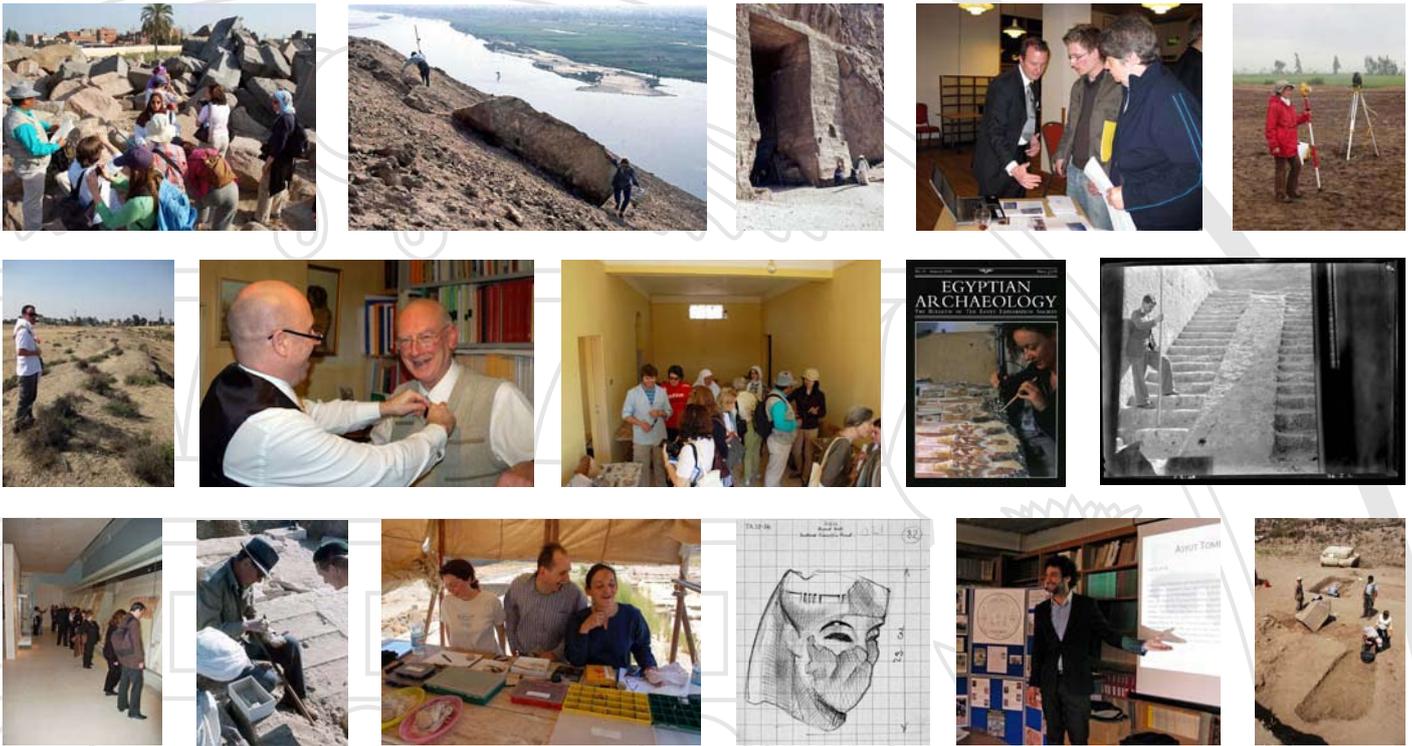


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## News & Events Summer 2009



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# WELCOME!

Welcome to the Society's newsletter for Summer 2009! Those of you who have been members for a while will have noticed that the appearance of 'News and Events' has been evolving over the last few months and we have taken another step forward (we hope) with the introduction of a little colour on the cover of this issue. Our aim in doing this is not only to make the newsletter more attractive but to provide a more visual record of what the EES has been doing in the last year. In the past, the Society organised exhibitions each summer to display the objects found during the season just completed, and although it hasn't been possible to do this since the system of divisions was ended in the 1980s that isn't to say that we don't have anything to show for the work undertaken anymore(!) hence the 'summer exhibition' on the cover (see also the captions on the back page).

