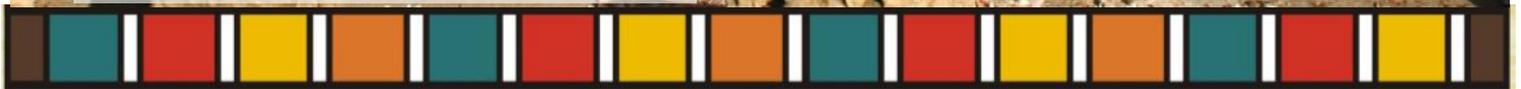
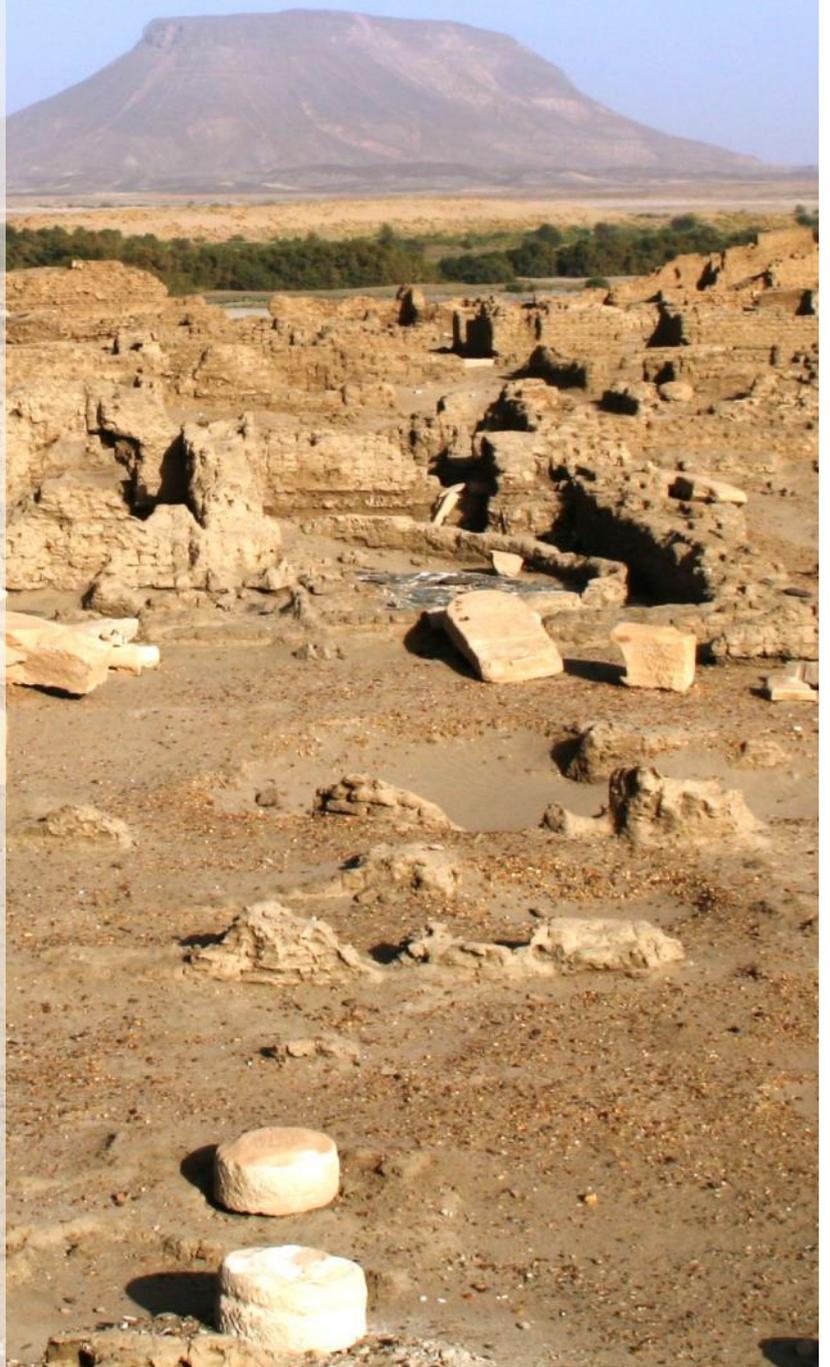
James Callaghan Lecture Theatre

£3 for non members

Annual Membership from £10

Doors open at 6.30pm with

talk starting at 7.00pm



February



Saturday 4th

Photographing Antiquity
Touring Exhibition

The Egypt Centre and the Taliesin Arts Centre are pleased to present the Photographing Antiquity Touring Exhibition!

Last November, the Egypt Centre gave local photographers the opportunity to photograph authentic ancient Egyptian artefacts outside of the gallery cases. The best images taken on the night have been chosen to form this touring exhibition.

Some of these artefacts date back more than 5000 years. They span Egyptian history from before the time of the Pharaohs (5500-3100BC) up to the Greco-Roman period (332BC – AD395).

