

# B U L L E T I N

## GENOOTSCHAP NEDERLAND-ENGELAND

Eindhoven Branch



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Dear GNE members,

If you are not allergic to sports on TV and you have been watching all major sports events this summer, you must by now be either square-eyed or nerve-racked with all the excitement in the vast exposure given to so many competitions in a row. In any Olympic year we are getting such a record overdose of sports footage that it should put you off them for the following four years. And now the London Olympic planning committee has happily started its programme of demolishing, digging and designing for the Greatest Sports Event on Earth. The London Olympics 2012 are going to be the first 'sustainable' Games, which means that they will provide for peoples' current and long-term needs, improving the quality of life as well as ensuring a healthy and thriving natural environment. Apart from all the flashy, promotional aspects, this is a unique opportunity to transform one of the most deprived parts of East London, and to leave a lasting social, economic and



environmental legacy for future generations. So either due to the wisdom of the planners or by pure serendipity this great event will not only offer a immense number of people both active and passive entertainment, it will improve the quality of life as well.

Hopefully your TV will be switched off at least ten times during the coming GNE-season. Lively talks by qualified English speakers on topical or fascinating subjects, social events where you can see familiar, friendly faces. Entertainment inside during the dark, cold winter evenings or out and about when spring announces itself. You must again simply make the effort and not miss any of these events. You will often find more than you were looking for. Who knows, you might even find another little Serendip in one of the GNE events. Just keep looking for them.

In good tradition, we will start the season with our AGM:

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM) + Social Evening**

**Date:** Friday, 26 September, 20.00 hrs

**Address:** Jacob Catslaan 14, Eindhoven

**(home of Mr & Mrs Deckers, our vice-chairman)**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow members of GNE Eindhoven in a pleasant, informal setting. Of course there will be serious matters on the agenda as well. As usual during the AGM we shall communicate in Dutch. Therefore below the agenda for the meeting in Dutch:

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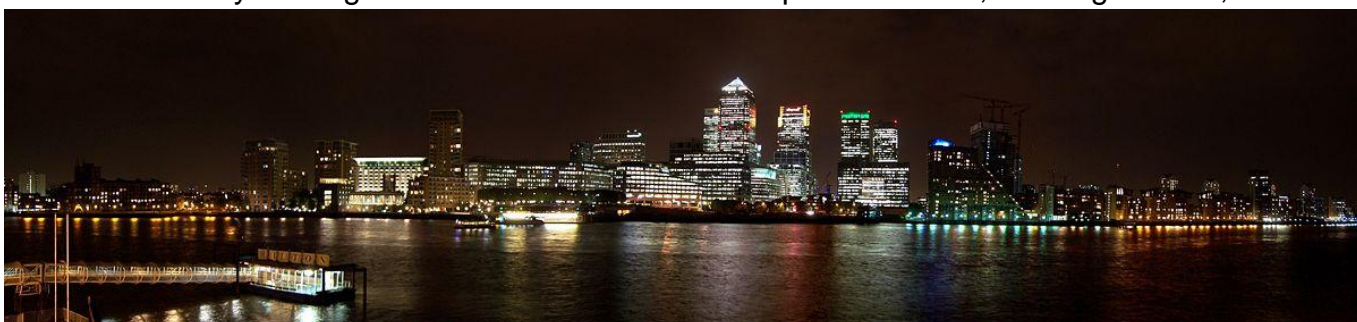
1. opening door voorzitter
2. ingekomen stukken of mededelingen
3. notulen AGM 2007
4. jaarverslagen van secretaris en penningmeester
5. verslag kascommissie
6. benoeming nieuwe kascommissie
7. begroting (o.a. afdracht hoofdbestuur)
8. contributie
9. rooster van aftreden: de beurt is aan mevr. Diny van den Ende; zij is bereid haar functie te continueren, maar het bestuur staat open voor andere kandidaten voor deze functie.
10. rondvraag en sluiting

We will start the lecture season with a special English Speaking Dinner and a lecture on The London Docks by our own GNE member Mr Gerard van der Laan.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 16 October, 20.00 hrs</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Agnus Dei, Kon. Julianalaan 12, Aalst/Waalre</b>
<b>Lecture:</b>	<b>The London Docks by Gerard van der Laan</b>

**Plus English Speaking Dinner at Listers in Valkenswaard before the lecture**

He will talk about the pre-war docks: its origins and development in the 19th century, the structure (and differences with other ports), safety measures, labour acquisition and social problems, as well as the contrast between the West End and East End. The Docks were devastated during WWII – it was an easy target, difficult to protect. After the war no reconstruction took place, partly because of the collapse of the colonial system. Redevelopment took place from 1980 onwards (the Thatcher years), completely based on private enterprise (London Docklands Development Corporation); at the time this was considered very daring if not scandalous. Developments were, among others, the



Docklands Light Railway, London City Airport and Canary Wharf.