## A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Our conference held in London over the weekend of 20-21 June was organised with similar aims in mind. We wanted to provide a showcase for fieldwork and research undertaken in 2008-9, to give you, our members, a chance to hear from the project directors themselves and to share your thoughts with us. The event was very well received by those who were able to attend and provided a very useful opportunity for staff, Trustees, field directors and members to exchange ideas in between lectures.

## EXCAVATION and CENTENARY FUND AWARDS 2010

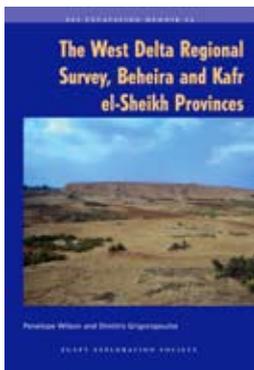
A number of the projects presented at the conference were funded in 2008/9 by grants from the Society's Excavation and Centenary Funds, which were established through the generous donations of members. We are delighted to announce that the Society will be making further awards from both funds for fieldwork and research in 2009/10. Further information and application forms are available at [www.ees.ac.uk](http://www.ees.ac.uk).

## FORTHCOMING THIS AUTUMN

The success of our campaign to raise funds for the Amelia Edwards Projects last year, coupled with urgent need to address the problem of inadequate storage for the material in the archives has given us the confidence to focus on raising funds for this one area of our activities this autumn (see next page). As ever, we will be relying on the generosity of you, our members, to make this campaign a success and we hope you will feel able to contribute, despite the current financial climate. We are currently planning a new series of Amelia Edwards Projects for 2010, and contributions to this and our other funds are very welcome. Details of how you can support the Society with a donation are available at [ees.ac.uk](http://ees.ac.uk) or by contacting the Society.

We hope you enjoy reading about our forthcoming events over the next few pages and hope to see many of you in London and elsewhere over the coming months. Looking further ahead, the **Third British Egyptology Congress** in September 2010 will provide us with an excellent opportunity to report on our work for the next few months amongst a broad cross section of UK-based researchers. You will find a first call for papers on p. 6, and if you are involved in research yourself you are very much encouraged to contribute a paper. In the meantime we will continue to keep you informed of our fieldwork and research through other lectures and seminars, and also with our publications. *Egyptian Archaeology* 35 and *JEA* 94 (2009) will appear in autumn and winter respectively, as will a series of *Oxyrhynchus Papyri* volumes and *Excavation Memoirs*, the first of which has already appeared.

## NEW PUBLICATION



**Penelope Wilson and Dimitris Grigoropoulos, *The West Delta Regional Survey, Beheira and Kafr el-Sheikh Provinces*.**

EES Excavation Memoir 86. 2009. ISBN: 978-0-85698-194-4. Price: £65. EES members: £55.

The West Delta Regional Survey is the result of five years of survey work carried out in Beheira and Kafr el-Sheikh Provinces as part of the Sais and its Hinterland Project and the Delta Survey of the Egypt Exploration Society and Durham University, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The report by Penelope Wilson contains details of the current state of 70 archaeological sites (some of which are mapped here for the first time), their previous history and a photographic record. Dimitris Grigoropoulos discusses and dates the catalogue of pottery sherds, collected from most of the sites. The volume includes a CD with over 1,000 images of the sites catalogued by the Survey.

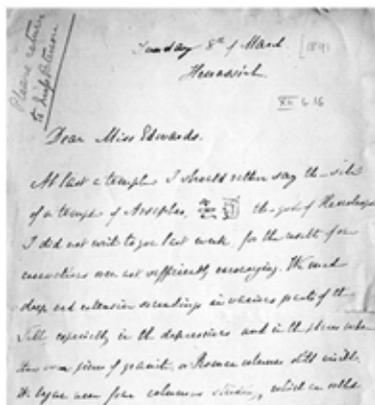
We wish you all the best for the Summer and hope to see you soon!

