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## GIVING CIRCLES

JOHN PENDLEBURY, WINIFRED LAMB *and* DIRECTOR'S CIRCLES



*“ The British School at Athens has a rich tradition of philanthropy going back over 130 years. It was founded in 1886 due to the foresight, energy and generosity of its early supporters. These included donors as diverse as Prime Minister William Gladstone, the Greek diplomat and book collector Joannes Gennadius, and the pioneering female classical scholar Jane Ellen Harrison. They had a passionate belief in studying the history, archaeology and culture of the Greek world and backed this with personal donations.*



*And that philanthropic spirit to support studies of Greece in their widest possible form and reach continues today through the donations we receive from particularly generous supporters. I encourage you to join one of our three Giving Circles, two of which are named after inspirational figures from the BSA's history. Your gift will have a powerful impact on the BSA's work. ”*

Professor Rebecca Sweetman,  
Director of the British School at Athens





# What makes us unique?

Since its foundation, the BSA has undertaken fieldwork at over 120 sites including Knossos, Mycenae, Sparta and Lefkandi, Olynthos and Chios, Melos and Ithaka. We conduct, facilitate and promote research of international excellence in all periods — from the Palaeolithic to the present — and across all humanities and social science disciplines including subjects as diverse as education, migration, society, economics and religion. Our Fitch Laboratory carries out cutting-edge research in the rapidly developing branches of science and technology that nowadays enable new kinds of discovery in archaeology.

Today the BSA is an institute for advanced research. The work of the BSA is strengthened by innovation, tradition, partnership and inclusivity. We are constantly building on our 130 years of learning and generating understanding to shape our approach to new research challenges: asking and answering pertinent questions while focusing on knowledge exchange, teaching, outreach and mentoring, all directed towards a wide, non-specialist public, and especially on the nurturing of future generations of scholars.

As a UK institution embedded in Greece, the BSA promotes and facilitates a global research agenda for the humanities, social sciences and archaeological science in Greece and its wider Balkan and Mediterranean contexts.

The importance of investing in the next generation of scholars from Greece, the UK and around the world is crucial. Our funded studentships and postdoctoral research fellowships provide critical support for the next cohort of academic leaders.











Our distinguished history brings with it a strong reputation, an excellent regional network, a superb collection of library and material resources, and a body of expertise that benefits UK and international researchers and those who engage with us as research partners.



The BSA is home to one of the world's finest libraries dedicated to Hellenic Studies, in addition to an archive of travel diaries, excavation notebooks, manuscripts and rare published works by leading philhellenes such as George Finlay and Captain Frank Abney Hastings dating back to the early 19th century. Its Fitch Laboratory is a leading centre for science-based archaeology in the Mediterranean and beyond, working at the intersection of Arts, Humanities and Sciences in a way that few institutions are able to do.



Every year close to 500 researchers and almost 1,000 students use our facilities. The BSA collaborates with over 100 institutions in the UK, Greece, throughout Europe, North America, the Middle East and Australia. This includes the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and universities throughout Greece. Our unique study collections in the Fitch Laboratory, Library, Archive and Museum are the core of agenda-setting research projects and vital for teaching and community engagement.

The BSA shares its discoveries through research-led teaching and has a programme of regular outreach with school children and displaced, unaccompanied minors to communicate ideas of a shared past through archaeology and culture. Women have played a pioneering role in the work of the BSA and we are especially proud of the Fitch Laboratory's mentorship for women in sciences.

# Why philanthropy is so important

The BSA brings together people who share a love of Greece to inspire them with the latest discoveries. It offers a living connection to both the ancient world and its archaeology, and to the rich and vibrant culture of modern Greece.

The BSA is a member of the British Academy's network of eight British International Research Institutes which promote overseas research. Just under 50% of the BSA's annual funding of £1.5 million comes from the British Academy. The remainder comes from its investments, donations and institutional sponsors demonstrating the vital role that philanthropy plays for our continued success.