From 2000 onwards there was more government control (the Blair years). This resulted in the Millennium Dome and the extension of the Jubilee-line. Future plans include the development of the Lea-valley for the 2012 Olympics.

Before the lecture we will have an English Speaking Dinner at Listers in Valkenswaard (Eindhoveneweg 264), for a happy start of the lecture season. If you would like to participate, please fill in the answering slip and remit the appropriate amount to our

treasurer before 1 October. The price is €27,50 for a 3-course meal including 1 drink. The dinner will start at 17.30.

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Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone nr: \_\_\_\_\_

will join the English Speaking Dinner at Listers on Thursday 16 October.

The amount due (€ 27,50 per person) will be remitted to:

*penningmeester GNE afd Eindhoven, Postbank 11.13.061, in Tilburg*

Please send this answering slip to Mrs B. van den Ende, Veerse Meer 16, 5032 TT Tilburg or send an e-mail to [b.ende@home.nl](mailto:b.ende@home.nl)

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### **HEX Festival in Heers (B)**

The festival of rare plants, roses and kitchen gardens at Kasteel HEX in Heers (Belgium, between Tongeren and Maastricht) will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September and will be open from 10.00 to 18.00. There will be exhibitions, guided walks and demonstrations on a variety of subjects. If you are interested you can find more information at <http://www.hex.be>

### **Duo Sonnetti**

On Sunday 28 September, Duo Sonnetti will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Many of you will remember Duo Sonnetti from their performance at our Christmas Party in ????. To celebrate their anniversary, Duo Sonnetti will give a musical performance at the Academisch Genootschap (Parklaan 93, Eindhoven). The performance will include piano music and English singing. The party will start at 14.00 with drinks and the music will start at 14.30. Afterwards there is an opportunity to have an English High Tea together, at the price of €15 per person. If you wish to participate, please contact Marleen Abbringh ([f.abbringh@onsnet.nu](mailto:f.abbringh@onsnet.nu) or 040-2832943).

### **National Day Arnhem**

May we remind you that the GNE National Day will be held in Arnhem on 25 October. Full details about this special day were included in the last bulletin of the previous season.

### **The Mikado**

This light opera of Gilbert and Sullivan will be performed by Thalia in Amsterdam on 2 November at 14.00. A special reservation has been made for GNE members and if you wish to see this performance, please contact Mr M. Kraayeveld ([m.kraayeveld@nmt.nl](mailto:m.kraayeveld@nmt.nl) or by telephone during the day 030-6076214). The performance will be in Dutch and will take place in the Theater Zuideramstelkanaal, Fred Roeskestraat 84 (near the Olympic Stadium). Tickets are €22,50 or €17,50 (65+).

## Membership fees

We have received the membership fees from most of our members. If you have not yet paid your membership fee, please fill in the acceptgiro you received from our treasurer or remit the appropriate amount (€ 50,- for couples, € 30,- for singles or € 17,50 for students) to: Postbank 11.13.061, Penningmeester GNE afdeling Eindhoven, te **Tilburg**.

## Programme 2007 / 2008

As it was impossible for us to find a suitable venue for the planned lecture in November, we asked one of the other branches to change dates with us. Instead of Thursday 13 November, the lecture of Andy Thomas on the crop circle mystery will not be on Wednesday 12 November. Below is a revised overview of the remaining lectures and events of this season.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wed. 12 Nov.	Andy Thomas - The crop circle mystery
Fri. 19 Dec.	Christmas Event
Tue 13 Jan.	James Probert – Political dialogue is still alive
Wed. 11 Feb.	Peter Goddard – The Jurassic Coast
Tue. 03 Mar.	John Pilkington – Heart of the Sahara
Thu. 02 Apr.	Leslie McLoughlin – Lawrence of Arabia
Wed. 29 Apr.	Christine Robinson – A glimpse of Chatsworth
May	
-	End of Season social event
June	

We hope to see many of you at these upcoming events!

The committee

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