Yours,  
The EES team.

# THE LUCY GURA ARCHIVE



The archives represent the Society's most valuable material resource and a unique record of the history of scientific archaeology in Egypt, from its very beginnings in 1882 when the EES was founded. It is also a veritable treasure-trove of historically important material, from handwritten letters from Edouard Naville to Amelia Edwards, to paintings made by Howard Carter during his first visit to Egypt, photographs taken on-site by Flinders Petrie himself, and the notebooks of Bryan Emery.



Despite considerable interest from members, scholars and others, a lack of resources has meant that facilities for researchers and other visitors are at present inadequate. More problematic, however, are the current storage conditions which are threatening the preservation of some elements of the collection. In March 2009 a preliminary survey of the material and facilities was undertaken, and the subsequent report concluded that without proper housing and shelving, the glass negatives are likely to deteriorate or break and eventually thus become unusable, and that the thousands of manuscripts should be stored in non-acidic folders as soon as possible.

## Preserving the archives for the future

We are now planning to take action to improve the situation, firstly by replacing the present, inadequate envelopes, boxes and filing cabinets with archive-standard versions, and by continuing the programme of digitisation begun thanks to the Lucy Gura donation in 2007 which is allowing us to make better use of the material and to make it more widely accessible, and is, in itself, a form of preservation.



During the summer we will be undertaking a full review of the current situation with the aim of identifying the areas which most urgently need attention. We will then launch a campaign in the autumn to raise money to undertake the necessary work. We have had cause to be enormously grateful to you, our members, for the support you have given us in the last few years for our Excavation Fund and Amelia Edwards Group Projects, and for the digitisation of photographs, and in 2009-10 we hope you will feel able to help us achieve our aim of properly looking after our wonderful archive.



Images from top: 1) Photograph of a fallen colossus at Tanis taken by Petrie the day after the great storm of February 1884 digitised in 2007 thanks to the generosity of the family of Lucy Gura. 2) Letter from Edouard Naville to Amelia Edwards written while Naville was in the field at Ehnasya. "Sunday 8 March [1891]. Dear Miss Edwards, At last a temple...". 3) A handwritten label marking the start of a sequence of glass plate photographs taken at Abydos in 1911-12. 4) Old fashioned filing cabinets and box files surround the study area in the archives.

## EES ARCHIVES CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT

**Saturday 10 October 2009, 3.00 - 7.30 pm**

**The Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BE**

**Tickets: £12 (EES members), £15 (non-members).**

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| 3.00 pm | Dr Stephen Quirke, <i>Hidden Hands: Egyptian workforces in Petrie excavation archives 1880-1924</i>                      |
| 3.45 pm | Tea / coffee   |
| 4.15 pm | Dr Robert Morkot, <i>The measurements of Petrie's bedroom, and other (more interesting) things that archives tell us</i> |
| 5.00 pm | Mr Chris Naunton, <i>The EES Archives: the current situation and a plan of action</i>                                    |
| 5.45 pm | Reception  |

We are delighted to be returning to the Society of Antiquaries for this important event and very much hope to see you there. For those members who are unable to attend, full details of the campaign - the amounts we are hoping to raise, what we intend to do with the money, and how you can contribute! - will be included in the autumn mailing.



# LONDON LECTURES and SEMINARS

The following London lectures, seminars and evening classes will all be held in The Committee Room, The Egypt Exploration Society, 3, Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG. Attendance is limited to 30 places. In the case of the seminars coffee and tea is provided on arrival and before the afternoon session, and there is a one hour break for lunch. Lunch is not included but there are many restaurants/cafés in the nearby Lambs Conduit Street and Brunswick Centre. Members may also bring packed lunches to eat in the Office.

