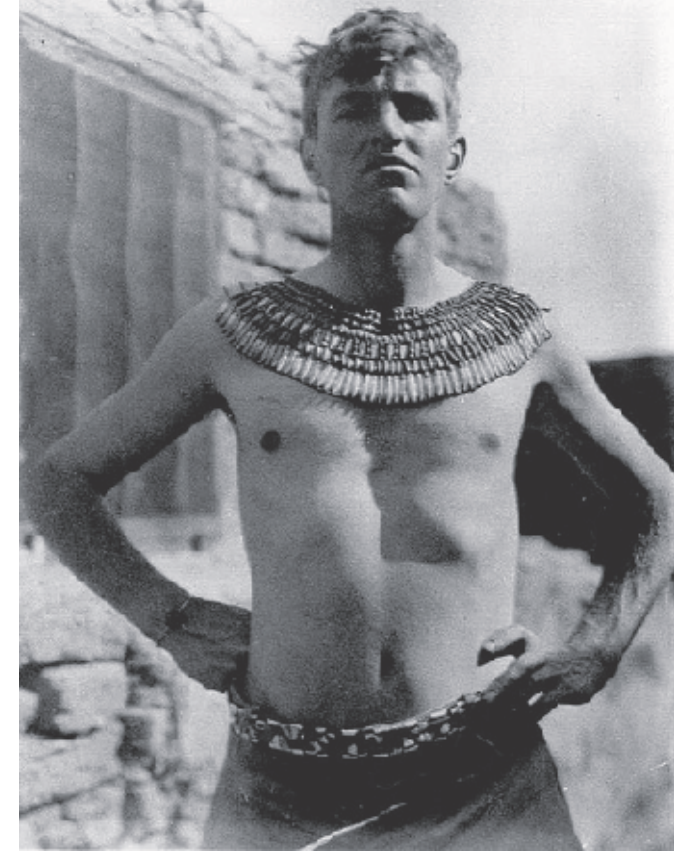


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April 2009 meeting

Rosalind Janssen will be giving a talk entitled “The Golden Boy: J.D.S. Pendlebury at Amarna”

This talk comprising a Powerpoint presentation, the use of cassette tapes, and a practical activity will examine the extraordinary life of the buccaneer adventurer John Devitt Stringfellow Pendlebury (1904-1941). The late Dr. Dominic Montserrat criticized the several romanticised accounts characterising Pendlebury as 'a golden boy', citing among them Rosalind's own contribution! Using photographs, oral reminiscences, and archival material we will attempt to unmask Pendlebury as dig director at Amarna in the 1930s, and in so doing discover the legend behind Dilys Powell's "fine athlete, gifted scholar the hero, you might say, of a romantic novel". We conclude with Pendlebury's wartime exploits, and examine some rare Nazi propaganda material. Why did rumours abound that Hitler refused to rest until the Cretan archaeologist's glass eye was resting on his desk in Berlin?



Rosalind Janssen is Senior Honorary Research Fellow, UCL Collections, University College London. She was previously Lecturer in Egyptology and before that a curator at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, UCL. She now teaches Egyptology for Birkbeck and the WEA. She has long been interested in the history of Egyptology, particularly in the use of oral reminiscences. In 1993 she published *The First Hundred Years: the centenary volume of the Egyptology Department at UCL*. A few years later she interviewed three people only one of whom is still alive who had worked with John Pendlebury at Amarna in the 1930s. This resulted in two scientific articles. Together with her husband Jac. J. Janssen, she is the co-author of *Growing up and Getting old in Ancient Egypt* (2007).

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