

MANCHESTER ANCIENT EGYPT SOCIETY

February 2009 meeting

Ian Shaw will be giving a talk entitled

“The Gurob Harim Palace Project”

The University of Liverpool Gurob Harim Palace Project is an ongoing study of the urban and funerary remains at the 'harim town' of Mer-wer (or Mi-Wer) at the site of Medinet el-Ghurob in the southern Faiyum region of Egypt. The main area of settlement remains at the site can be clearly identified as the remains of an independent establishment relating to royal women (a 'harim-palace'), founded in the reign of Thutmose III (1479-1425 BC) and occupied throughout the rest of the 18th Dynasty and presumably into the Ramesside period.

Among the questions asked in the Gurob Project is the major problem of understanding the nature of the harem? The most important people appear to have been men, but what about the women?

Further work at Gurob will continue to reveal more details, not only of life in the harem but also of activity in the whole of this important New Kingdom town.

Dr Ian Shaw is the current Chairman of the Egypt Exploration Society and Senior Lecturer in Egyptian Archaeology at the School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology, University of Liverpool. He has previously excavated and surveyed at the cities of Amarna and Memphis, and the quarrying settlements at Hatnub, Wadi el-Hudi, Sikait Zubara and Gebel el-Asr, and he is currently undertaking a survey of the harim palace town at Gurob in the Faiyum. His publications include *Egyptian Warfare and Weapons* (Shire Publications, Princes Risborough 1991), *The Oxford History of Ancient Egypt* (Oxford University Press, Oxford 2000), *Ancient Egyptian Materials and Technology* (Cambridge University Press) and *Ancient Egypt: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2004).



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Sackville Street
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