

Friends of the EGYPT Centre

Museum of Egyptian Antiquities



2019-20 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 also has a popular under 5s area!

**Please note the Egypt Centre is open
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 - Krys Williams

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, Mollie Beck, Ken Griffin, John Rogers, Hannah Sweetapple

The committee is made up of 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 the Mall Room, 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. Taliesin Create is downstairs at the Taliesin Arts Centre

Bus from Swansea bus station: 2A, 3A, 4 (ftr metro), 82A

From other destinations:

http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/south_west_wales/journey_planning/maps/

Public Lecture Programme

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

Wednesday 11th September 2019

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.

Lee Young.

Title: The Lighter Side of Egypt with the Art of Lance Thackeray.

Abstract: The lecture will tell the story of the artist Lance Thackeray illustrated with his wonderfully witty paintings, while also telling in parallel the story of the early tourists to Egypt.



Wednesday 16th October 2019

Bob Loynes, Manchester University.

Title: The Mummy; Ancient Craft Modern Science.

Abstract: This presentation will cover our current knowledge of the motivation of the ancient Egyptians to preserve their dead, various aspects of current mummy research including some related to mummies (approximately 100) in museums across Europe and the USA, together with a brief explanation - a primer - of the science behind medical imaging.



Wednesday 20th November 2019

Sara Orel.

Title: Explorations at the Multiperiod Site of Gebel el-Haridi.

Abstract: The Gebel el-Haridi, an area of cliffs on the east bank of the Nile just north of modern Akhmim, was the focus of three seasons of survey sponsored by the Egypt Exploration Society in the 1990s. The part of the slope known locally as Gebel Abu el-Nasr was the focus of significant attention in all three seasons. Here there are remains from Old Kingdom tombs to Ptolemaic quarries, to Late Roman settlements, making a fascinating array of archaeological material in a geographically concise location. This presentation will discuss the overall sequence of occupation at the site, and will focus on one of the most intriguing constructions, a mudbrick edifice at the top of the slope up against the vertical cliffs.



Wednesday 11th December 2019

Dr Kenneth Griffin, The Egypt Centre.

Title: Highlights of 2019 in the Egypt Centre.

Abstract: Ken gives us an overview of some of his highlights of 2019 in the Egypt Centre, including his experiences as Collections Access Manager, recent discoveries from the museum and the impact of object-centred learning.

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 22nd January 2020

Phil Parkes, Cardiff University.

Title: Conservation of Egyptian Artefacts.

Abstract: Phil Parkes has worked as a conservator based at Cardiff University for over 25 years. During this time he has conserved a wide range of Egyptian artefacts for museums and private collectors. This talk will discuss the analysis and conservation of a number of these artefacts including coffin 118 from the Egypt Centre collection and the reconstruction of a doorway from beneath the Pyramid of Djoser.



Wednesday 19th February 2020

Manon Schultz.

Title: Beds, mothers, and the solar cycle: the function of beds in ancient Egypt.

Abstract: As ancient Egyptian beds look very similar to their modern counterparts; we generally assume that they were also used in the same way. In this talk, I would thus like to explore their function and symbolic meaning in more detail. Are beds really the ordinary pieces of furniture that they seem to be?

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dr Christian Knoblauch, Swansea University.

Title: The Swansea-Brown excavations on Uronarti: Past, Present and Future.

Abstract: 2019 and 2020 saw the first two seasons of excavations of the Brown-Swansea Uronarti Regional Archaeological Project in the Sudan. The project investigates the imposing fortress built by Senwosret III close to the Semna Border - just one of two major Middle Kingdom monuments in this region to have survived the flooding of Lower Nubia following the completion of the Aswan High Dam in the 1960s. The talk will introduce the project, its background, results to date and future prospects.



Wednesday 22nd April 2020

Dr Campbell Price, Manchester Museum.

Title: The Two Brothers of Manchester Museum.

Abstract: Abstract: An intact Middle Kingdom tomb group from Deir Rifeh is a central exhibit in the Manchester Museum. Discovered in 1907 by an Egyptian workman called Erfai, working for W. M. Flinders Petrie, it contained the burials of two men, Nakht-ankh and Khnum-nakht, who name the same mother on their coffins. Since their well-known 1908 unwrapping by Margaret Murray, interest has focused on the mummies themselves. Recent DNA results cannot provide the ‘magic wand’ many museum visitors expect – but can introduce debates about identity that help break down perceived barriers when approaching Pharaonic material. This paper reviews how the ‘Two Brothers’ have been interpreted over the past century and how they represent much broader problems in the museum presentation of ‘Ancient Egypt’.



Wednesday 20th May 2020

Students from Swansea University.

Title: Mini presentations from students.

Abstract: 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 17th June 2020

Vivian Davies.

Title: Recent Fieldwork in Elkab.

Abstract: Our patron Vivian Davies will provide us with an account of his recent fieldwork at the site of Elkab – an Upper Egyptian site 80km South of Luxor.

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.



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!

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!

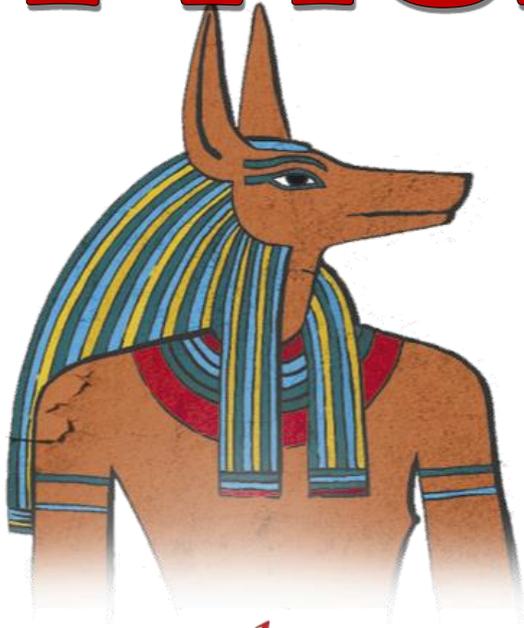
Inscriptions - Newsletter

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.

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