As we seek to reduce our dependence on the UK government funding which comes to us via the British Academy, the importance of unrestricted philanthropic contributions is increasing.

Members of our three Giving Circles are a central part of our community and gain privileged access to the latest research on Greece and its culture. They enjoy a range of benefits including: a tailored programme of lectures (in person and via Zoom), exhibition previews, museum visits, study tours, and special events in Athens at the BSA with the Director. Informal visits to our Athens or Knossos premises can always be arranged — with reasonable notice — and as a donor you will gain a deeper understanding of our mission.

If you share our fascination with Greece, and are dedicated to supporting the BSA's wide-ranging activities to ensure their quality continues at the highest level, please join one of our Giving Circles. Those wishing to join are asked to make an unrestricted donation at one of three levels:

£200+ p.a. to join the **Pendlebury Circle**

£500+ p.a. to join the **Winifred Lamb Circle**

£1,000+ p.a. to join the **Director's Circle**

Each of these circles has a tailored package of entitlements. Unrestricted charitable donations are hugely valuable and ensure that the BSA can prioritise urgent projects which have the greatest need. By making an unrestricted gift you can be sure that your donation will have an immediate impact.



Cup-bearer fresco restoration drawing from Knossos. BSA Archive: Mark Cameron Personal Papers

Notebook of William Gell, c. 1802–10. BSA Archive: William Gell Personal Papers



## **The Pendlebury Circle (£200+ p.a.)**

- A tailored programme of lectures, trips and museum visits
- A monthly e-Bulletin and a twice-yearly Newsletter
- The right to vote at the AGM of the Supporters of the BSA in London
- The ability to purchase the Annual of the British School at Athens and Archaeological Reports
- Recognition on the BSA website
- Invitations to our annual Garden Parties in London and Athens
- Behind-the-scenes tours in museums and exhibition previews
- Pre-arranged private tours of the BSA to view facilities and meet staff

## **The Winifred Lamb Circle (£500+ p.a.)**

- All of the above and...
- Priority invitations to our annual Garden Parties in London and Athens
- Priority invitations to behind-the-scenes tours in museums and exhibition previews
- Option to book accommodation at the BSA, subject to availability
- An invitation to a special weekend of activities and tours held every two years in Greece hosted by the Director

## **The Director's Circle (£1,000+ p.a.)**

- All of the above and...
- Invitation to dinner at the Upper House with the Director or with the BSA Chair in London
- Pre-arranged private tour of key Athenian sites (with the Director) or of Knossos (with the Curator) with prior notice







By joining one of these Giving Circles, you will become part of a vibrant community dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and researching Greek culture past and present. Your support will help us to leverage major gifts from other individuals, trusts, foundations, government bodies and commercial organisations.

By making a significant and unrestricted donation each year, you are providing the BSA with a reliable pool of funds that the Council, with expert advice from our officers and research committees, can allocate to areas where the need is greatest. Donations will empower our award-holders to inspire others by disseminating their research through publications, creative outputs and teaching.

Donations have already improved our Athens premises to meet the needs and expectations of 21st-century researchers, artists and students; the '1821 Fellowship' in Modern Greek Studies is funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation; we have the A.G. Leventis Fellowship in Hellenic Studies and the Williams Fellowship in Ceramic Petrology; our recent campaign raised over £2.6 million to build a new 21st-century research centre and Stratigraphical Museum at Knossos.





# Captain John Pendlebury

(1904–1941) was a scholar, a soldier and an international athlete. His love of Greece, and especially Crete, was immense and his family wanted his papers to be kept in the BSA Archive.

As a schoolboy, Pendlebury visited the BSA excavations at Mycenae in 1923. This solidified his determination to become an archaeologist and, after studying at Cambridge, Pendlebury applied for and was awarded the Macmillan Studentship at the BSA for two years. In 1929 Sir Arthur Evans recognised his immense vigour and appointed him as the second Knossos Curator, and in 1932 Pendlebury completed the guide to the Stratigraphical Collection.

