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SEASON 2008-2009 **BULLETIN No. 7 – May 2009**

Dear members,

This must already be our last bulletin of season 2008-2009. So far this season has been quite satisfactory with good talks and good turn-outs. Unfortunately the committee regrets having to inform you that our last talk, that of 11 May by Peter Goddard who was going to speak on “the Jurassic coast” cannot take place. Mr Goddard has decided to cancel his GNE lecturing tour in May.

However, the committee is very happy to have found a suitable replacement for him. In his stead *Janneke van der Brugge* will be talking to us on **Gardens in Cornwall**. The talk will be in English as usual.

THE TALK

Because of the mild climate in Cornwall, caused by the warm Gulf Stream from Florida and lots of mild rain, many magnificent gardens are to be visited in this county. Plants are lush and in many cases even subtropical. Thoughts of South Africa or even New Zealand come to mind.

Janneke van der Brugge will start her talk with a short introduction about the garden and its plants in May in a general sense. She will draw special attention to the creative way the English have of naming their garden plants. Her talk will also include some famous English poems on nature.

THE SPEAKER

A professional gardener by origin, Janneke van der Brugge has diversified into many directions. Besides designing, laying out and advising on private gardens, she also organises excursions in this country and she is a travel guide on garden trips to England, Scotland and Ireland.

Janneke worked as a gardener in the famous **Wisley Gardens**, in Surrey for a year. She gives talks throughout the Netherlands to all sorts of groups and organizations. She has also written a book containing stories on plants entitled: “*Van Klapproos tot Meizoentje*”.

Also see: www.joyousgarden.nl

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| <p>Date: Monday, 11 May 8 pm Speaker: Janneke van der Brugge Subject: Gardens of Cornwall Venue: De Horst, Kerkstr. 5 Deventer Admission: members free guests € 5.00 students € 3.00</p> |
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LOOKING BACK

The talk on Chatsworth House on 22 April had an excellent turn out. Christine Robinson, head housekeeper, gave us a look behind the scenes and how it is run. Originally an Elizabethan house it is still privately run by the Duke of Devonshire and his family. Capability Brown laid out the gardens and redirected the river Derwent for maximum effect which any visitor to the house approaching from the hills will agree.

Over the past twenty years many restorations have taken place. After the lead on the roofs had been renewed, the damp was gone and the stunning, painted ceilings could be restored.

To make the estate and its upkeep financially viable, parts of the House can be rented for use as a film set, the Antique Road Show has filmed there, even a fashion show was staged there recently.

The late 11th Duke of Devonshire clearly loved to throw a party. On several occasions such as his 50th wedding anniversary hundreds of people, working at the Estate and outside it were invited. Employees live in a village on the estate, an idyllic but almost feudal situation.

Our audience highly appreciated this talk!

PROGRAMME 2009 -2010

The committee is very pleased to be able to inform you at this early stage about the lecturing programme for 2009 – 2010. **The National Programme Committee** has again succeeded in offering all GNE branches a varied and attractive programme, we think.

Next season's programme of GNE Deventer is as follows:

Monday 14 September 2009 – Annual General Meeting with film.

Monday, 12 October – *John Sutton*
Subject: "Paint me Warts and all": The Portraits of Oliver Cromwell

Wednesday, 18 November – *Heather Woodward*
Subject: Rudyard Kipling and Bateman's.

December, Christmas Event

The Committee is working on it!

Tuesday, 9 February – *Roy Skan*
Subject: The English Language, emphasising its debt to Dutch.

Thursday, 11 March – *Louise West*
Subject: Living with Jane Austen's legacy at Chawton.

Wednesday, 14 April – *Jill Collinge*
Subject: Time Gentlemen, Please – the origin of Pub Signs.

Friday, 21 May – *Michael Daley*
Subject: Holkham Hall (situated in Norfolk)

END-OF-SEASON EVENT

We would like to remind you of our end-of-season event to be held at the old town-centre of **Doesburg** on **Saturday, 6 June**.

Programme:

11.30 Welcome with coffee and cake at the oldest café of the Netherlands: restaurant De Waag, Koepoortstraat 2.

12.00 Visit to the Mosterdmuseum, Meipoortstraat 43, at a few minutes' walk from De Waag.

13.00 Lunch at Het Zesde Zintuig, opposite De Waag.

Lunch will include:

Soup, a generously garnished role

Sundae ice-cream

A soft drink is included

14.00 After lunch we will proceed to the Gildehof, a square full of atmosphere where some workshops are situated, such as **Glasatelier Jevaba**, where glass decorations, stained glass and Tiffany-style items are made.

End of event approximately 14.30.

Costs: €23.50 for members and guests. Payable at our next lecture or to account number 3158375, Pen Genootschap Nederl-Engel afd Deventer. (no dots or commas!)

The Committee wishes all members a very pleasant summer and hopes to see many of you on 11 May and 6 June! Please note there will be a seasonal sale of books at **fancy prices on 11 May!**