



The Egypt Exploration Society *working in Egypt for 125 years*

Dear friends,

Summer is drawing to a close and after a relatively quiet few weeks we are looking forward to an action-packed autumn of fieldwork, events and other goings on. Despite the closure of the London and Cairo offices for summer we have been busy, and have plenty to tell you about!

NEW WEBSITE

You may have noticed the new header which we are using for this issue of e-newsletter. This new design comes from the long-anticipated new version of the Society's website which went live during August. The address remains the same so if you haven't visited us for a while please point your browser to www.ees.ac.uk.

As well as improving the overall look and feel of the site we have added a considerable amount of new functionality. There is now a [news feed](#) to which members can subscribe; this replaces the Tumblr page to which we had been posting news for the last year and which had received almost 19,000 page views over the year in which it had been in existence. There is now a much-improved photo gallery section which we will be using to provide a visual record of our various activities like the one we have been maintaining at [Flickr](#) during the last year. Members still have the facility to pay subscription fees online and it is also now possible to buy tickets for our [events](#) via the same system, something that we had begun to consider essential as our programme has grown so considerably in the last year or so. It's very encouraging to see that so many of you have already made use of this facility and we hope that those of you who are able to attend our events will find this makes the process of buying tickets much easier.

Although originally our experiments with various web 2.0 platforms were an attempt to get around the restrictions imposed on us while we developed the new version of the site, we will be continuing to make use of other platforms to get our message across to as wide and varied an audience as possible. Our [Facebook group](#) now has almost 1,300 members and having experimented with Twitter as a means of delivering content from locations as remote as Yetwal wa Yuksur and Minufiyeh Province in the Delta, [the Society's 'tweets'](#) are now read by an ever-increasing number of 'followers'.

UPDATES from THE SURVEY of MEMPHIS

We have also recently set up a feed for another of our field projects, The Survey of Memphis. Short reports on progress will be posted by Tina Paphitis, who joins the team for the first time this season. The updates will appear [here](#).

It's been a busy few months for Tina who as the Society's Junior Administrator, has not only put in an enormous amount of work at Doughty Mews particularly in the library and in connection with the sale of books on eBay, but

has also found time to finish her Master's degree in Egyptian Archaeology at UCL. Tina's time in London came to an end in August and we were sorry to see her go, but wish her all the best as she plans her next move from a new base in Oxford.

The Memphis team, led by David Jeffreys, will be conducting a short season of sediment cores at Kom Rabia to explore the presence of a sand formation ('turtleback') beneath the site of dynastic Memphis, suggested by the earlier cores recorded there as part of their work. They also hope to be able to add survey points on the Saqqara plateau to aid the recording of current excavations there.

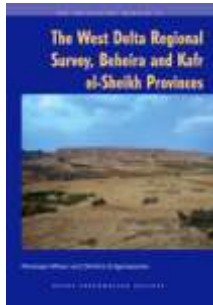
The Society's Vice-chair, Paul Nicholson, will also be in the area, leading a Cardiff University team working in the dog catacombs of the Sacred Animal Necropolis at North Saqqara. Finally, Peter French will be continuing his study of the Late Period pottery from the Society's excavations at the Anubieion, also at North Saqqara, for a forthcoming publication of this important material.

PUBLICATIONS

The latest volume arising from the Society's Delta Survey appeared during August and is available now through [Oxbow Books](#):

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.

In addition, several more publications are planned to appear over the next few months including volumes on the Late Period pottery from the Memphite Tomb of Horemheb, Early Medieval remains from Qasr Ibrim, and New Kingdom Pottery from Kom Rabia.

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

Members are reminded that any further nominations for the five vacant positions on the Board of Trustees should be received by 30 September. For further details please see [here](#).

EVENTS

Many of you will by now have seen our '[News & Events](#)' bulletin for Summer 2009 which includes details of all our forthcoming lectures, seminars and other events. Egyptian Language classes taught by George Hart have already begun and our first seminar of the autumn, on Tell Basta, the cult centre of the goddess Bastet, will also have taken place by the time many of you see this newsletter. Tickets are still available for most events but we anticipate that most seminars in particular will sell out as usual so if you are interested in coming along to any of our events we advise to book as early as possible. We hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,
The EES team.