With the outbreak of World War II, Pendlebury returned to Crete as British Vice-Consul in Heraklion. Manolaki Akoumianos, Evans' Cretan foreman at Knossos, said of him: *"...[he] knew the whole island like his own hand, spoke Greek like a true Cretan, could make up mantinades all night long, and could drink any Cretan under the table."*

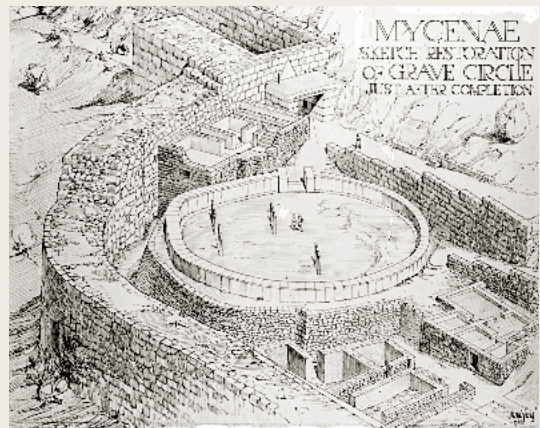
As a Captain in Military Intelligence, Pendlebury resisted the German invasion. He was wounded in battle outside of Canea Gate in Heraklion, taken prisoner and deposited in a local house for treatment. A new German unit arrived the next day, searched the house, and then took him outside and shot him. He is now buried in Souda Bay War Cemetery and his grave bears Shelley's quotation:

***"He has outsoared the shadow of our night."***



John Pendlebury on the steps of the BSA. BSA Archive: John Pendlebury Family Papers

Artist's reconstruction of Grave Circle A, as it appeared at Mycenae c. 1200 BC. Drawing by Piet de Jong, *Annual of the British School at Athens* 25: plate XVIII





Left to right: Mary A. B. Herford (later Mrs Braunholtz), Winifred Lamb and Lilian Chandler (later Mrs Batey) on the Finlay Balcony in c. 1921. They were the first female students to reside in the BSA Hostel as women were not allowed to reside there until the winter of 1920. BSA Archive: Winifred Lamb Personal Papers

Winifred Lamb and Jean Mitchell at Thermi, Lesbos. BSA Archive: Winifred Lamb Personal Papers



## Winifred Lamb

(1894–1963) was a pioneer for women in Archaeology: an art historian and museum curator who specialised in Greek, Roman, and Anatolian cultures and artefacts.

From 1913 to 1917, Lamb studied at Newnham College, Cambridge, specialising in Classical Archaeology. She then served in a hospital for soldiers and in January 1918 joined 'Room 40', the cryptanalysis section of the British Naval Intelligence Department, where she deciphered coded messages sent to German submarines.

Joining the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, she spent the greater part of her career there as the Honorary Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities from 1920 to 1958. In this post Lamb broke new ground as few women had held such a curatorial position in British museums. Throughout her time at the Fitzwilliam, Lamb also worked as an archaeologist in Greece and later Turkey.

She joined the BSA in 1920 and took part in excavations at Mycenae led by BSA Director Alan Wace where she was responsible for the excavation of the Palace and the tholos Tomb of Aegisthus. During the 1920s and 1930s, excavations followed at: Sparta, Vardaroftsa near Thessaloniki, Sarátse in Macedonia, on Chios, in Anatolia and at Thermi on Lesbos. Her publication on the latter site resulted in the award of a Doctor of Science degree from Cambridge in 1940.

During World War II she worked for the BBC's European Intelligence Unit firstly in the Greek section and then the Turkish, preparing bi-monthly intelligence reports and briefing journalists. In October 1944, Lamb was seriously injured when a V2 rocket hit her lodgings in north London.

Lamb was a founding member of the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, and served as its honorary secretary from 1948 until 1957, when she became its Vice President. She retired from her post at the Fitzwilliam Museum in 1958. She left her library and excavation papers to the BSA in the 1960s. In one of her diaries she wrote that 'Archaeology is a wonderful life'.



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