Membership application form

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Please return your completed application form together with a cheque payable to:

The Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society Hon. Treasurer: Erica Morland 7 Clinkard Place, Church Road Lane End Bucks HP14 3HQ.

Please enclose stamped and addressed envelope if a postal confirmation is required.



Apart from December 2015 and March 2016, all of our lectures will be held in the Oakwood Centre (RG5 4JZ). December and March's lectures will be next door in the Coronation Hall (RG5 4JB). Both venues are on the Headley Road, Woodley, Berks. A car park is opposite. For detailed directions, please see our website.

Lecture times

Time: 2.00 - 4.30 pm on Saturdays. Doors are open at 1.30 pm. Refreshments are normally served at 1.30 pm and again at about 3.15 pm.

Members FREE

Visitors welcome - a donation of £3 is invited. Please note that lectures may have to be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check the society's website: www.tvaes.org.uk.



Ramesses II's temple at Abydos

Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society Programme 2015-16





TVAES Lecture Programme 2015 -16

AGM at 1pm followed by the Philip Wickens' memorial lecture

Houses of Eternity: Egyptian royal tombs over three millennia 19 Sept 2015 2.00 pm Dr Aidan Dodson

The lecture will trace the history of the king's tomb in Egypt and range the length of the Nile valley, from the shores of the Mediterranean to the heart of the Sudan, with monuments from the stupendous to the insignificant - but all are magical machines to move the king from this world to the next.

Gebel Silsila: on the trail of Egypt's temple builders 17 Oct 2015 2.00 pm Dr Sarah Dohertv

Known to the ancients as Khenu or Kheny, the ancient site of Gebel el Silsila is famous for Egypt's largest series of sandstone quarries. The Gebel el Silsila Survey Project is a multi-disciplinary Swedish project which has already identified 104 guarries. The talk will reveal fresh discoveries including a recently revealed temple, several stone-built camps, tons of ceramics and more!

From King to ancestor. Transition to Napatan royal afterlife 7 Nov 2015 2.00 pm Dr Brigitte Balanda

This talk will take us through the painted tombs of the last king of the 25th dynasty, King Tanwetamani and his mother, Queen Qalhata. We will look at the decorative scheme of those tombs and compare it with two tombs of the later Napatan dynasty King Aspelta and Queen Nasalsa, including insights into royal funerary rituals and afterlife beliefs.

Pyramids in Britain and Ireland Talk in Coronation Hall 12 Dec 2015 2.00 pm David Winpenny

The pyramids of Britain and Ireland are little-known but of great variety and interest. This talk sets them in historical perspective and tells the story of the mausoleums, memorials, garden ornaments, pumps, beacons, sculptures, churches, offices, swimming pools, navigational marks and general pyramidal oddities that turn up in the most unexpected places and of their often-eccentric builders.

Not only with the dead? Banqueting in ancient Egypt 09 Jan 2016 2.00 pm Prof John Baines

Despite the presence of vast numbers of scenes of food, drink and preparations for eating and drinking on ancient Egyptian monuments, images of people partaking in them are rare. This lecture highlights features of conviviality and elite settings, including structures where banquets could be held. The ubiquity of death was seen as a reason to eat and particularly to drink before it is too late.

Ancient Egyptian stories brought to life 27 Feb 2016 2.00 pm

Helen Stewart

An Introduction to the stories and myths of Ancient Egypt, brought to life through the oral tradition of Performance Storytelling. The stories have been silent for hundreds of years, now they are told again, out loud, as they were in the time of the pharaohs.

Foreign connections: Egypt and the outside world before the Talk in Coronation Hall New Kingdom 12 Mar 2016 2.00 pm Dr Garry Shaw

Recent evidence gives new insights into warfare, trade, and diplomacy in the Predynastic Period, and the Old and Middle Kingdoms. The talk will explore how this changes our understanding of early interconnections in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean world, including Egyptians living in foreign lands and foreigners living in Egypt.

Ancient Egypt in the Pitt Rivers Museum 09 April 2016 2.00 pm

Though Oxford's Pitt Rivers museum is not well-known for Egyptology, it actually includes some gems - e.g. the 'Oxford Bowl' and one of the rare letters to the dead. This lecture will explore General Pitt Rivers' own interest in Egypt, his pioneering research into palaeolithic flints, and will look at some of the ancient Egyptian objects on display.

Local worlds in Middle Egypt: Fresh fieldwork at Zawvet Sultan

07 May 2016 2.00 pm

Richard Bussmann

Beth Asburv

Egypt's history has often been written using grand narratives, royal monuments, and objects of the elite. By using the minute details of the miniature amulets, trade routes, production zones, and cultural influences can be reconstructed, particularly during the Second Intermediate Period, and used create another dimension to the history of ancient Egypt.

The Iconography and Ideology of Nefertiti and the Amarna royal women 04 June 2016 2.00 pm

Lucia Gahlin

The iconography and ideology of Akhenaten's queen, Nefertiti, were like no other. Exploring Amarna art and the latest archaeological evidence, Lucia will trace the development of Nefertiti's image, and her political and cultic status, within the context of the significance of royal women in Akhenaten's court and religion.



The Society

Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society (TVAES) was founded in 1994 to meet the increasing local interest in ancient Egypt. The Society aims to promote the fascination, study, knowledge and awareness of all aspects of this multifaceted culture, including religion, art, language, life and death.

Members and non-members are warmly welcomed to any of our talks.



The Narmer Palette, dating from around the 31st century BC, was discovered at the temple of Horus at Nekhen, just a few metres away from the Narmer and Scorpion maceheads.