



## **SEPTEMBER 2020 Newsletter from Lady of Ma'at**

Hello everybody. The Committee and I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and healthy during these constantly changing times. We watch the news constantly to keep up with Government directives which change overnight, as they have again recently.

I had occasion to telephone several of our members recently and it was lovely to physically speak to them. Although the majority were healthy, unfortunately some had been quite ill or had been in hospital undergoing serious surgery. Our thoughts are with them and we sincerely hope they will

recover soon.

In recent weeks the Committee have held several meetings via email and there are steps taken that we have to bring to your attention.

1. **CANCELLATIONS** - As a Committee we have a duty of care to our members and we feel that after considering risk assessment and speaking extensively with the Mechanics Institute and the Chief Librarian at Chesterfield Library regarding the lecture theatre, it was agreed that the October and December Meetings be cancelled.
2. **MEMORIAL LECTURE** – The Memorial Lecture on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Chesterfield Library Lecture Theatre is still on the calendar. The Chief Librarian will contact me immediately if there is any change at which point I will contact members via email or for those without the facility, I will telephone you.
3. **MEMBERSHIP FEES** -The majority of members have paid in full for the 2020/21 season programme. The Committee have agreed that these Members Fees will be extended to include the 2021/22 season.
4. **THE SCRIBE** - It is hoped that the distribution of The Scribe for February 2021 will return to normal with the printing of the hard copy paper edition for those of you who are unable to receive the electronic version. In the meantime Paul Lappage will be issuing a second 'interim' Scribe in October to keep you up to date with all things Ancient Egyptian.

Thanks to Terry Wilson, our Webmaster, the Society Website has lots of interesting links for you to enjoy. Go to [www.egyptology-ssae.org](http://www.egyptology-ssae.org).

The Society is now a member of the Egypt Exploration Society 'EES Partnership Scheme'. If you are a member of the EES, and you select our Society from the

question at the end of the on-line membership form, 'Are you a member of one of our Local Society Partners', our Society will receive a 10% contribution.

Like many other Societies the EES is struggling, see the last Scribe which included the letter sent to their members.

We have also had very sad news from KMT who after 31 years has sent a letter to subscribers explaining that because of the effect Covid-19 has had on their publication; the Autumn/Winter edition will be the last for a while unless they can find the financial backing to carry on.

The good news for us is that because of the good housekeeping of your Committee over several years and Elaine Green as our Treasure we will survive and carry on into the future. Thank you everyone for your patience and support, it's very much appreciated.



*Prince Rahotep and Nofret from Cairo Museum*

Keep Safe and Keep Well  
Maasalaama  
Rhoda