

Friends of
the
EGYPT
Centre

Museum of Egyptian Antiquities



2018-19 Programme

Welcome



We are very pleased to share with you this interesting programme.

About us...

About the Society:

The Friends' interest in Egypt ranges from those with little or no knowledge, 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 to cater for all levels of understanding.

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

History of the Collection:

Most of the items from the Egypt Centre were collected by the manufacturing pharmacist Sir Henry Wellcome around the turn of the Twentieth Century. When he died, in 1936, the collection was looked after by a group of trustees and housed in University College, London.

In the early 1970's, part of that collection was transferred to the University of Wales, Swansea. A small museum was set up in a room of the Department of Classics and Ancient History.

The University wished to make the collection more publicly accessible, and a grant was obtained during the mid-nineties from the European Regional Development Fund and The National Lottery, which allowed the construction of the Egypt Centre building to house the collection. The museum contains the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities in Wales.

About the Egypt Centre:

In September 1998, Swansea University opened an exciting museum of Egyptian artefacts. Over 1,000 objects dating from earlier than 3,500 BC to AD 500 are on display in two galleries. They include a coffin belonging to a lady musician from Thebes, statues of gods and goddesses, beautiful bead necklaces dating from around the time of Tutankhamun, mummified animals and a large number of everyday objects such as pottery, weapons, tools and toys. The museum has also introduced a popular under 5s area!

**Please note the Egypt Centre is now open as normal
Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Please check our website for further details and updates
www.egypt.swan.ac.uk**

The Committee...



The Committee comprises of:

Chair - Syd Howells l.s.j.howells@swansea.ac.uk
Vice Chair - Gareth Lucas
Secretary - *Vacant Position*
Treasurer - Sheila Nowell
Membership Secretary - Wendy Goodridge w.r.goodridge@swansea.ac.uk
Events Officer - Sam Powell
Other members - Peter Jones, Diane Rowden, Tony Nowell, Krys Williams

The committee is made up of local people with an interest in ancient Egypt and museums. If you are interested in joining the committee please speak to any committee member.

Membership

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

Membership includes free entry into all Friends lectures (non-members £3), and other offers given by the Egypt Centre. For further information, or to join please contact the membership secretary Wendy Goodridge

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Meeting venue...

Swansea University Singleton campus

All lectures take place in Taliesin Create, unless otherwise stated.

Doors open at 6.30pm with lectures starting at 7.00pm.

By Car from the East:

1. Take the M4 heading West towards Swansea.
2. Leave M4 at junction 42
3. Take the A483 in the direction of Swansea Town Centre (passing Amazon on your right)
4. Cross the river bearing left, past Sainsburys, (A4067—Oystermouth Road)
5. Continue along A4067, upon passing St. Helens Stadium (on your right) move into the right-hand lane
6. Straight on at traffic lights and right turn at the next set of traffic light (300m) to enter Swansea University
7. Parking on-campus is free after 4.00pm
8. Fulton House is the central building facing the entrance to the university.
9. On entering Fulton House turn right go through first set of doors ahead is a second set of doors go through these then up the stairs to level 2
10. Room 2 is first door on the right

Public Lecture Programme

The charge per lecture is £3 for non-members and free to members.

Wednesday 12th September 2018

Dr Linda Steynor, Egypt Exploration Society

Title: Undercurrents and inklings: behind the words of an ancient Egyptian literary classic

Abstract: This lecture explores some of the subtleties and enigmas in the ancient Egyptian poem 'the Tale of Sinuhe'. The poem, which some read as an adventure story and others as an autobiography, contains a nuanced narrative, full of ambiguity, which raises more questions than it answers. As Sinuhe tries to come to terms with the life-changing events he experiences he presents us with an insight into an ancient Egyptian's view of himself and his place in society.



Wednesday 10th October 2018

This month's lecture will follow the **Friends of the Egypt Centre AGM**, which begins at 6.30pm and is held at the same venue as the lecture. All Friends are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Dr Kasia Szpakowska Swansea University

Title: The curious case of Hedjerit: A girl's life in Lahun

Abstract: In this presentation we move away from pharaohs and elite men, to catch a glimpse of what life may have been like for the rest of the Ancient Egyptian population. We will explore what the lifetime of a girl living in Lahun might have been like during the Late Middle Kingdom. Using the material and textual evidence as much as possible from the settlement of Lahun, we explore how to reconstruct the life of a non-royal individual, from her birth, through childhood, adulthood, religious practices, sickness and death, and of course, even love. **(Lecture & AGM to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Dr Aidan Dodson, Bristol University