Suitable for all ages
Free Entry



February



Wednesday 22nd

Children as Agents and Patients in Pharaonic Egyptian Rituals

Dr Kasia Szpakowska

Swansea University

Children are a ubiquitous feature in Ancient Egyptian tomb scenes. Less visible is their role in household religious activities performed on behalf of the living. The young were thought to be vulnerable to the persistent onslaught of ailments, diseases, and malignant demonic entities, necessitating a range of protective spells and paraphernalia. This presentation explores the role of children as patients and agents of religious activity, particularly in rituals for the living.

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21st — 24th

Survival in the Afterlife

Half Term Workshop

In order to live forever amongst the gods in the afterlife the ancient Egyptians would need to make sure they were fully prepared.

Become an ancient Egyptian as you gather everything you need for your journey into the afterlife. Learn to write your name in hieroglyphs, handle real artefacts to place in your tomb and prepare your heart for judgement.

You will even get a chance to make your very own canopic jars to take home with you.

Suitable for ages 6-10

Limited places—Booking is essential

1 day workshop — Children dropped off at 10am, collected at 3.00pm

£20 for the day per child

Early Bird Booking! Pay before 4th February and pay only £15 per child



March



Saturday 18th

Hands-on Science

British Science Week

As part of British Science Week the Egypt Centre will be running an open day for you to explore the science and technology of the ancient Egyptians, with free hands on activities throughout the day!

Discover the science behind Mummification as you practice on our dummy mummy, handle real artefacts as you explore the technology of ancient Egypt and use your number skills to master the strategy board game Senet.

Suitable for all ages

10.00am — 4.00pm



Wednesday 22nd

The 'Mummy Pits' of ancient Egypt

Tess Barber

Cardiff University

'Mummy Pits' were once a common feature of Egypt's burial landscape. These 'pits' contained mass burials of mummies piled-up in such great numbers, that it is surprising that they now appear to have disappeared from the archaeological record. This talk presents the results of an ongoing research project into the nature of the mummy pits, and whether they may provide evidence for a now long-forgotten burial custom used by the poor in ancient Egypt.

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April



Wednesday 14th

Howard Carter: The Wildlife Artist

John Wyatt

Ornithologist

Howard Carter started his career in Egypt as a "tracer, copyist and colourist" for the Egypt Exploration Fund. He worked for Percy Newberry at Beni Hasan and Deir el-Bersheh before spending a few months with Sir William Flinders Petrie at Amarna.

John Wyatt has worked for several years cataloguing a collection of coloured facsimiles created by Carter especially the wildlife paintings, and is in a privileged position to tell us about those particular artistic skills of Howard Carter.

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18th — 21st

Festival of the Valley

Easter Workshop

The ancient Egyptian Festival of the Valley is fast approaching. This is the greatest celebration of the Theban tombs with the god Amun.

As ancient Egyptians you must prepare for this grand occasion. Wreaths of flowers must be made and as well as offering trays full of food. You will celebrate with a musical procession and even get a chance to make your own Amun headdress to take home with you!

Suitable for ages 6-10

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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 featuring collections locally produced and inspired by ancient Egypt.

Souvenirs

We have a number of Egypt Centre branded items including torches, key rings, pens and postcards. As well as replica Egyptian statues, just like the ones on display in our galleries

Gifts

The Egypt Centre has a wide range of warm winter scarves in a variety of festive colours and designs. You can also find Egyptian perfume bottles, incense burners and recycled Egyptian glassware.

Toys

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



**Front of House & Gift
Shop Manager**

Lauren Wale:

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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 practices 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 a discount in the museum gift shop during seasonal promotions.

Support

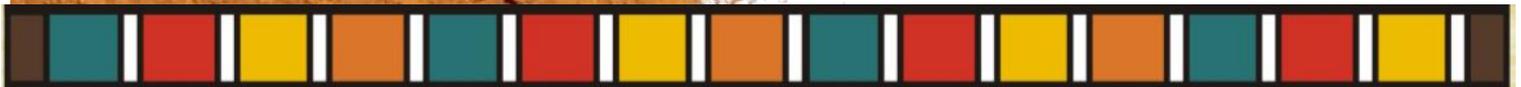
As a Friends member, you will be helping to support the Egypt Centre, making sure our galleries stay open to the public and that the museum stays free of charge!

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

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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!

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!



The adult volunteer programme runs Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm and is open to anyone **over the age of 18!**

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 please contact:
Volunteer Manager Syd Howells:
Tel: 01792 606065
E-mail: l.s.j.howells@swansea.ac.uk



Young Volunteers

Any child aged 10-18 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, heritage and working with lots of different people!



As a young volunteer you will become a **Gallery Assistant**.

This means you will be looking after the galleries, talking with visitors and demonstrating our hands-on activities such as mummification.

The young volunteer programme runs 10.am—4.pm every **Saturday** and during school holidays. Morning, afternoon and full day shifts available.

