

Letter from  
Betty Reith to  
Martin Fletcher  
(March 2008)

Betty has been taking  
care of the graves in  
Langenbruck since  
1968  
(She now has a little  
helper !)

Betty Reith  
Dor. Langenbruck

Martin Fletcher  
Park,  
England

Langenbruck im März 2008

Dear Martin Fletcher,

I got your adress through Michael Klepmeir.

Since 1968 I have been taking care of the graves in Langenbruck, which were built for the victims of the aeroplane crash. Every 5 years the priest reads out something to remember the victims of this terrible incident.

I just can't understand why this airline used such an old aeroplane to fly with. The passengers just wanted to have a wonderful holiday. Nobody could have known that something terrible would happen...

On August the 9th, 40 years after this incident, there will be another Mass for which you have sent the money. It would be wonderful if you could take part in this ceremony.

In this letter you will also find a copy of the newspaper article from august the 10th 1968 and aswell as some pictures of the cemetery. As you can see on the picture I'm not the only one taking care of the graves.

I would really like to meet you in person one day but if this might not be possible I wish you all the best with this letter.

Sending my regards,



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# LANGENBRUCK 1968 - 2008



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Dear Betty Reith,

It was a lovely surprise to receive your letter and photographs from Langenbruck. It means so much to me and my family.

Last year my brother James and I visited Langenbruck and we met Michael Klepmeir and Michael Roberts. They told us a lot we never knew about the plane crash on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1968. Michael Klepmeir took us to the site where the plane crashed and to the cemetery and showed us the memorial to the victims of the plane crash. Our visit was very important to us to see the place where our sister Mary Fletcher died along with her cousin Maureen McLindon and friends. It has helped us enormously in the healing process.

We want to thank you for all the loving care and devotion you have given over the years to looking after the graves in Langenbruch. A big thank you also to your 'special helper'.

We would like to take up your kind invitation to attend the mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. My brother Daniel who lives in Ireland wishes to attend together with his wife Pauline and son Michael. My other brother James and I wish also to be present. It would be a wonderful opportunity to meet you in person. I would be grateful if you can tell me at what time of day the mass will be celebrated.

With all good wishes,

Martin Fletcher