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Marking the 77th Year since the Liberation of Deportees from Larger Lindele

Words from the Chair, Jill Chubb, at the Memorial Plaque White Rock at 11am 23rd April 2022.

On behalf of the Guernsey Deportees Association, I would welcome to this ceremony Canon Christopher Routledge, the German Honorary Consul Chris Betley and his guest from Biberach Germany, Mona. Also of course, we are pleased to see Tom Renfry past chairman of the Association for 22 years and last, but not least, Deportees, family and friends. I would also like to mention my good friend Heather who made the beautiful flower arrangements which will be laid at the end of our memorial service along with your own personal flowers of remembrance.

We are gathered here this morning to remember and honour the people who were deported from Guernsey in WWII men women and children and especially those never to return home again to see family or friends or these beautiful Islands. We also remember the people who died subsequently as a result of their captivity although not named on the memorial plaque. I personally would like to honour and remember someone who's always in my heart my father John Wild. Today, St. George's Day, marks the 77th year of our liberation from the Prisoner of War Camp Lager Lindele in Biberach. The camp was liberated by the Moroccan French soldiers, and these were followed by the Americans who gave all of us children chocolates and chewing gum and rides on their Jeep, they were the first smiling soldiers I had seen, a gift from heaven, and I thank God we were liberated on April 23rd 1945.

I would now like to read a message sent from Helga Reiser on behalf of the Biberach Friends of Guernsey. *

After receiving this I also heard from Josepha Brugger, Sabine Engelhardt's successor, she also informed us that they also held their memorial service on the 22nd in order that we could have photos to show everyone at our luncheon. * I have been in touch with her thanking her very much and that they will be shown in our next newsletter.

I would now invite Canon Christopher Routledge to say prayers in remembrance for our liberation, and thanks, for our reconciliation with our friends in Biberach.

* See Page 2.

Message and Photos from Helga Reiser on behalf of The Biberach Friends of Guernsey

Biberach, April 2022

Dear Jill
and all members and friends
of the Guernsey Deportees' Association,

The Biberach Friends of Guernsey would all love to send you warm greetings and best wishes for your annual meeting on St George's Day. We sincerely hope that many from far and near can take part, as once again it is a special date for you to remember and memories to share, even if it is 80 years after the beginning of the Deportation and 77 years since the Liberation of Lager Lindele.

Many people on both sides have been looking after this tender bud of reconciliation, so that we have been able to meet in friendship for the last 25 years. Being confronted today with the terrible war in the Ukraine we are aware how grateful we must be for having lived in peace for so long.

We here in Biberach will also get together on this day and join you in our thoughts at the Linden Tree outside the location of the former camp and along the graves in the different cemeteries.

On behalf of all the Biberach Friends of Guernsey I send you very kind regards,
Yours very sincerely,



Photos of the Guernsey Deportees Ceremony at the White Rock Memorial Plaque



