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Dear Members and Friends,

Private View of *Journey through the afterlife: ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead*

The British Museum, very kindly, has granted us a Private View of the new exhibition *Journey through the afterlife: ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead*. The exhibition opens to the general public on 4th November and our Private View is on Monday 8th November.

The exhibition, which is sponsored by BP, follows the ancient Egyptians' journey from death to the afterlife. The "Book" was not a single text but a compilation of spells designed to guide the deceased through the dangers of the underworld and ensure eternal life. Many of these beautifully illustrated works on papyrus and linen have never been seen before, and the oldest examples are over 3,500 years old. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these fascinating and fragile objects alongside superbly crafted funerary figurines, amulets, jewellery, statues and coffins.

Journey with the Book of the Dead to discover the important mythical and spiritual ideas of ancient Egyptian life and death.

There is no charge for this Private View. However, some members and guests have asked me already about making a voluntary donation, and please note that this is voluntary. For that reason I am attaching a Gift Aid Form to this flyer which can be sent back to me with your advice on attending the Private View.

The main entrance to the museum in Great Russell Street opens to us at 6.15pm on Monday 8th November and the evening ends at 8pm. For Security Reasons the museum needs to know the names of those attending so can you please return to me the slip below.

Yours sincerely

Noel Rands, Secretary

Please detach and send to 5, Brownlow Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 5JT e.mail noelrands@hotmail.com

I /we would like to attend the Private View of the exhibition *Journey through the afterlife: ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead* at the British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG:-

Name (s):

Address:

Tel/Fax/Email:

Signature:

Date:

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Gift Aid Declaration

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