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Review of Local Meeting at Itchen College,

Saturday 6 July

'Egypt's Silver Pharaohs: The Royal Tombs of Tanis'

by Chris Naunton



To round off our Silver Anniversary Celebrations, we welcomed Chris Naunton to a face-to-face meeting at Itchen College where he spoke about the pharaohs of the 21st-23rd Dynasties and their Delta capital of Tanis. Chris started with a very helpful summary of the 'split' from Thebes and the chronology of the Third Intermediate Period. The identification of the location of Tanis was confused by the wholesale removal of monuments from the Ramesside city of Peramessé to be repurposed in the creation of Tanis and the establishment of new burial grounds in the North.

The archaeology of the Delta is made difficult by the silting up and changing course of the Nile and its branches over the centuries, the rising water table, and the demands of modern agriculture.

Pierre Montet started work at Tanis in 1929 and in 1939 he discovered the tombs (right) of several pharaohs of the 21st and 22nd Dynasties, which contained some spectacular artefacts including the solid silver, hawk-headed coffin of Shoshenq II, (right) World War II halted Montet's work



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otherwise his finds would have made headlines worldwide.

On returning to Tanis in 1946, Montet found further tombs, including that of a General Wendebauendjed, who had been rewarded by his king, Psusennes I with some prestigious grave goods of precious metals (below).

This thoroughly entertaining and informative talk, making sense of a very



confusing period of Egyptian history, was made an even more enjoyable experience by being shared with friends we had not seen for years! The one disappointment was that some people, who had booked for this talk, had to drop out at the last moment, though, it has to be said that we were up against a veritable tsunami of sporting events vying for attention.

We hope to see more of you at our next Local meeting – watch this space for details.

Hilary Wilson

AGM 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Southampton Ancient Egypt Society will be held, by Zoom on:

Thursday 19 September

18.30 for a start at 19.00

(London time GMT+1)

If you have any items you would like to see on the AGM Agenda, please contact the Secretary saesinfo55@gmail.com no later than a week before the meeting.

Please register your intention to attend this meeting (FREE for SAES Members) using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcO2orDsjGtXemLflvyLPDJ3BtVS6QdrQ>

The Secretary **Annette** is now accepting renewals of SAES Membership subscriptions for 2024-25. The basic subscription cost is unchanged:

£10 UK Member

£12 Overseas Member

Meeting fees are still:

UK £3, Overseas £4, Guest £6.

Members may choose to add to their subscriptions advance payment for ten Zoom meetings (UK £30, Overseas £40)

SAES Local meetings and occasional evening meetings will be charged separately at the single rate of £5.

The fundraising event, arranged jointly with TVAES for October, is outside the main programme and will be charged at £5 for SAES Members & £8 for Guests. Details of registration for this event will be provided in September.

Members renewing their subscriptions are entitled to a copy of our **2024-25 desk calendar** which is 'pre-loaded' with all the events confirmed so far.

Initial details of the new programme are given below.

The first Zoom meeting of our 2024-25 season will be on: Saturday 21 September 2024

(13.30 London time (GMT+1) admission from virtual waiting room from 13.45 for a start at 14.00)

'A Beautiful Death: New Kingdom Theban Tomb Decoration and Design' by Katherine Slinger



Kath discusses the decorative scheme and design of non-royal Theban tombs, and how they evolved throughout the New Kingdom. She will consider typical Eighteenth Dynasty decorative themes, identifying the importance of specific scenes and their location within the tomb. She will then discuss the evolution of tomb decoration and design after the Amarna Period, and into the Ramesside Period.

Dr Katherine Slinger has taught Egyptian Archaeology at the University of Sheffield and Durham University and worked as an Egyptology tutor in the Continuing Education department at the University of Liverpool. Currently she is a Lecturer in Egyptian Archaeology at the University of Manchester, where she teaches on the Certificate, Diploma and MA in Egyptology. She was awarded her PhD in 2020 from the University of Liverpool, with her thesis *'Tomb Families: Private Tomb Distribution in the New Kingdom Theban Necropolis'*.

Register in advance for this meeting using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduqqrj4sHNBvsCtrRBExP2oXMNGAu5>

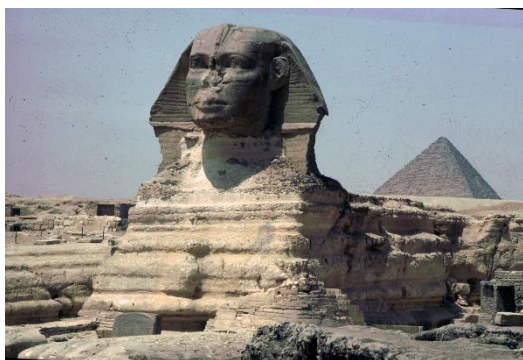
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Saturday 19 October 2024

**Joint fundraising event with
Thames Valley Ancient Egypt
Society**

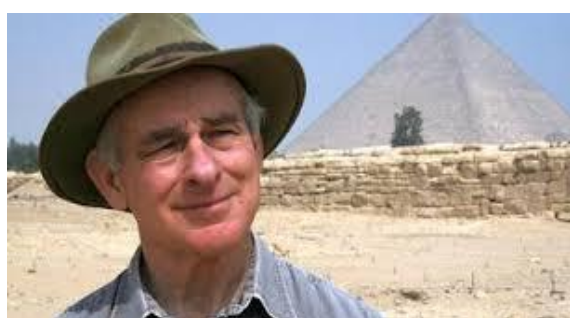
'The Archaeology of the Sphinx'

by Mark Lehner



The talk will highlight understandings of the Sphinx gained from the Sphinx Project sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) between 1979 and 1983.

