



To all Members of 'The Society for the Study of Ancient Egypt'

Just a few months ago the word 'Coronavirus' was unknown to the majority of us, but now it is part of our everyday vocabulary.

Known as COVID-19, the World Health Organisation has upgraded the outbreak to a 'Global Pandemic'.

As the outbreak of the Coronavirus in the UK intensifies, necessary decisions have had to be made. The Government has asked us to stop non-essential gatherings; to avoid gatherings with friends and family wherever possible. Of course this directive changes daily.

With this in mind and to play our part to protect our community of loyal members and friends, your Committee have agreed that all Main Society Lectures including the Annual General Meeting on April 25th will be postponed for the foreseeable future.

Obviously, the latest situation effects the distribution of the April Scribe magazine. Unfortunately, the company who print our Scribe has, like many other companies had to close during the crisis. However, Paul has produced The Scribe as normal. If you are registered for a digital Scribe you will still receive it as normal. Obviously, the hard copy version cannot be printed due to circumstances beyond our control. Therefore, to try and make sure that most of our members can access the digital copy we are sending all those who have email addresses the information on how to access the digital version. Paul will send out the email advising you that the latest Scribe is ready to be accessed via his Dropbox account. He will also give easy to follow instruction on how to do this for those who have not done it before. Hopefully this will make up in small way for the inconvenience the present situation has caused. Some of you might find it difficult to access the file as it is very large and some smaller tablets haven't the capacity. We are sorry if this is the case. Please be assured that once this crisis has ended and we are able to print the next issue of The Scribe we will also print the copies of this current edition for those who have missed out this time. Please contact me (Rhoda) on 01246 276771 if you have any questions regarding The Scribe or any other queries regarding the society at this time. My sincere apologies for those of you who have no means

of accessing a computer or iPad to receive the e-Scribe. I hope you will understand that these awful circumstances are beyond our control. Your Committee want to assure you that as a member you will not miss out; although we have a full year of excellent lectures, adjustments will have to be made. The Committee will be planning a special event which will be covered by your membership for later in the year when things are back to normal. We will be contacting you all as the situation changes.

Stay informed on the latest developments released by local and national authorities or the W.H.O website at www.who.int/COVID-19 and keep an eye on all SSAE information channels: Website, Facebook and Twitter. However, I will be telephoning those of you who do not have any means of accessing social media.

So on behalf of the Committee:

Be Supportive

Be Careful

Be Alert

Be Kind and Support One Another

Stay Healthy

Rhoda Payton, Chairman