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Eindhoven Branch



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Dear GNE members,

How many times have you been saying to yourself or to your partner 'What a pity we had to miss that concert, visit, party or, indeed, that GNE-lecture'?

These days many people are terribly busy making lots of appointments. Sometimes they wish they could simply zap to any other item on their lengthy to-do list. For the abundance of radio/TV programmes you can simply go to Missed a Show, TV-CatchUp or i-Pods through the internet. What a pity there is no such thing for our lectures or the events that you skipped or simply had to miss. In the branch committee we are regularly racking our brains over the dwindling number of people attending the lectures. It is certainly not always because there is a lack of variety in the subjects or because quality standards are dropping. Some of our best lectures were poorly attended. In September opening the season the excellent lecture on Holkham Hall, with a state of the art presentation and lively interaction, had a only very small audience. Fortunately we saw more familiar faces at the very pleasant AGM in October.

Whatever your reason may have been for not coming lately, we can only say that we have missed you. We would very much like to see many of our members again and again. Should the reason for your absence be anything we must know about, just give us a ring. It would also be great if you could bring interested friends to the lectures. We shall just keep on doing our utmost to make you all feel most welcome.

Date:	Tuesday 10 November, 20.00 hrs
Venue:	Agnus Dei, Kon. Julianalaan 12, Aalst/Waalre
Lecture:	he English Language, emphasising its debt to Dutch by Roy Skan

The history of language and how language works are fascinating. When you start to learn a little of how English has come about you realise how much more there is to discover. This informative and 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 of three others. Since retiring he still acts part time as a tour manager on SAGA Holidays escorted trips to Switzerland for his over 50`s clientele.



**GNE Christmas Party
Academisch Genootschap
Friday, 11 December 2009, 20.00hrs - 22.00hrs**

Apart from some extra 'tasty' x-mas food for thought, a song, a poem or a story, we shall of course see to it again this year that the Christmas atmosphere will be enhanced, by tea or coffee, a glass of wine or a soft drink and some irresistible titbits and delicacies.

We expect many of you to take the opportunity to come to this event, especially because we tend to make an extra attempt to find a charming musical performance and to organize another entertaining event.

Please let us know that you yourself, your partner, your friends or guests are coming by filling in the answering slip before 1 December, or by sending an e-mail to

b.ende@home.nl

We kindly ask you to remit € 12,50 (non-members € 17,50) per person, before 1 December to:

Postbank 11.13.061

Mrs B. van den Ende, penningmeester afd. Eindhoven GNE, in Tilburg



Name:

Number of persons:

Address:

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will come to the GNE Christmas Party on Friday, 11 December at Academisch Genootschap.

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At our AGM in October our chairman recited this poem in honour of Françoise Deckers, who left the committee after 12 years:

farewell to françoise

*how pleasant to have known françoise deckers
surprised us for years with lots of lekkers
a perfect hostess to many an english speaker
they all praised her, that much is quite zeker
the welcome she gave to each and every guest
could by all means pass even the strictest test
a connaisseur of culture and antiques or objets d'art
her taste for beauty surpassed anyone by far
you can bet your life her fingers are green
her garden's always a sight you to be seen
with box hedges trimmed and roses galore
and a host of flowering plants in great store
for twelve years she's been our vice-chair
fulfilled her role way beyond compare
in this respect, too, she was quite unique
i wish i could borrow some of her technique
what can we do without her in the committee
we've had to let her go, isn't that a pity?*

*how pleasant to have known this charming françoise
her stories are sparkling like bubbly framboise
at first sight this lady looks modest and shy
but when she starts telling tales, you wonder why
still, she is right, time's here to slow down a bit
wish her and pius years of staying healthy and fit*

*how pleasant to have known françoise as well as
can be*

farewell to this delightful supporter of good old gne

Jack O'Duck 07-10-'09



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