

# B U L L E T I N

## GENOOTSCHAP NEDERLAND-ENGELAND

Eindhoven Branch



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Dear GNE members,

After the delightful talk of John Pilkington about his adventures in the Sahara, we have another “Arabian” talk to look forward to:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 2 April, 20.00 hrs</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Agnus Dei, Kon. Julianalaan 12, Aalst/Waalre</b>
<b>Lecture:</b>	<b>Lawrence of Arabia by Leslie McLoughlin</b>

The speaker will investigate the many myths and legends which surround T.E. Lawrence and will give insights based on his long experience of the area in which Lawrence operated before, during and after the First World War. Among other things Leslie McLoughlin met the Lebanese lady who first taught Lawrence Arabic, in 1908.

Leslie McLoughlin has had a varied career in the academic world but also as an interpreter, consultant, writer and broadcaster. He has spent most of his career abroad and has been an independent consultant for the last twenty years. Leslie has taught Arabic in the UK and USA. He lectures in Arabic to Arab audiences for the British Council in countries such as Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman. Leslie has also acted as interpreter to HM the Queen, Prime Ministers and the British Government. He was a consultant on Arabic Language to the Lokerbie Trials in Kamp Zeist. Leslie is a frequent broadcaster in Arabic on radio and television, including for the BBC and Al Jazeera.



For more information on T.E. Lawrence and some interesting links, see the reference in Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T.\\_E.\\_Lawrence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T._E._Lawrence)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 29 April, 20.00 hrs</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Agnus Dei, Kon. Julianalaan 12, Aalst/Waalre</b>
<b>Lecture:</b>	<b>A glimpse of Chatsworth by Christine Robinson</b>



Chatsworth is one of the finest stately homes in England, with a rich history dating back to the Elizabethan period, and a particular link, we think, with Holland, since it was the fourth Earl of Devonshire who brought William and Mary across from Holland to take the English throne in

the Glorious Revolution of 1688. William and Mary thanked the fourth Earl with the Dukedom of Devonshire, and ever hopeful of a visit from the monarch, he rebuilt Chatsworth on the strength of it, and gave us the magnificent House we have today - a House which is also still very much a family home. This illustrated talk covers all aspects of the House and how it is cared for; winter and summer, behind the scenes and "public", and some of the special events and parties hosted at Chatsworth over the last few years.

With a degree in History, Christine Robinson took on the role of Housekeeper for the visitor route at Chatsworth in 1981, and she has seen many changes over the years, as Chatsworth has grown to become one of the most popular tourist attractions in the country. Her own role within the enterprise has developed to that of Head Housekeeper and Head of Visitor Welcome, so that she now has the pleasure of ensuring a warm welcome for all the many visitors, and making sure that the House is fit for them to see.

### **Road works Koningin Julianalaan**

Please note that from 31 March to 17 July, Koningin Julianalaan (up to the intersection with Raadhuisstraat) in Aalst / Waalre will be closed for road works. Alternative routes will be sign-posted, but please allow extra time when travelling to the Agnus Dei church for our next two lectures.

### **End of season event**

The date for our end of season event has been set. Please mark Saturday 23 May in your calendar. The details of this special event will be published in our next bulletin, but be assured that this is something that is not to be missed!

## In Memoriam

In January Mrs O.J.G. van der Lande-Wolters passed away. She had been a member of our GNE branch for a very long time and she will be sadly missed.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the next two talks and please don't forget to mark Saturday 23 May in your calendar for our annual end of season event!

The committee

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## Successful Preliminary Round BBC-GNE Awards in Eindhoven on 14 February



Where would we be without the great help of these wonderful people? You will no doubt recognise quite a few volunteers among them from our own branch. I would like to thank them again for all the good work for the benefit of the young competitors. At the first round of the speaking competition in the Lorentz Casimir Lyceum there were also a number of very enthusiastic GNE supporters, some of whom have already offered help next year. Five of the thirteen preliminary heats were set up with the kind and hospitable help of Lorentz Casimir Lyceum. Forty candidates from Winschoten to Middelburg, Fifteen judges and five timekeepers, six volunteers and an audience of almost a hundred people. The supporters from Eindhoven could be more than satisfied with the result, because four candidates from the Eindhoven schools went to the semi-finals.

If you wish to keep informed of further results in both the speaking competition and the writing competition, you can read all about it, see the photos and even get a glimpse of the eight best articles on the BBC-GNE AWARDS website: [http://www.bbcawards.com/2009/photos\\_prelimeindhoven.html#](http://www.bbcawards.com/2009/photos_prelimeindhoven.html#)  
And of course you are welcome at the finals in Amsterdam on 28 March. You can find all the information on the above website or just phone me.

Thanks again and looking forward to seeing you at the exciting finals.

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Your Chairman & Member of the BBC-GNE Workgroup