

# B U L L E T I N

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### **SEASON 2009-2010** **BULLETIN No. 5 – March 2010**

Dear members,

After a winter with lots of snow and ice the committee is sure you are looking forward to our lectures this spring which will take place on **11 March, 14 April and 21 May**.

In spite of the weather an amazing number of members and guests braved the wintry weather on 9 February and attended Roy Skan's lecture on the English Language in De Lindeboom, Schalkhaar.

On **Thursday, 11 March Louise West** will be speaking to us on  
*Living with Jane Austen's legacy at Chawton.*

#### THE SUBJECT

The talk covers how the staff at Chawton (which Louise West is part of) works to pass on Jane Austen's legacy at the museum and will include the work they do with educational groups, particularly schools. This talk will also include how the museum displays and objects are used. The talk will touch on interesting and sometimes famous visitors and include a couple of readings from the novels.

#### THE SPEAKER

Louise West was educated in Cheshire, then went to college in London and took a degree

in English Literature. After that she began her career in museums, first as a volunteer in Chester and Manchester, then as a paid employee for Hampshire Museums. There she was employed with making an archaeological and biological record of the county of Hampshire.

Louise then had her four children and returned slowly to work doing adult education courses in English Literature. When she was forty-one Louise took a Masters degree in Museum and General Education. Following that she worked freelance for several years before coming to Jane Austen's House in 2002.

**Date: Thursday, 11 March**  
**Subject: Living with Jane Austen's Legacy**  
**Speaker: Louise West**  
**Venue: De Horst, Kerkstr. 5 Deventer**  
**Admission: members free**  
**students € 3.00**  
**guests € 7.00**

### A WARM WELCOME

The committee would like to extend a warm welcome to *Mrs Lotte Reizevoort* of Deventer who recently joined our branch. We hope she will enjoy her membership and will soon feel at home with us.

### LOOKING BACK

At our February meeting with Roy Skan we welcomed a good number of members and guests at De Lindeboom, Schalkhaar. Roy gave a lively and humorous account of the development of the English language though it was a little disappointing he did not say more about the Dutch influence.

All in all, in spite of a room filled to overflowing, we had a good time together.

### 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GNE

GNE's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year will be celebrated with a National Day in Apeldoorn on 24 April.

By now you will probably have received an invitation from the National Committee to take part.

The attractive programme consists of two lectures on Shakespeare, a lunch at De Keizerskroon, a talk by the British Ambassador, *Mr Paul Arkwright* and a Royal Tour of Het Loo Palace. The day finishes with a concert.

For details please see your invitation which has reached you by e-mail or by post.

Closing date of entry is 1 April.

Costs € 39.50 with a **museum jaarkaart**

This National Day is very near home so this is an excellent opportunity to meet members of other branches!

### THE FUTURE OF GNE

There are some concerns about the future of GNE nationally. The The Hague Branch has recently ceased to exist through a shortage of committee members. No such problems exist at our Deventer Branch we are happy to say.

But there are a number of vacancies in the National Committee and the very important Programme Committee which organizes the visits of British speakers to GNE branches.

Fortunately this will not have any immediate consequences for the next season but in the long run there are worries about how to continue. The National Committee is currently thinking about it. A Programme Committee *new style* is being set up and we are confident they will succeed in finding ways to select the qualified and interesting lecturers we are used to.

Our thanks go to Gail Scarisbrick and Carol and Joop Brettschneider who have provided us with so many good speakers and interesting topics for many years.

### BBC-GNE AWARDS

The preliminary rounds of the Public Speaking Competition for students of secondary schools are under way again.

On **Saturday 6 March** a preliminary round will be held at the Gymnasium Celeanum, Zoom 37, 8032 Zwolle, starting at 1.30 pm. Volunteers from our branch will be there to help out.

If you would like to be present, you are very welcome. There is no entrance fee. It is inspiring to see and hear young people give speeches on set topics. The final will be on Saturday 10 April in Amsterdam.

This year's topics are:

- Social networking: Keeping in touch or losing touch with reality?
- How has the internet changed your world?
- How have changes in the media landscape changed the world of entertainment?
- Real cities: How can you ensure you see the real side of a city when travelling?
- Travel: Broadening the mind or destroying the planet?
- Speculation on our future.

For more information and also on the Young Writers Award see:

[www.bbcawards.com](http://www.bbcawards.com)

THE COMMITTEE