All fees received for this event will be donated to AERA (as described below) to fund the field schools which contribute to the training of Egyptian archaeologists.



Mark Lehner is the Director of Ancient Egypt Research Associates, Inc. (AERA), an American nonprofit organization to promote Egyptian archaeology. He received his PhD in Egyptology from Yale University in 1991. Lehner is an Associate at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago. During forty years of archaeological work, Lehner mapped the Great Sphinx and Giza plateau and

discovered the Lost City of the Giza Pyramids. AERA sponsors annual excavations of the pyramid builders' settlements near the Sphinx and Pyramids with an interdisciplinary and international team of archaeologists, surveyors, geochronologists, botanists, and faunal specialists who focus on the everyday lives of ancient Egyptians. Since 2005 AERA has directed archaeological field schools to train young archaeologists working for the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities at Giza, Luxor, and Memphis on behalf of the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) a consortium of U.S. universities and museums. Lehner's research interests include settlement archaeology; archaeological method and interpretation; ancient quarrying and construction; irrigation and water transport infrastructure, ancient society and economy and complexity studies applied to the social sciences.

This fundraising event, arranged jointly with TVAES, is outside the main programme and details of registration through Ticketsource will be provided in September.

The meeting fee for SAES & TVAES Members will be £5. The fee for Non-Members/Guests is £8. Anyone who would like to make an additional donation to AERA, please contact the Secretary seasinfo55@gmail.com

Details of further Zoom meetings for 2024-25 will be published in the next edition of *Hotep*. Here are just a few of the speakers we have lined up for you:

Bernadette Brady, Peter J Brand, Glenn Godenho, Jan Picton, Ed Scrivens, Chris Elliott, Paul Docherty

More information is available on the Members' Desk Calendar (contact [Annette seasinfo55@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.seasinfo55@gmail.com))

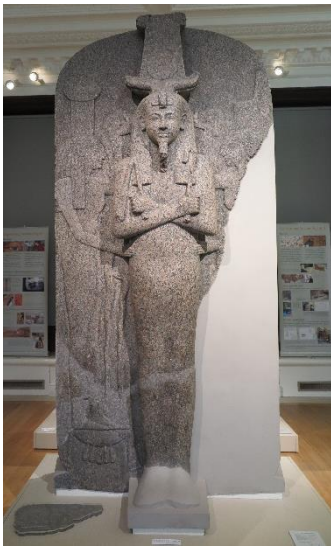
We have two SAES Local meetings at Itchen College booked for 2025. It is hoped that another will be fitted into the programme in Oct 2024.

Saturday 1 March 2025

1.30pm for a start at 2 pm

'Rameses III, King of Egypt'

by Aidan Dodson



Rameses III—often dubbed the “last great pharaoh”—lived and ruled during the first half of the twelfth century BC, a tumultuous time that saw the almost complete overthrow of established order in the eastern Mediterranean, and among Rameses’s achievements was the preservation of Egypt as a nation-state in the

face of external assault. However, his reign also saw economic challenges and increasing dissatisfaction, which culminated in the king’s own assassination.

Aidan Dodson is honorary Professor of Egyptology at the University of Bristol, where he has taught since 1996. A graduate of Liverpool and Cambridge



Universities, he was awarded his PhD in 1995 and was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 2003. He was Chairman of the Egypt Exploration Society from 2011 to 2016, and is the author of some thirty books, including *Rameses III, King of Egypt: his life and afterlife*, published by the American University in Cairo Press in 2019.

Saturday 7 June 2025

1.30pm for a start at 2 pm

'Reflections on Queen Tiye'

by Robert Morkot



Amenhotep III proudly proclaimed that his Great Royal Wife, Tiye, was born of provincial nobility. Despite, or perhaps because of her non-royal origins Tiye became one of the most prominent and influential of Egyptian Queens. She was mother to Akhenaten and grandmother to Tutankhamun, two of Egypt’s most famous and controversial pharaohs, but what do we really know about her, and what do we know of her

role in this important reign?

Robert Morkot is Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Exeter, where he has supervised Continuing Education courses in Egyptology. His current research is focused on the relationship between Ancient Egypt and Kingdoms of Nubia.



Booking in advance for these FACE-TO-FACE meetings is essential. To book your place and arrange payment of the £5 meeting fee, which includes refreshments, please contact the Secretary saesinfo55@gmail.com

