



Stichting Herdenkingsmonument Mierlo-Hout
Newsletter
4th year Volume 2
April 2018

**75th Remembrance
anniversary**

Another monument

NL-Doet

**May 4 and 5
Remembrance**

75th Remembrance anniversary

The board is already working on the preparations for the 75th remembrance festivities in 2019. We would like to include people of all ages. We have plans to have a week full of festivities from September 15 to 25 2019 and we have approached several groups to support us.

We would also like to encourage you to participate in the preparations, with ideas or for hands on work. If you are interested please let us know.

Please highlight your interest to support us or your suggestions for the week of festivities to our secretary at

p/a Binnenvoort 6
5706 GB
Helmond

Or e-mail: secretaris@monumentmierlohout.nl

For more details: www.monumentmierlohout.nl

We will keep you informed through the newsletter.



Logo 75th remembrance anniversary

Another monument

This time the monument is a small village called Helenaveen; known for the recovery of a Golden Helmet June 17th 1910 and for the different canals created due to the peat industry.

What is less known is that many villages in the Peel area were confronted with a church raid at the end of world war II

October 8th 1944 the German troops besieged the churches in dozens of municipalities in the Northern and Middle of the Limburg province. When the service was over, they arrested all men and boys. They were transported to Germany to work for them in their factories as their own men and boys were sent to the front lines to fight.

Helenaveen is the only village in the province of Brabant that was affected by this raid. The Germans arrested 143 people, which is a large number for such a small community. Helenaveen also had the highest rate of people who died amongst the deported, 26 men in total did not return alive.

While we were liberated September 22nd 1944, Helenaveen was only liberated November 21st 1944, which is 2 months later and not commonly known.



Monument: "Hunter who killed the hog"
Remembers the civilian victims of the raid in Helenaveen
Revealed : 1956
Text on the statue: "October 8 1944"



Monument: "Deportation triangle"
"For the remembrance of the inhabitants of Helenaveen that died
as a consequence of the deportation or war, 1940 – 1945"

Roll up your sleeves!



Together with the children of the 8th grade of the Jorisschool, we rolled up our sleeves on March 9th. We completed different chores around the remembrance monument and the remembrance stone in the Slegersstraat. Everything looks new again.

Afterwards our chairman handed over a certificate to teacher Arja, as token of appreciation. The children were treated to a drink.

This 8th grade accepted the adoption year 2017-2018 a.



May 4 and 5 Remembrance



The 2018 remembrance is marked by the “Year of Resistance”



During world war II the law was ignored. We were in a time of prosecution, terror and murder. Most of the people still tried to make the best of their lives by trying to live their life as they did before. A small group formed the Resistance and defended the rights of others and fought what was wrong.

Why did people join the Resistance ? How dangerous was joining the Resistance ? What choices did they have to make ? What can we learn from that ?

Does this era also ask for people to stand up and advocate for other peoples rights ? What does this mean for our free, open and democratic surroundings ?

These historical and present-day questions are central during the Year of Resistance.

The interest in world war II is big. Not just for the generation that has been going through the war, also for those that were born after the war. Knowledge about the war helps to better understand the current world we live in. It gives insight in the start of wars and the many refugees as a result of a war. It also provides insight in the tension in the world around us and the consequences of that for the relationships within the Netherlands.