



The Egypt Exploration Society

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Dear EES member,

Welcome to the second of the Society's occasional e-newsletters. It's been a busy summer for us and we thought it was about time you had some news!

FIELDWORK

The Summer months are always a quiet time for fieldwork in Egypt, however the Vice-chair, Paul Nicholson and the director of the Survey of Memphis, David Jeffreys have, in the last day or so, returned from a brief season in the Memphis/Saqqara area. Furthermore, Penny Wilson has just completed a short season recording of pottery (mostly Roman) at Sais. Brief reports on the work will appear on the news page ([here](#)) in due course.

FUTURE PROJECTS



Amelia Edwards

The first round of '**Amelia Edwards Group**' projects was announced in the [Summer mailing](#) and will be launched at a special event following the Deir el Medina study day (see below) on 25 October. We hope to see many of you at the launch, and that you will feel enthusiastic enough about one or more of the projects to make a donation to help ensure their success, whether or not you are able to attend on the day. We also hope that you will feel that all three projects – surveys in the Delta and at Karnak, and a project to record the voices of senior colleagues to create an 'oral history' of Egyptology – are worthy of your support, but if not then we'll be forced into a rethink! With the removal of the British Academy grant-in-aid the Society will be more reliant on the generosity of its members than ever before, and it is therefore essential that our projects remain interesting and valuable to you.

Thanks to the generosity of members who have contributed to the **Excavation Fund**, the Society is now in a position to offer small grants for new projects in the coming year. An advertisement inviting applications was

included in the summer mailing and circulated to colleagues at the same time, and we look forward to announcing our support of a series of new and exciting projects in the coming weeks.

Further information is available [here](#) ([Amelia Edwards projects](#)) and [here](#) ([Excavation Fund](#)).

EVENTS

Tickets for our forthcoming events have been selling well, but in most cases places are still available...



An ostracon showing one of the 'men of the gang' from Deir el Medina

There are still a limited number of tickets for the [Deir el Medina study day](#) on 25 October available; this has proven to be a very popular event and will, we hope, give the Amelia Edwards projects launch (following the lectures) something of a boost.

There are also tickets for the 'Technology' study day (13 December 2008) and Tell el Balamun seminar (22 Feb 2009) still available; 'From Excavation to Exhibition', our seminar on ancient Egypt in Museums has now sold out however.

Details of all our events including the full programme for the Deir el Medina day and application forms etc. are available [here](#). A full programme for the Technology day will be mailed to members in November.

The EES on the WEB

The Society has now engaged the services of Sitewriters of Haworth in Yorkshire (home of the Brontë sisters!) to overhaul its website. The new design will give the site a cleaner, more contemporary look, and the problems of navigation that have arisen as more and more content has been added to the current site will also be ironed out. In addition much new functionality will be built into the new design, enabling us to host our blog/news feeds, image galleries, ticket application forms (with integrated payment facility!) and more at ees.ac.uk, rather than using applications such as Tumblr and Flickr elsewhere. The team has made good progress so far and we hope to have a version of the new site up and running in the next few weeks.

tumblr.

The [news page at Tumblr](#) has been a success nonetheless with over 2,300 page views in July and August. We have clearly been impressing our hosts as well: the page was added to Tumblr's '[staff picks](#)' page in June (and is currently at the top!), which has no doubt helped to point a few more readers in our direction. The [Facebook group](#) now has over 650 members and is proving to be a very effective means of communicating, particularly with those who might not otherwise have come across the Society.

We hope that the [online application form](#) set up in August has made applying for tickets easier for members who prefer to do such things via the web, and indeed a good proportion of applications have arrived this way. It has also meant that we can more easily make tickets available to members of the Facebook group and others who are not (yet...) members. Happily, this has led to an increase in the number of non-members and students applying for tickets for our events, and we hope that some of those attending our events for the first time will become subscribers in due course as well.

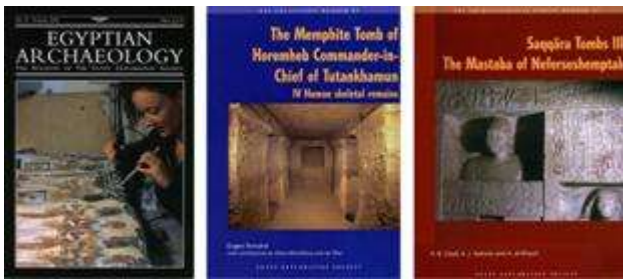
ONLINE SURVEY

The summer mailing included an invitation asking members to tell us a little about themselves and to give us their thoughts on our work and the return they get for their subscription fee, by completing an [online survey](#). The response has been very good both in terms of numbers and in the positive remarks members have made. We've also been impressed by the variety of ideas that have come forth; we have a lot to think about all of a sudden! We hope to include some of the results in a future e-newsletter.

One of the main reasons for creating the survey was to identify those among the membership who might be able to offer the Society advice in areas such as law, finance, fundraising, public relations etc., and to identify potential trustees to serve on a new Board, well-equipped to run a twenty-first century charitable organization such as ours. You should have received a direct appeal for nominations by e-mail in the last few days, but in case not, further information is available [here](#).

The survey is still open and you are encouraged to take five minutes to complete the form by clicking [here](#) if you have not done so already, and to be as voluble as you can!

PUBLICATIONS



New EES publications

Two long-awaited memoirs on work at Saqqara were published in the last few weeks. Eugen Strouhal's volume, *The Memphite Tomb of Horemheb, Commander-in-Chief of Tutankhamun vol IV: Human Skeletal Remains* includes his study of the remains of Horemheb's queen Mutnodjmet. In addition, the third and final publication of the Society's epigraphic work in a series of Old Kingdom tombs in the area of the Teti Pyramid – Lloyd, A B *et al*, *Saqqara Tombs III: The Mastaba of Neferseshemtah* - focuses on the tomb built for an official of the Sixth Dynasty who was married to a daughter of the king. A selection of photographs of the tomb is available [here](#).

Further information on both books, including details of how to order, is available from Oxbow Books [here](#) (*Horemheb IV*) and [here](#) (*Neferseshemtah*).

Lastly, *Egyptian Archaeology* 33 was published in mid-September and full members should receive their copies soon if they have not done so already.

ARCHIVE

The archives have been in constant use lately; material from the EEF work in the Pre- and Early Dynastic cemeteries at Abydos in particular was much in demand in July when several scholars took the opportunity to visit Doughty Mews during the 'Origins' conference held at the British Museum. Furthermore, the digitization of thousands of photographs in 2007 has allowed many more researchers to access the collection without actually visiting Doughty Mews in person - in the last few weeks alone we have received requests for material from researchers in the US, Spain, Australia, Israel and elsewhere, for a variety of purposes including publication in print, broadcast in a television documentary, as visual aids for university teaching, and in one case as the inspiration for an Egypt-themed tapestry!



Gebel el Haridi

Most importantly, from the Society's point of view, the documentation relating to fieldwork undertaken during the 1990s at **Gebel el Haridi**, is now being worked up for publication by Professor Salima Ikram and Dr Sarah Orel. Professor Ikram has visited Doughty Mews several times recently to review the material, and we have now digitised over a hundred photographs taken in the course of the work, so that they can be distributed easily to those involved in the project. Some of the images and a brief description of the site and work undertaken, appeared recently on the news page - see [here](#).

THANKS!

We hope you've enjoyed this second installment of our e-newsletter. As always we're very keen to know what you think of this and any other aspect of our work, so please do complete the [online survey](#) if you have not done so already or send us your thoughts directly to contact@ees.ac.uk.

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