



Stichting Herdenkingsmonument Mierlo-Hout
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10 years memorial monument

Festivities went well!

Whether or not the festivities could continue for 77 years of liberation, was a big question for us as board of the foundation.

In August, all organizations within Helmond were given the green light to continue their commemoration.

However, there were still restrictions to comply to regarding the COVID-19 safety requirements of Region Brabant South East.

Through indicated places and the deployment of four corona coaches, we met the requirements set by the government.

On Saturday evening, September 18, a delegation of participating Peel municipalities collected the liberation fire in Eindhoven.

Then the fire was stored for one night in the St. Nicholas Church in Meijel.

On Sunday afternoon, September 19, the organization was in the hands of the municipality of Meijel.

After the liberation fire was handed over at Vesting and Belfort Vossenbergh, by Chaplain Roger Maenen to Mayor Delissen-van Tongerlo of the municipality of Meijel, various speeches and music were played. Subsequently, the liberation fire was handed over to the mayors of the participating Peel municipalities.

The fire was brought to the different locations in the region by various groups of runners.



F I H.Raaijmakers

That evening the freedom fire was transferred by HAC runners to the St. Lucia Church where it was received by our entire board and it was lit on a special candle. Here the freedom fire continued to burn until Wednesday afternoon 22 Sept.



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This year OBS 't Hout is the adoption school for 2021-2022.

As usual this year we also visited War Cemetery Mierlo with the children of the 3 classes group 8.

After the children were picked up by old military vehicles, it was first Mario Coolen's turn to give the children an explanation at the monument.



Then the whole group went via the Slegersstraat, where a small monument is located, to War Cemetery Mierlo.



In other years, the information provided at the burial site was in the hands of Ad Hermens. Given his age and the health of his wife, he had decided to hand over the baton.

Many thanks to Ad for the various guided tours in recent years.

Harrie Raaijmakers was the person to inform the children, during a tour at the cemetery, how important some fallen soldiers were for the liberation of our region.



Under the supervision of the children, the freedom fire was collected in the St. Lucia Church and ignited at the monument around noon.



**The evening commemoration started with a memorial service led by
Pastor Pieter Scheepers**



This service was graced by a delegation from Gemert Firebrigade Pipes & Drums.



**There was also a delegation from Guild Sint Antonius Abt with their new guild king
Jelco Beekers and Queen Julia present.**



After this service, the continuation was at the monument.

The unveiling of the two new names of war victims was especially looked forward to. The same goes for the upgrade of the monument.

The plaque of the civilian victims was unveiled by relatives of Tinie Kanters (11) and Harrie Mikkers (26).

Mrs. Van de Vorst-Kanter's sister of Tinie and Mrs. Deelen-Mikker's daughter of Harrie were invited for this unveiling.



The following plaque was unveiled by a daughter and granddaughter of the late Francien Hermans-Coolen.



Impression memorial monument





On behalf of the Board of the Foundation, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to this commemoration for their contribution and presence.

Especially a special thanks to photographer Jan Dijkstra, for making the photos available.

“You pass on your freedom, we only have the monument on loan from our children”

