

Help to keep the

Romagne 14-18 museum

open



As a result of the COVID-19 (Corona) outbreak and the subsequent closure, the Romagne 14-18 museum is in serious trouble.

As it looks now, the museum will have to remain closed for the time being. In the worst case the museum will only be able to open its doors at the end of this year again. By then, for most visitors the season is over.

Jean-Paul de Vries, who has been running the museum in his characteristic way for many years, now misses a large part of his income, which is absolutely necessary to keep the museum open.

THE MUSEUM ROMAGNE 14-18 DESERVES TO BE PRESERVED

A little group of Dutch friends, very loyal WW1-interested people who visit the battlefields around Romagne-sous-Montfoucon every year, believe that the museum should absolutely be preserved. It is not only considered to be a cultural heritage of France, but has at least as much significance for visitors, including pupils and (former) soldiers. The museum with all its impressive finds is not only an important place where the history of the First World War passes through the objects on display. That story, told by the museum and Jean-Paul personally, tell the story of the ordinary soldier who also was a victim of the violence of war.

That story, presented by Jean Paul on the basis of the many objects, must continue to be told to both young and old audiences.

The friends club, in consultation with the Friends of Romagne 14-18 foundation, took the initiative to organize a crowdfunding campaign. With one goal, which is to form a fund to preserve the museum.

WHAT DO WE ASK OF YOU

1. You can become a "special member" of the Friends of Romagne 14-18 with the following benefits

A special member is eligible to;

- Free access to the museum for life, including a consumption
- Access to a meeting in the museum, to be organized later this year where a number of interesting lectures will be given by appealing authors
- An exclusive private tour with Jean-Paul to places where others do not come

A special life time membership costs € 250,-.

2. You can also give a one-time gift of which you determine the amount.

You can transfer the rate for your special membership and / or a one-time gift to the bank account of Jean Paul de Vries: FR 76 1610 6006 4596 0041 8569 030 BIC AGRIFRPP 861 in the name of J. de Vries, stating your email address.

3. You can also buy various items and special objects from the museum's depot online.

If you are interested than you can send an email to info@romagne14-18.com

This call is more than whole heartedly supported by ambassadors of the Romagne-14-18 museum, including:

- **Hans Hillen**, former Secretary of State for Defense
- **Hans Andriessen**, authoritative historical publicist and author of various books on Verdun and the surrounding area
- **Leo van Bergen**, medical historian and author of, a.o.: "Gentle and honorable, suffering and dying in a Great War"
- **Philip Freriks**, journalist, columnist and television host and
- **Diederik van Vleuten**, musician, theater and WW1 expert avant la lettre.
- **Cesar Zuiderwijk**, musician and drummer of the Golden Earring
- **Bob Latten**, chairman of the Friends of Romagne 14-18 foundation and author of, among others, "Postmark Verdun"

Thank you in advance for your support with which Jean Paul de Vries can continue to tell the story.

On behalf of Herman Koppenol, Henk van Drie, René Brouwer, Ronald Cossee, Kees en Rob Leenheer.

