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Dear friends,

As always it has been a very busy time for us lately and an e-newsletter is long overdue – we have a lot to tell you about!

Big Give Auction

Firstly, as part of our current campaign to raise funds for the 2010-11 Amelia Edwards Projects, why not get involved with our first ever online auction? As part of the Big Give Christmas Challenge, we have put together an amazing prize, which would make a fabulous Christmas present for a loved-one, or a festive treat for yourself!

The prize is an exclusive Egyptological experience on Monday 10 January 2011 starting in the late afternoon with a private 'behind the scenes' tour of the Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum with the Deputy Keeper, Dr Jeffrey Spencer, during which you will be able to see many of objects excavated by the EES in Egypt. In the evening you and your guest will attend the EES' private view of the amazing ['Book of the Dead'](#) exhibition at the British Museum, followed by dinner with Dr David Jeffreys of University College London, an eminent EES field director with many years of experience working in Egypt and many fascinating stories to tell. To be in with a chance of bidding for this unique experience, please visit the following link:

<http://www.thebiggive.org.uk/auction>

The auction will run from 25 November and finish on 5 December so please spread the word as widely as you can about this wonderful 'money-cannot-buy' opportunity. We want to raise lots of funds for our fieldwork in Spring 2011!



The successful bidder in the Big Give auction will be joining us for the private view of the Book of the Dead exhibition, and dinner with a Field Director, and will also be shown behind the scenes at the British Museum

Please feel free to contact Vicky via email victoria.perry@ees.ac.uk or her mobile 07899995357 for further information.

Thanks all and happy bidding!

New Research on the Amarna Period



Relief showing Akhenaten and Nefertiti discovered by the Society in 1926-7.

The Society's latest newsletter, '[News & Events Autumn / Winter 2010-11](#)' has now been dispatched to members and contains details of a study day on recent research into the Amarna Period to be held on 11 December. The Society has had a long association with the Amarna Period and in particular with the capital city of the time, and the last year has seen extensive new excavations in the Valley of the Kings, and the publication of a book alleging that the famous Berlin head of Nefertiti is a fake, while DNA analysis of a series of Royal Mummies has led to new claims about the relationships between the various famous personages. Our aim in organising this event is to provide a critical response to the recent work and to assess the current state of our knowledge of the period.

Speakers will include **Aidan Dodson** ('Will the real Akhenaten please stand up? Two centuries of Amarna research'), **Joyce Tyldesley** (Re-Writing Nefertiti: The History and Historiography of Egypt's "Most Famous Queen"), **Stephen Cross** ('An Ancient Flash Flood and Stratigraphy in the Valley of the Kings') and **Joyce Filer** ('Is it Safe to Come Out of the Coffin Yet? Royal mummies 'voice' their concerns').

Tickets cost from £25* (full price) and £15* for students and can be booked online [here](#).

*EES Members' rates.

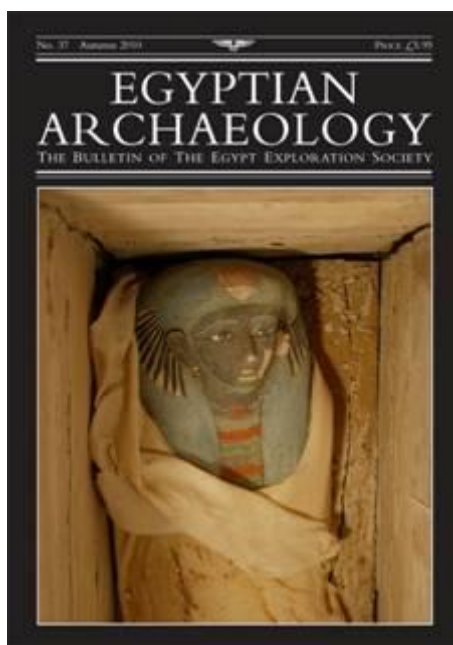
AGM, Annual Lecture and Christmas Party

The study day will be followed by the Annual General Meeting and the Society's Annual lecture, which this year will be given by **Steve Harvey** on

Recent Work at Abydos: the Tetisheri Pyramid and a new 'protective wall'

Finally, at the end of a very busy day, we will be celebrating the end of a very successful year of activities in the field in Egypt, in London and elsewhere, at our Christmas party. As always with our social events the party will give you a chance to share your thoughts and ideas with us but it will also give us a very welcome opportunity to thank you for your support during the year. Tickets are available [here](#); we very much hope you will be able to join us!

Egyptian Archaeology 37



Front cover of EA 37

The latest issue of *Egyptian Archaeology* contains the usual array of articles on recent fieldwork by EES and other teams and a full list of contents is available [here](#). For those of you who are not (yet!) EES members you can obtain a copy other by becoming a subscriber (strongly recommended! – see [here](#)) or by ordering one from our [online bookshop](#) for £5.95 + postage & packing.