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



Kids in
Museums



Taliesin Café



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

The Taliesin also hosts a broad programme of events including cinema screenings, an average of ten visiting exhibitions per year, and a great variety of live performances, from dance and drama to jazz and world music. Please visit www.taliesinartscentre.co.uk



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

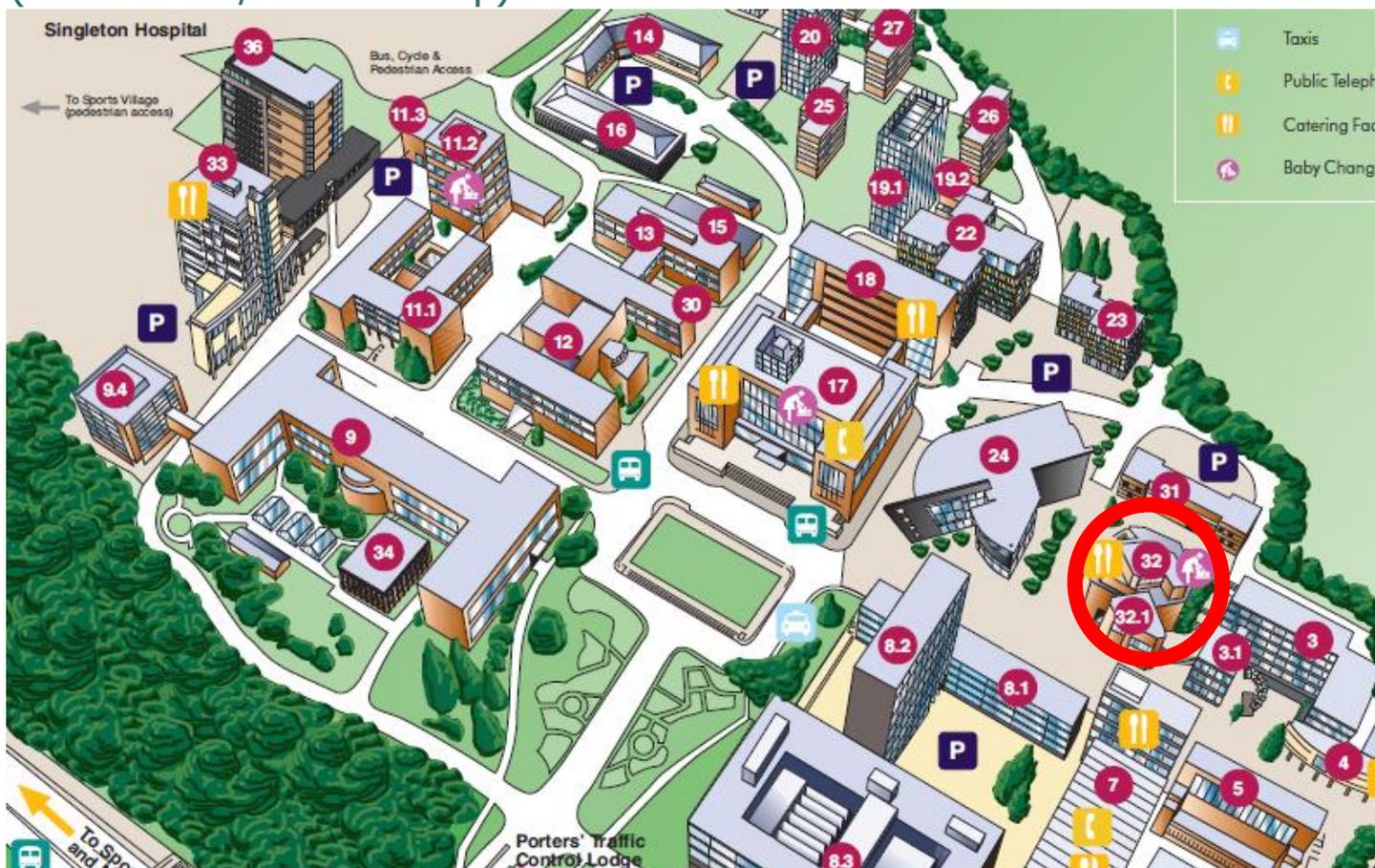
Disabled toilets available as well as baby changing facilities.



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.

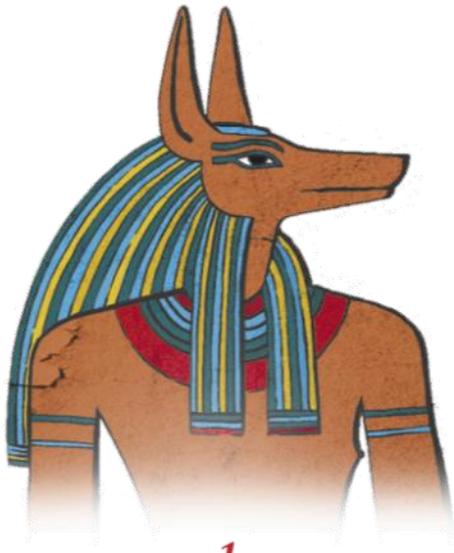
Parking

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



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