Title: The mysteries of Nefertiti

Abstract: We explore what we really know, or can sensibly surmise, about Nefertiti - perhaps the most famous of all Egyptian queens. In doing so we will attempt to tease out fact from much of the fiction that has been grown up around her - some of which was once legitimate academic theory yet, while now disproven, still appears in many popular accounts. **(Lecture to be held in room 152 Keir Hardie)**

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Hana Navratilova

Title: The time traveller, and the time traveller's wife: Jaroslav Černý, and Marie Sargant

Abstract: Jaroslav Černý, Egyptologist, was characterized but not limited by his profession. He showed resilience despite odds throughout his international, transnational career. At the end of his career he was a respected scholar, a retired Oxford professor and a friend and colleague to people from both camps of the Cold war, and from the UK as well as from Egypt. His was a quiet opposition to the polarized world. His life story, however, would be incomplete without his companion in life and travels, Marie Sargant, philologist, educationalist, mother to two remarkable daughters. **(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**

Christmas Get Together: After the lecture there will follow the Friends' Christmas get together. Don't forget to pop this event into your diary!



Wednesday 16th January 2019

Dr Cédric Gobeil, Egypt Exploration Society

Title: Deir el-Medina 2.0. Latest work and discoveries from a site thought to be well known...

Abstract: Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the French archaeological concession in Deir el-Medina. Contrary to general belief, the ongoing exploration of Deir el-Medina by the IFAO has recently shown that this site is far from being exhausted. Rather, it suggests that many secrets still wait to be unveiled at this site important to our knowledge of ancient Egyptian daily life. Partly thanks to new technologies, new finds are indeed made every year. While reviewing the main activities that have taken place during the past seasons, this lecture will highlight the most interesting and newest discoveries made by our team since 2011. **(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**



Wednesday 13th February 2019

Dr Carolyn Graves-Brown, the Egypt Centre

Title: Young, Beautiful and Nude: The Egypt Centre lute player

Abstract: One of the objects in the Egypt Centre is a ring bezel from Amarna (a bezel is the decorative part of a ring). On it is displayed a scantily clad or nude lute player accompanied by a monkey. Traditionally, female musicians have been seen as lowly entertainers, and their lack of dress is said to confirm this. But, was this depiction of her really no more than an expression of Amarna 'joie de vivre' as has been suggested? I embark on an exploration of the social status of the female 'party' musician in Amarna and question if this bezel had any significance beyond its pleasing appearance. **(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Professor Alan Lloyd

Title: The face of battle in ancient Egypt

Abstract: In 1976 the late John Keegan published a classic book on military history entitled The Face of Battle. In this study he attempted, with great success, to establish the factors which determined success or failure in three major battles (Agincourt, Waterloo, and the Somme), covering, above all, the psychological dimensions of warfare. He was, in particular, concerned with the factors which enable soldiers to confront the trauma of battle. In this lecture I want to examine the extent to which the results of his studies of second-millennium conflicts can be applied to Ancient Egypt. **(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**

Wednesday 17th April 2019

Dr Dulcie Engel

Title: Henry Wellcome's Egyptian legacy

Abstract: Egypt Centre volunteers and Friends of the museum are quite familiar with the story of Sir Henry Wellcome and his significance for the Egypt Centre, and we frequently mention his name when visitors ask us where our collection comes from. In this talk will be looking at the museums which benefited most from the dispersal of Wellcome's Egyptian collection between 1969 and 1971. I will consider briefly the life and collecting passion of the man, before discussing the distributions of material after his death, with particular reference to the Egyptian artefacts distributed from the Petrie museum; and then focussing on the Wellcome collections of Egyptological items in Birmingham, Durham, Liverpool and Swansea. In contrast to previous studies, this piece of research has been informed by direct collection of information from the curators of the museums concerned, to whom I am extremely grateful. **(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)**

Wednesday 15th May 2019

Students from Swansea University

Title: Mini presentations from students

Abstract: In a slight change to the usual format, we will be asking several students from the University to provide a "mini presentation" on either their dissertation topics, or an area that interests them (topics to be confirmed later in the year).

