



## Press release

### We commemorate the victims

#### **70th anniversary of the "Dam Busters-Raid". Commemorative event at Ederdam (34549 Edertal - Hemfurth) on 17th of May at 10:30 a.m.**

In the night from the 16th to 17th of May 1943 a famous raid by the 617 Bomber Squadron took place on dams of Ruhr and Eder. The raid had been possible due to Barnes Wallis' invention of the Bouncing Bomb. The Ederdam and the Möhnedam had been destroyed. The attack on this important industrial targets cost the life of about 1000 people - Allied pilots as well as civilians and prisoners of war. The attack also helped in the war against the Nazis.

At the Eder dam in the North of Hesse, Germany, Allies and Germans alike commemorate the attack and the victims on 17th of May 2013 as well as the victims of the aerial war in the second World War. Notices from different nations (requested) will be read, a devotional will be held and wreaths will be laid down on war graves.

For the commemorative event on the 17th of May at 10:30 at the dam we invited several guests:

Delegates from the embassies of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America; members of the German Air Force, the president of Northern Hesse as well as other local politicians; several German and international media. A short notice of welcome has been requested (a.o.) from the British Royals.

#### **About the "Sperrmauermuseum Edersee" - the Dam Busters Museum**

The commemorative event is organised by the "Sperrmauermuseum Edersee" - the Dam Busters Museum at the Ederdam. The museum was founded in 2000 and is run by the non-profit association of similar name. The museum covers the attack on the dams, background, results, victims, pilots, the aerial war and more. During the aerial war alone both Allies and Axis lost more than 240.000 men.

Another topic covered by the museum the film "The Dam Busters" - and its remake.

The well-known story, which has been turned into a movie in 1955 (nominated for an Oscar) will be remade by Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings). He has confirmed it already - last time in an interview in December of 2012.

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Additional information is available upon request.

Also: [www.dambusters.de](http://www.dambusters.de); [www.facebook.com/DamBustersMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/DamBustersMuseum)

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