## *The House of Bastet: new research at the temple of the cat goddess*

**Saturday 12 September 2009, 10am – 3 pm\* (including a one hour lunch break)**

**Tickets (available to members only): £20 (EES members), £15 (EES student members).**

The site of Bubastis was first excavated between 1887 and 1889 by Edouard Naville, on behalf of the Egypt Exploration Fund. Over 100 years later the EES is again supporting fieldwork at Bubastis, and this seminar will present new insights into the architecture and cult within the temple of the cat goddess Bastet, and also look at life on an excavation in the Nile Delta, now and in the late 19th century. The seminar will be led by:

**Dr Daniela Rosenow**, Deputy Director of the Egyptian-German Joint Mission to Tell Basta

**Dr Neal Spencer**, Assistant Keeper in the Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum

\*Please note the change to the start and end times for this seminar.

## *Memphis and Beyond: climate change in ancient Egypt*

**Saturday 17 October 2009, 11am – 4 pm (including a one hour lunch break)**

**Tickets (available to members only): £20 (EES members), £15 (EES student members).**

The EES has been involved in the investigation of landscape change at a number of sites in Egypt and the Sudan and particularly at the ancient capital of Memphis. From these studies it has emerged that the ancient landscape was sometimes very different from that which we see now. Evidence from boreholes around sites at Memphis, Karnak, Edfu, Hierakonpolis and Gebel el-Asr in Egypt and from Sesebi in the Sudan reveals a sequence of changing landscapes that were the result of global cooling over the past 6000 years. Can we respond as creatively to our current global warming phase as our ancient Egyptian ancestors did to global cooling? The seminar will be led by:

**Dr Judith Bunbury**, Fellow of St Edmund's College and Teaching Fellow in the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge.

**Dr David Jeffreys**, Director of the EES Survey of Memphis and Senior Lecturer in Egyptian Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL.

## *Archaeological Conservation and the investigation of Egyptian Material*

**Thursday 22 October 2009, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm**

**Entry is free of charge but numbers are limited to 30 so application for tickets as normal is required.**

This lecture looks at some of the problems and issues conservators face when dealing with the wide range of organic and inorganic artefacts that are excavated in Egypt. Environmental factors, demands of access and past conservation treatments all affect artefacts and there is a need for conservators to assess and manage these risks. Also, scientific investigation by conservators and conservation scientists illuminates object histories and contributes to their interpretation.

The lecture will be given by:

**Dominica D'Archangelo**, Research Assistant in the Department of Conservation at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL.

**Melina Smirniou**, Specialist Conservator, Stone Wall Paintings and Mosaics, The British Museum.

Both our speakers are founder members of Conservators Without Borders (CWB), which provides field conservation support to archaeological sites where insufficient funding and expertise prevents on-site conservation from being undertaken: [www.conservatorswithoutborders.org](http://www.conservatorswithoutborders.org).

# Crocodile Mundi: New Kingdom Magical Spells in context



**Saturday 14 November 2009, 11 am – 4 pm (including a one hour lunch break)**

**Tickets (available to members only): £20 (EES members), £15 (EES student members).**

This seminar presents a number of New Kingdom magical spells which are primarily concerned with the dangers posed by water and creatures of the Nile. Despite the fact that water was vital to life in the Nile Valley, it was also seen as a dangerous force, both in its own right, and because of the animals that lived in it. The rhetorical force of the magical spells designed to combat these malevolent forces is founded in complex poetic and stylistic techniques, and provides clues to the world in which such magic existed. The spells themselves also pose the question 'what was magic in Ancient Egypt?'

Looking at spells preserved on papyri and Horus *cippi*, as well as religious and mortuary literature, this seminar examines the scribal world in which these spells were composed, copied, used and stored, and builds a picture of the place of magic in New Kingdom Egypt.

