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## **2009/2010 Programme of the Limburg branch of the ANGLO-DUTCH SOCIETY:**

**11, 12, 13 September: Scottish weekend in Alden Biesen, Bilzen (Belgium):** Pipeband competitions, (mini)highland games, market stalls, Celtic music groups etc. Tickets at 10 – 13 euros per person per day. [Further details : [www.scottish-weekend.be](http://www.scottish-weekend.be) ] Great atmosphere !

**Thurs., 17 September 2009: Mr Michael Daley on *'Holkham Hall'***  
The Manager of Holkham Hall, a beautiful and immense Palladian style manor house in the north of Norfolk, used as location for 'The Duchess' among other films, shall tell us about the interesting history of this house as well as what it takes to run such a hall and its estate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (illustrated presentation)

**Sunday, 20 September: AGM and Tea Party at the Treasurer's home in Geleen. From 2.30 – approx. 18.30hrs**  
*For members details shall follow in the summer newsletter.*

**Wedn., 11 November 2009: Mr Roy Skan on *'The English language and its debt to Dutch'*.**

When you start to learn a little of how English has come about you realise how much more there is to discover. This informative & entertaining talk will explore the English Language making particular reference to the influence of Dutch over the centuries.

*Roy Skan graduated from Nottingham University, served in the army and then worked for General Motors (Vauxhall) for 5 years. He was a Principal Lecturer of languages at Brighton University for 25 years. Roy also has an M.A. from Sussex University and an M.Sc from the London School of Economics. He speaks four languages and has some knowledge of three others. Since retiring he still acts part time as a tour manager on SAGA Holidays escorted trips to Switzerland for his over 50s clientele.*

**11 or 12 December 2009: joint cultural evening with IWC + GNE;**  
An evening combining international (finger)food and live musical acting themed around Shakespeare's life and legacy, shall add some sparkle to this dark December month. This event is for members (and partners or close friends) of the two clubs only ! *Special ticket price. Venue: north/east of Maastricht. Further details shall follow in the Autumn newsletter.*

**Wedn., 24 February 2010: Mr John Sutton,**

***'Hero or Villain: in search of Rob Roy MacGregor'*** Rob Roy MacGregor (1671 – 1734) has a legendary, not to say cult, status in Scottish history. Immortalised in the fiction of Sir Walter Scott and turned into a screen idol by the 1994 Hollywood film, Rob Roy is the quintessential symbol of the Highland warrior, daring and audacious and with a code of honour that made him truly heroic. Yet contrary to the popular image, the real Rob Roy MacGregor was a much more complex and flawed figure. Though he has won fame as an oppressed outlaw who was unjustly persecuted by a corrupt and vicious nobleman, the Marquis of Montrose, Rob Roy was actually a crook who swindled his creditors. Despite his macho-image as a great duelist, Rob Roy avoided sword-play as much as possible. Yet while we must abandon many long-held and cherished beliefs about Rob Roy MacGregor, his story is still a remarkable one, full of drama and excitement. This talk will therefore reveal the true man behind the myths.

### **John Sutton**

John Sutton was a Senior Lecturer in History at Anglia Polytechnic University. He specialises in the history of Early Modern England and the English Renaissance, 1558-1640; the English Civil War; and the Jacobite cause.

In 1983-84 he made a television series on Eastern England in the 1640s, entitled 'A War in the Kingdom' and it was screened on Anglia TV.

He regularly hosts historical special interest gatherings on a wide range of subjects. He has previously talked to the GNE branches on topics such as Sir Philip Sidney, Sir Walter Raleigh, Charles I and Elizabeth I. Our membership shall recall his acting abilities with a fond smile: he truly knows how to picture historic characters and events very vividly !

**Tues., 16 March 2010: Ms Jill Collinge, *'Time please, gentlemen; the origin of PUB SIGNS'*.**

'A picture is worth a thousand words' and this is certainly true of the pub signs of England.

You can learn the whole history of England from the pictures that hang outside pubs and inns, and the social and working life of its people.

**Jill Collinge** has had considerable experience in the media both in local and national Radio, TV and the Press. She has been a Blue Badge Guide since 1984, and has an extensive knowledge of the area of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland from a historic, social and architectural perspective.

This talk is presented in an informative yet entertaining and anecdotal style and is illustrated with slides.

**Thurs., 15 April: Ms Louise West, *'Living with Jane Austen's legacy at Chawton'*.**

The talk covers how we work to pass on Jane Austen's legacy at the museum and will include the work we do with educational groups, particularly schools. It will also include how we use the museum displays and the objects that we have. The talk will touch on interesting, and sometimes famous visitors and include a couple of readings from the novels.

*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 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.*

**Tuesd., 18 May: Mrs Heather Woodward, *'Nelson: the myths and truths'*. Well, for those of you who do not know Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson (commemorated by means of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, London), this is a great opportunity to find out more about him !**

**Heather Woodward** is a volunteer speaker for the National Trust in the South East of England. By profession, Heather was a teacher of French, Senior Teacher in a Grammar School and the Head of Sixth Form - all these gave her ample practice in public speaking. When she retired, she realised that she needed to keep her brain fully active and this was when she was recruited for the National Trust. Heather has enjoyed doing all the research involved with developing new talks and has much appreciated the access she has had to National Trust historical archives - not to mention the visits to so many beautiful properties. She currently speaks on a variety of subjects, mainly focusing on the social history side of the stories.

Heather also raises donations for the Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance service by speaking.

For the presentations:

Entrance fee for non-members: €5 each, students €4.

**[Due to the limited number of seats, please make a reservation → contact one of the committee members below]**

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**1 October 2009, f.a.o. Mr Hub Stevens, penningmeester-Treasurer.**