New Events for 2011

In addition to the Amarna Period study day (see above) we have also recently announced a new series of lectures, seminars and other events for 2011. Speakers including Maria Correias, Kenneth Kitchen, Martina Minas-Nerpel, Sara Orel, Jeffrey Spencer and Nicholas Warner will be discussing a variety of topics from burial practices in the Middle Kingdom, to the continuing use of mudbrick for construction in modern times, the location of Punt, and the beginning of Roman rule in Egypt. Full details of all our forthcoming events are available [here](#).

The Latest from Quesna



The drill core team on the last day of work at Kom el-Ahmar, part of the work in the Quesna area undertaken during August and September 2010.

Summer is not normally the peak season for archaeological work in Egypt of course but nonetheless, not wanting to waste any available time, Joanne Rowland spent a second 2010 season at Quesna during August and September, and again was able to post reports online as the season progressed. For those of you who haven't yet caught up with Jo and her colleagues' exploits you can still do so [here](#).

Publications

One of the most exciting developments during the last year or so has been the appointment of a full-time member of staff, Steve Partridge, to oversee the distribution of our memoirs, *Journal* and magazine. And Steve has been very busy: in the last few months the Society has published eight Excavation Memoirs, issues 36 and 37 of *Egyptian Archaeology*, vol. 95 of *The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*, and *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri* vol. 75. To purchase any of these titles or to browse the Society's extensive back catalogue please visit our online bookshop www.ees-shop.com

For some time we have been considering an exciting opportunity to develop the Society's publications programme by publishing more mainstream Egyptology books. As well as continuing to publish our scientific reports, we're also hoping to build on the Society's long history of excavation and research in Egypt by making our discoveries accessible to a wider audience of readers. Currently, we are still at the stage of gathering ideas and would like to invite you, our members, as potential readers, to offer your suggestions as to the types of books you think the EES should be publishing. Everything from particular topics or themes to the format of the books themselves is up for discussion and we'd really value your ideas and suggestions! Please send your thoughts to Steve by Email: steve.partridge@ees.ac.uk

Jute Bags

Those who attended the Third British Egyptology Congress (See *EA* 37, p. 4) will know that the Society is now selling EES-branded jute bags. They are stylish and certainly practical – we found them to be an excellent means of transporting books to Manchester from London for the EES North event on 23 October! – and they also serve as an excellent advert for the Society! The bags are on sale for £5 (plus postage & packing): to place an order please contact Steve (steve.partridge@ees.ac.uk) or pick one up next time you visit Doughty Mews.



One of the new EES jute bags

Amarna Film

As many of you may know the Society's archive contains some fascinating film footage of excavations at Amarna in the early 1930s. A selection of clips focussing on the expedition director John Pendlebury have now appeared online [here](#), and more is to follow. An article on the footage and how it came to be shot has also been published in the latest issue of [KMT](#).

New Acquisitions for the Library

The budget for purchasing new material for the library continues to be bolstered by the proceeds from second hand book sales, however, acquiring large numbers of books to add to the steady trickle that we acquire continually through exchange and gifts from colleagues etc. had become impossible in recent months as shelf space had almost completely run out. During September a series of bookcases on the ground floor were reorganised by Thomas Booker resulting in the addition of fourteen new shelves' worth of space. Since then we have purchased a great number of new books all of which have now been catalogued and are available for consultation. A full list of titles acquired in the last few months is now available [here](#).



Thomas Booker in the midst of moving thousands of books in order to create new shelf space in the Society's Caminos Library.

The Society's [library](#) is a first-class academic resource and we remain committed to ensuring that it remains up-to-date and as comprehensive as possible, and fortunately a steady stream of donated second hand books, is helping to ensure that we have funds to do so. A very good selection of second-hand titles is currently available at the London office, and includes the Egyptology books formerly in the possession of Win Exley, a long-standing supporter of the Society, who passed away recently (see *EA* 37, p. 6). Please feel free to drop in and take a look.

The library is open to all members of course; non-members are also welcome to visit us to consult the collection. If you, or any of your friends, colleagues or students would like to arrange to come and see the facilities please drop us a line (details below).

New Promotional Leaflet



We have recently produced a new introductory leaflet and membership application form for anyone who is interesting in becoming a member or looking for further information about our work. If you are part of an Egyptology Society and would like to help us promote our activities by circulating our leaflet among your members please get in touch with us (details below) and we will gladly send you a stock. We have only a very limited budget for publicising our work and need all the help we can get from our existing supporters. We know there is no-one more passionate than you about what we do and ancient Egypt in general and there is no-one better to help us spread the word!

Image shows: Front cover of the new EES leaflet designed by Development Director, Victoria Perry, featuring a statue of Amenhotep I excavated by the EES at Deir El Bahri and now on display in the British Museum.

All best wishes,
The EES team

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