The Seminar will be led by **Joanna Kyffin**, a doctoral student in the School of Archaeology, Classics, and Egyptology, University of Liverpool.

## EVENING CLASSES

### *An Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs* with George Hart

**Thursday 10 September – Thursday 29 October (6 lectures and 1 fieldtrip), 7.00 - 8.30 pm**

**Fee: £100 (EES members), £125 (non-members).**

Following the successful course on Predynastic Egypt in autumn 2008, the Society will this autumn be offering classes in Egyptian hieroglyphs led by George Hart, formerly member of staff in the Education Department at the British Museum and author of numerous books including *The Routledge Dictionary of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses* and *Pharaohs and Pyramids: A Guide Through Old Kingdom Egypt*.

Course outline: Members who have never tried their hand at reading hieroglyphic texts now have the opportunity to do so, with the guidance of one of the most experienced tutors in the field. **This course is for beginners in the subject** - no previous knowledge or experience of the Egyptian language and hieroglyphic script is required. George will guide participants through the basics, explaining the different types of sign and how to read them, and providing an understanding of the underlying grammar.

The textbook for this course will be: Collier, M and B Manley, *How to Read Egyptian Hieroglyphs* (London, British Museum Press 1998, reprinted with corrections 2003) ISBN 0 7141 1910 5. Price £9.99. Participants will be required to purchase their own copy.

George will make liberal use of texts discovered by the EES in its excavations, and participants will be encouraged to make use of the extensive library facilities at Doughty Mews where they will find a vast number of published texts in facsimile, transcription and translation.

Although the course is unaccredited and as such written work is not compulsory, participants have the option to undertake project work, essays and/or workbooks under the supervision of the tutor to enhance their learning and engagement with the course material. Classes will be held on the following Thursdays:

10 September, 17 September, 24 September, 1 October, 8 October, 15 October, 29 October (Field visit to the British Museum).

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no class on 22 October.

Classes will be held in the Committee Room at the Society's London offices. Please note that there are no desks in this room at present but clipboards will be made available so that participants can take notes.

Enquiries should be addressed to Chris Naunton ([chris.naunton@ees.ac.uk](mailto:chris.naunton@ees.ac.uk) or c/o The EES - details on the front of this newsletter). Places are limited to 20 and early application is strongly recommended. To book a place on the course please complete and return the application form on the back of this newsletter with your payment.



# The Third British Egyptology Congress (BEC3)

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September 2010, The British Museum, London WC1B 3DG

## \* FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS \*

The Egypt Exploration Society, The Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan, British Museum and University College London invite the submission of papers for presentation at the Third British Egyptology Congress (BEC3) to be held in September 2010 in London.

The aim of the Congress is to provide all those involved in scholarly research in Egyptology in the UK with a forum to discuss their work and to share ideas, not only with each other but with a wider audience as well. The emphasis is very much on the informal: contributors will be required to talk for 20-25 minutes on research undertaken since the last event in March 2008, regardless of what stage it has reached. The papers will not be published but summaries will be made available online.

**The sponsors welcome contributions from all UK-based scholars** involved in academic research in Egyptology, regardless of affiliation or status. Submissions will be peer-reviewed and in the event that we are unable to accommodate all contributors some will be invited to present their work in poster form.

Submissions should take the form of an abstract of 100-300 words in length, in MS Word (.rtf, .doc or .docx) or pdf format, and should be sent with a covering note including the contributor's name, institutional affiliation (if applicable) and status / job description (student, lecturer, curator, independent researcher etc.) as soon as possible to:

**bec3@ees.ac.uk**

Provisionally, registration fees will be as follows: Speakers £30, student speakers £20. **Payment is not required at this stage however** and a full announcement giving details of fees for speakers and non-speakers will be included in a forthcoming mailing (autumn 2009 / spring 2010).

Finally, we are delighted to announce that the **keynote lecture on the evening of Saturday 11 September will be given by Dr Mark Lehner**, and will be followed by a reception in the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery at the Museum.

