



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 th April	From King to Ancestor: Transition to Napatian Royal Afterlife: Dr Brigitte Balanda
10 th May	t.b.a.
7 th June	An ancient flash flood and stratigraphy in the Valley of the Kings: Stephen Cross
5 th July	Horemheb: Charlotte Booth
2 nd August	Short talks; book auction and AGM

In April, we welcome Dr Brigitte Balanda, during her studies at UCL Brigitte Balanda had the opportunity to participate in one season of the Merowe Dam Archaeological Salvage Project at the 4th cataract of the Nile. A visit to the nearby Napatian royal cemeteries at Nuri and el-Kurru sparked her interest in the archaeology of ancient Nubia and especially in the cultural exchange between Egypt and Nubia which eventually led to the rise of the Kingdoms of Napata and Meroe. The 'Development of Royal Funerary Traditions along the Middle Nile Valley during the Napatian Period' became the focus of her thesis, for which she was awarded her PhD in 2013.

Our May meeting will be a change from the advertised programme. Please check the website for up to date information.

OUR GROUP'S VERY OWN STUDY DAY

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 10.30am-4.30pm

A hieroglyphs study day is being organised and will be held in The Barn, Spring Lodge Community Centre. Lead by Dr Joanna Kyffin she will take us through the Egyptian Offering Formula; this is seen on many stele and in tombs, so is really useful to know. We will work in small groups and have practical work; differing levels of knowledge will be taken into account. Handouts will be provided.

So if you have never looked at hieroglyphs - come along - if you have, but need a refresher - come along - if you enjoy hieroglyphs - come along!

The cost will include tea/coffee and biscuits and a sandwich and fruit lunch. Tickets must be bought in advance and will cost £30 adult members (£15 for students) and £32 for non-members - no children. Please reply to janet.brewer@btinternet.com and let me know you would like to attend. Tickets will be on sale at the April and May meetings.

FRIENDS OF THE PETRIE MUSEUM OF EGYPTOLOGY

We received the following from Jan Picton, Secretary of the Friends of the Petrie Museum

"Could you please pass on our sincere thanks to the Essex Egyptology Group for their very kind donation of £122. We are currently funding a redisplay of the pottery gallery improving the mounts and the information panels so the money will be put towards to this project. We are sincerely grateful for the support the Essex group members offer the Petrie Museum."

BLOOMSBURY SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

The following courses are offered this year from Bloomsbury Summer School

13-17 July

Hieroglyphs: the next step – Dr Bill Manley and Dr Jose-R Perez-Accino or

The Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East: gods, prophets and kings – Dr Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones

20-24 July

In the shadow of the pyramids: living and dying in Old Kingdom Egypt – Dr Claire Malleson and Dr Cordula Werschkun or

Reading hieroglyphs: the Amarna period in words - Dr Bill Manley and Dr Jose-R Perez-Accino

27-31 July

Enlightenment on the banks of the Nile: Middle Kingdom Egypt - Dr Jose-R Perez-Accino or

Pharaoh's friends and foes: diplomacy, trade, travel and warfare – Dr Garry Shaw

For further information please see their website – www.egyptology-uk.com/bloomsbury

ON-LINE EGYPTOLOGY COURSE

There is a free on-line course “Warfare and Weapons in Ancient Egypt” runs 6th April to 5th May. Teacher Dr Joyce Tyldesley of the Manchester University online Certificate in Egyptology course.

For more information

<https://www.canvas.net/browse/uofmanchester/courses/warfare-weapons-ancient-egypt>

OUR AUGUST MEETING

Each year, in August, we hold our AGM, 10-minute talks and book auction. Please consider speaking at the meeting; 10 minutes (one side of A4 typed paper) on your choice of Egyptian theme. For the book auction, please check your library and donate books to be sold. The monies raised from the auction go to an Egyptological good cause. Thinking caps on please; we need nominations for us to vote on; two received so far: the t3.wy Foundation, who research the history of Egyptology with a focus on dig houses, early photography and correspondence and the EES to reprint a revised and expanded edition of the classic book “A Guide to Religious Ritual at Abydos” by Dr Rosalie David; ideally we need another nomination.

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