

# Middlesbrough Museums

Dorman Museum

Captain Cook Birthplace Museum

## Exhibition Information

NEW  
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DORMAN MUSEUM



'Walk like an Egyptian'

16th February 2010

to

7th November 2010

### Egyptomania hits Middlesbrough

Curses, rampant mummies and alien landings. These are the legacies of the amazing culture that was Ancient Egypt. But only as portrayed by films and television throughout the last century.

The truth is however, every bit as intriguing. It is earth's longest lasting civilisation, spanning over 4,000 years. The rulers of Egypt were thought of as Gods and strangely, so were many animals. The ancient Egyptians became masters of chemistry in their efforts to preserve bodies, developed extraordinary death rituals and built huge structures unsurpassed until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. New discoveries and interpretations of their lives are being made almost daily and the controversy over the ownership of archaeological artefacts rages amongst the international museum community.

You can experience a slice of this extraordinary history in a new and unique exhibition at the Dorman Museum where you really can 'Walk Like an Egyptian'. Visit your favourite god in the holy temple or peer into a tomb containing real mummies! Find out how the Egyptians prepared for life after death and how ordinary people lived day to day. There are lots of things to do from dressing like a pharaoh, building a pyramid and embalming a body! This exhibition has something for all ages.

The museum has secured original artefacts from collections in Manchester, Aberdeen, Durham and Birmingham to add to its own material collected by Flinders Petrie who held the first professional Egyptologist post in Britain. Students from the Cleveland College of Art and Design have created the sets and interactives for this exhibition which is supported by family events, educational and activity packs as well as a free prize draw.

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