## *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri vol. 73*

The 94th volume of the Graeco-Roman Memoirs, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri* vol. 73 was published in June 2009. This is the volume for the 2006-7 subscription year and all members who paid the relevant subscription for that year have now been sent their copies. Further memoirs are already in production and the Editors are optimistic that three further *Oxyrhynchus* volumes will appear during the current subscription year (ending 31 March 2010) at which point the series will be back on schedule.

## TRUSTEES for 2010

Four Trustees will be retiring at the AGM on 12 December 2009. In accordance with the letter from the Chairman circulated in November 2008 the Society will be publishing the names of the current Board's preferred candidates for the vacancies at [www.ees.ac.uk](http://www.ees.ac.uk) from mid-August. Members will then be invited to submit further nominations by 30 September 2009. Further information will be made available on the website at the same time as the Board's nominations.

## TOUR to EGYPT March 2010

The second members' tour to Egypt, will take place from Saturday 13 to Saturday 27 March 2010 and be accompanied by Professor Alan Lloyd, Vice-President of the Society. Full details are included in the separate leaflet which accompanies this newsletter. For further information or to make a booking please e-mail [ees@the-traveller.co.uk](mailto:ees@the-traveller.co.uk) or telephone The Traveller on 020 7436 9343.

## SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURES

**The London Office and Library** will close at 4.30 pm on Friday 14 August 2009 and reopen after the late summer bank holiday at 10.30 am on Tuesday 1 September 2009.

**The Cairo Office** will be closed from Sunday 9 August to Sunday 27 September (summer closure, staff holidays and Eid el-Fitr). There will be no EES events during Ramadan (approx. 22 August-21 September).

# CAIRO LECTURES

EES lectures are held in the auditorium of the British Council at 7.00 pm.  
Enquiries: Mrs Faten Saleh, EES Cairo Office, c/o British Council,  
192 Sharia el-Nil, Agouza, Cairo.  
Phone: +20 (0)2 33001886. E-mail: ees.cairo@britishcouncil.org.eg



**16 November.** Dr Nabil Swelim, *Pyramid Status*

**Date tbc.** Dr Yusef Mazhar, *Pyramid Theories*

Details of site visits and further lectures this autumn will be made available in due course.

## BOLTON LECTURE

Bolton Museum & Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, 7.30 - 8.30 pm.  
Details: Ms Rachael Rattigan: +44 (0)1204 338764. E-mail: rachael.rattigan@bolton.gov.uk

**Thursday 3 December.** Dr John Peter Wild, *Cotton - the New Wool: Egypt and the Ancient Cotton Revolution*

## LEIDEN SYMPOSIUM

### Qasr Ibrim, between Egypt and Africa: a case study of cultural exchange

**Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December 2009**

**National Museum of Antiquities (Rijksmuseum van Oudheden), Leiden, The Netherlands.**

**Speakers include: W.Y. Adams, N.K. Adams, H. Barnard, T. Derda, J.H.F. Dijkstra, W. Godlewski, J.L. Hagen, J. Hallof, G. Khan, A. Łajtar, J.D. Ray, P.J. Rose and G. Ruffini.**

\*The precise schedule is still to be confirmed, however participants are advised that lectures will begin promptly on Friday morning and end on Saturday afternoon / early evening. There is no entry fee but those who are interested in attending should contact Mrs. Carolien van Zoest: c.van.zoest@hum.leidenuniv.nl

For thousands of years the natural citadel of Qasr Ibrim in northern Nubia occupied a strategic position, dominating all contacts (commercial, military and cultural) between Egypt and the Middle-Nile region (the present-day Sudan). As an administrative, religious and military centre it flourished under Pharaonic, Kushite, Meroitic and Nobadian rule, with frequent interludes (Roman, Blemmye, and Muslim Egyptian), ending as a forgotten outpost of the Ottoman Empire.

