

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ANCIENT EGYPT (S.S.A.E Local Chesterfield Group)



Are proud to present an illustrated lecture on

“Ancient Egyptian Divination”

- Date:** Saturday, 14th January 2017 at 1.30 pm
The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.
- Speaker:** **Luigi Prada**, Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology at University College, Oxford.
- Location:** Lecture Theatre, Chesterfield Central Library New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1QN
- Admission:** £3 Day-Visitor cost on the door, no membership required.
- Requirements:** No previous knowledge required, our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.
- Topic:** “Ancient Egyptian Divination”

Ancient Egyptian divination was a subject about which very little was known until only a few years ago.

Recent discoveries, especially amongst papyri preserved from the later phases of ancient Egypt's history, are now revealing the importance that divinatory arts had in Egyptian society.

Divination included techniques as different as dream-interpretation, astrology, the study of the behaviour of animals, and many others, and all had the purpose of interpreting natural phenomena as signs foretelling events to come.

This talk will give an overview of this material, also showing a number of texts and artefacts only recently discovered in museum collections and that remain still unpublished.

The SSAE was formed in 1992, primarily for people in the Chesterfield, Nottingham and Derby areas with an interest in Ancient Egyptian history and art.

The **SSAE local group** is self-funded and depends on door sales. The group is based in Chesterfield and organise a programme of 6 lectures a year and social/ fundraising events.

The **SSAE Main Society** has 6 lectures a year (3 in Nottingham, 3 in Chesterfield), social events and trips in the UK and abroad and produces a Membership magazine (the Scribe) 4 times a year.

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