



Are proud to present an illustrated Lecture on

Gift of the Gods: Animal Mummies Revealed

- Date:** Saturday, October 13th at 1.30 pm
The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.
- Speaker:** Dr Lidja McKnight, Manchester Museum
- Location:** Lecture Theatre, Chesterfield Central Library New Beetwell, Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1QN
- Admission:** Free to Members, Day-Visitor £4 on the door.
- Requirements:** No previous knowledge required, our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.
- Topic:** Gift of the Gods: Animal Mummies Revealed

The Ancient Egyptians mummified animals for a variety of reasons, however the largest group belong to those known as the votive mummies.

These votives were manufactured in very large numbers and using a wide variety of animal species, all of which are known to have had associations with the pantheon of Egyptian deities.

Very little exists in terms of documentary evidence to explain the ritual significance of animals used as votive offerings, or how the procurement and processing of animals was carried out. For this reason, our knowledge of the animal cults through which these mummies were created is limited, however the millions of mummies deposited in underground catacombs provide our best source of information to discover more about this ancient practice.

This talk will introduce the different types of animal mummies produced by the ancient Egyptians before focusing on the history and scientific investigation of votive animal mummies held in museum collections, now under study for the Ancient Egyptian Animal Bio Bank project at the University of Manchester.

The SSAE was formed in 1992 and is aimed at people in the Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire areas with an interest in Ancient Egyptian history and art.

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