A great deal of material left by these various peoples was brought to light during excavations undertaken by the EES from 1963 onwards. As more and more of this material is being published, the moment has come for a critical overview of the work. This conference is intended to be a first step towards a synthetic study of Qasr Ibrim's role in the history of North-Eastern Africa. The meeting will focus on the role of Ibrim as an intermediary between North and South, and the profound cultural and religious transformations that marked the region throughout its long history.

On the Friday evening a public lecture on "5000 years of cultural continuity and change in Nubia" will be given by Professor W.Y. Adams in the shade of the rescued Nubian temple of Taffeh, at the National Museum of Antiquities.

This event is organized by the Department of Egyptology of Leiden University and the Netherlands Institute for the Near East, Leiden. Joost Hagen (Leiden University) and Jacques van der Vliet (Leiden University/Radboud University Nijmegen), assisted by Carolien van Zoest (NINO) are responsible for the scientific element of the programme. The symposium is supported by the National Museum of Antiquities (RMO) and various other sponsors. The papers will be published by the Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO).

## MANCHESTER

The Northern Branch lecture programme is currently suspended pending the outcome of ongoing discussions with the University of Manchester. Members will be informed as soon as it is possible to arrange lectures again. Please address any enquiries to the London office (details on front).

# DATES for the DIARY and BOOKING FORM

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**Please send me the following tickets:**

EVENT	TICKET RATE	No. of tickets	Total £
Hieroglyphs evening classes	fee at members' rate (£100)		
	fee at non-members' (£125)		
Tell Basta seminar	tickets at members' rate (£20)		
	student tickets at members' rate (£15)		
Archives fundraising event	tickets at members' rate (£12)		
	tickets at non-members' rate (£15)		
Climate Change seminar	tickets at members' rate (£20)		
	student tickets at members' rate (£15)		
Conservation lecture	tickets - FREE of CHARGE		
Magical Spells seminar	tickets at members' rate (£20)		
	student tickets at members' rate (£15)		
	TOTAL		

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Egypt Exploration Society'. **Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.** Additional copies of this form are available from the London office on request. Please note that from August 2009 it will be possible to buy tickets online at [www.ees.ac.uk](http://www.ees.ac.uk).

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FRONT COVER IMAGE CAPTIONS (from top left): Members at Behbeit el Hagar; surveying on the hillside at Gebel el Haridi, a project now in the publication phase several years after the completion of fieldwork; a quarry at Haridi; Kristian Strutt at the Amelia Projects launch; Patricia Spencer at Yetwal wa Yuksur; Campbell Price at Tell el Maskhuta; John Johnston preparing to interview Kenneth Kitchen for the Oral History Project; members visit the site magazine at Sais; the cover of EA 33; photograph taken during the 1935-6 work at the royal tomb at Amarna; Members at the private view of the new Nebamun galleries at the British Museum; archive image of Bryan Emery at Saqqara; Angus Graham and colleagues at Karnak; object card from the 1935-6 season at Amarna; Glenn Godenho gives a seminar at Doughty Mews; Excavations at Tell Basta; object card from the 1935-6 season at Amarna; door plaque at Doughty Mews; bust of Nefertiti kept in the London offices; Joost Hagen and colleagues after a lecture at Doughty Mews; Penny Wilson, Jeffrey Spencer and Mohammed Abdel Maksoud at the SCA/EES Delta Workshop; at the Birkbeck/BISI/EES 'Babylon to Amarna' day; a fragment of Oxyrhynchus Papyrus; Penny Wilson and members at Sais; Kenneth Kitchen with the painting by Amelia Edwards that he donated to the Society earlier this year; members of the KLAWS team at Karnak; a medal awarded to the Society for its contribution to the UNESCO Nubian Rescue Campaign; glass-plate photographs in the EES archives; Penny Wilson and members at Sais. For more photos of recent EES fieldwork, events and archival material please see <http://tinyurl.com/n7md23>.