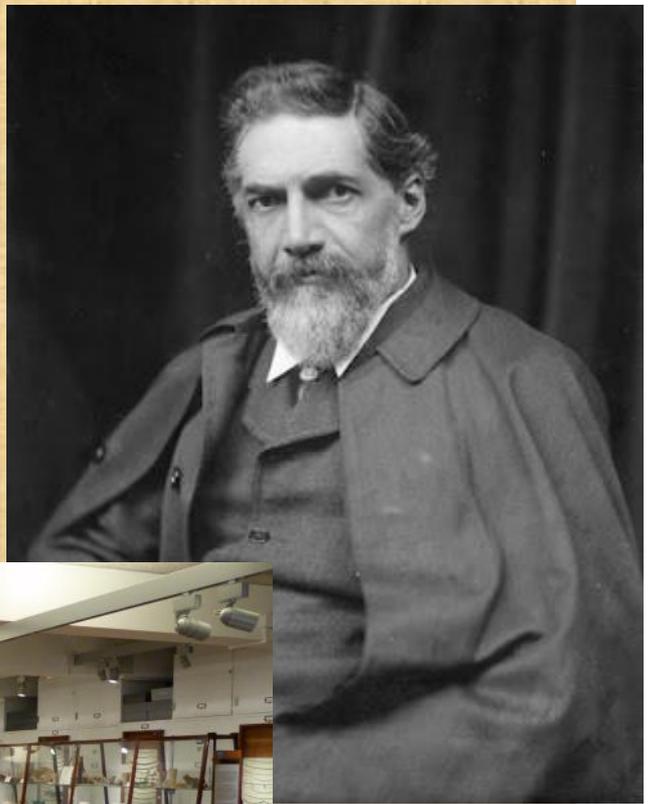
Wednesday 12th June 2019

Dr Anna Garnett, Petrie Museum, UCL

Title: A potted history of Petrie

Abstract: The Petrie Museum is home to 80,000 objects from ancient Egypt and Sudan, and many of these objects were excavated by Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie from sites across Egypt. This lecture will explore some of the lesser-known stories relating to the collection, and some of the characters who contributed to the foundation and care of the Petrie Museum over the past century.

(Lecture to be held in Taliesin Create, Mall Room)



Come dine with the speaker!

After most talks we take the speaker for a meal. The Patti Raj or the Bay View are the usual restaurants and we would love it if you could join us and come along and mingle with the speaker. If you would like to attend a meal let one of the committee know before hand and we will book you a place.

Inscriptions - Newsletter

The Friends produce a newsletter called *Inscriptions*. We welcome contributions, whether interesting chatty snippets, or scholarly! If you would like to write an article or have any news or information you want to contribute please contact the Editor Mike MacDonagh. The success of the newsletter depends on the Friends contributions.

You can email Mike Mike_Mac_Donagh@msn.com

or post a hard copy to the Egypt Centre marked for the attention of Mike MacDonagh.

Museum Gift Shop



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 our exclusive Sarah Elam range, inspired by the styles and materials used for thousands of years.

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

Friends members get **10% off all items at the Egypt Centre Christmas Sale**. A perfect opportunity for you to buy unique gifts at great prices!

We will also have wine and mince pies to get you in the festive mood while you browse.

Wide range of gifts
perfect for
the whole family!

Volunteering Opportunities!

We need volunteers! Can you help? You will 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.

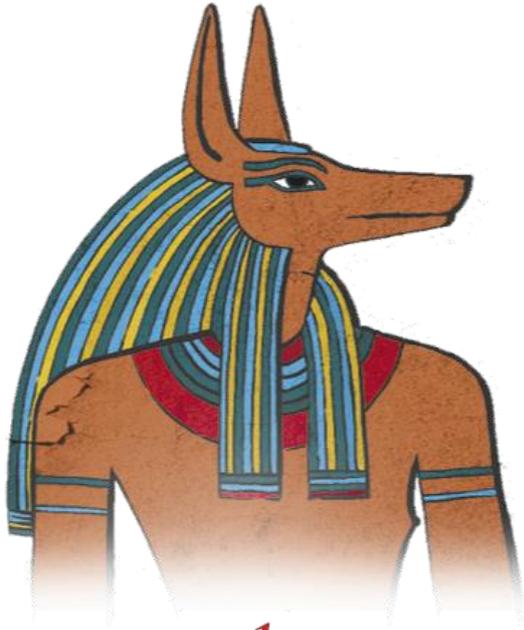
We rely on volunteers to maintain our galleries, ensuring the gallery is safe and clean and that all equipment is working.

Volunteers talk to our visitors, welcoming them, answering enquiries and giving 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!

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