The Château de Bosmelet.

The Château de Bosmelet's web site has background information including this historical sheet put together by my uncle to honer his mother's Herculean task in rebuilding the Château.

During the Second World War, Chateau de Bosmelet was occupied by the German army who built a V.1 launching pad.



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As a consequence The Royal Air Force bombed Bosmelet 28 times between December 25, 1943 and June 1944.



John Bray, Diana de Bosmelet, and her dog Hercule the (re)builders of the Chateau

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Stting out from Auffay railway station first towards Bosmelet then towards Calleville les deux Eglises and finally to Bonnetot-le-Faubourg, Michel Hollard discovered an important construction site.

He was the first to understand the nature and strategic importance of the 111 V.1 launching pads that his AGIR resistance network reported in Northern France.



Nicknamed "The man who saved London" by Sir Brian Horrocks, Michel Hollard crossed the border into switzerland on foot a total of 98 times; at the risk of his life, to relay the information to British Intelligence in Berne... Thus enabling the R.A.F. to bomb most of the "doodlebug" launch sites before they became operational.

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