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- MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN -



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Dear Supporter,

Thank you all for your support to date and your continued backing as the Campaign moves forward. The Campaign is maintaining a steady momentum towards our objectives: of placing a temporary statue of Sir Keith Park on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square for six months in 2009; this will be followed by a permanent installation of a memorial statue in Waterloo Place, which all being well will coincide with the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the 'Battle of Britain' in September 2010 (both statues are subject to planning consents from Westminster City Council).

This latest issue of our newsletter contains reports and images from recent events, as well as up to date Campaign news. You are also invited to attend the unveiling of the recently chosen maquette statue representing the final form of the memorial sculpture that will be placed temporarily on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, and then permanently in Waterloo Place, to honour Sir Keith Park.

This unveiling event will be held at City Hall on the morning of the 30th October with the Deputy Mayor of London and GLA Member, Richard Barnes, Terry Smith, Battle of Britain Veterans, Park family members, RAF, and supporters of the Campaign. We hope that this event will also provide an opportunity for us to meet many more of our supporters, and for you to gain further knowledge of Sir Keith Park. This event will enable many of you to continue your Campaign involvement and for us to show you our gratitude for your support of the Campaign.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and to thank those who have attended previous Campaign events. We look forward to meeting many of you at City Hall on Thursday, 30th October 2008, where the representation of the final form of the Memorial Statue of Sir Keith Park will be unveiled.

Kind regards,

Terry Smith
Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign

Website - www.sirkeithpark.com

Our Campaign website has now undergone a major update with an interactive section containing video interviews with Sir Patrick Moore CBE Hon. FRS FRAS, Edward Fox OBE, Terry Smith, Peter Pugh (son of a World War I Pilot who served under Sir Keith Park), and video footage taken at City Hall of Phil Goff, New Zealand's Defence Minister, presenting Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, a signed letter of support for the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign from the New Zealand Prime Minister, Leader of the opposition and all New Zealand political party leaders. There is also recent video footage and images of the event held at RAF Museum London (Hendon) for those supporters who were unable to attend on the day. We will be continuing to add further video footage, images and Campaign news to the website on a regular basis. Please keep up to date with all the latest Campaign news by visiting our website.



Phil Goff, New Zealand Defence Minister; Boris Johnson, Mayor of London; and Terry Smith at City Hall.

Event at City Hall - Office of the Mayor of London

Unveiling of Final Version of the Sir Keith Park Memorial Statue

MAYOR OF LONDON

We would like to invite you to our next Campaign event at City Hall, London, on Thursday, 30th October 2008. This will be a breakfast reception in 'London's Living Room' on the 9th floor of City Hall where you are invited to join the Deputy Mayor, Terry Smith, the Campaign Team and further supporters for the unveiling of the final maquette sculpture.

The selection process for this final form of the statue of Sir Keith Park was concluded on 19th September 2008 by a group representing supporters of the Campaign, including a member of Sir Keith Park's family. Advice was also taken from extended members of the Park family based in New Zealand, and the UK. From the original entry of seven sculptors' proposals, one has been chosen. This sculpture will be unveiled at City Hall by Richard Barnes, Deputy Mayor of London and GLA Member, Terry Smith in front of an audience of Campaign supporters and the media.



Sir Keith Park.



Sir Keith Park as a young man.

Event Details:

Thursday 30th October 2008

- 9:00:** Unveiling of statue with media, 'London's Living Room', 9th floor City Hall
- 9:30-11:00:** Breakfast reception in 'London's Living Room', 9th floor City Hall

Event Venue:

'London's Living Room',
City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

Please RSVP to the Campaign with your details if you would like to attend. For security reasons we will need to know your details in advance of the event. You can call, email or write to us using the following contact details:

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RAF Museum Event, London (Hendon)



Flight Lieutenant O. V. Burns RAF (Ret'd); Laurette Cummins, great great niece of Sir Keith Park; Terry Smith and WGCDR Brett Marshall, Air Advisor RNZDF at the RAF Museum (Hendon).

The Campaign Team enjoyed meeting so many supporters at the RAF Museum London (Hendon), on 13th September where the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign held an event in conjunction with 'Kea', the New Zealand ex-pat global community organisation. The event was a resounding success and we talked with so many of you there on the day who expressed your wealth of knowledge, on the Battle of Britain, all things military and some of you from personal family experiences during the Second World War.

Those present during the speeches now know of Sir Keith's outstanding achievements at Gallipoli, the Somme and as a pilot in WW1; followed by his command of RAF 11 Group in WWII, leading to the defeat of the Luftwaffe during the 'Battle of Britain' and his accomplishments in command of the vital air defence of Malta during the 'Siege of Malta'. Wing Commander Brett Marshall, Air Advisor with the Royal New Zealand Defence Force, highlighted the achievements of Sir Keith Park and all Pilots and support crew from the Commonwealth and elsewhere who bravely gave so much during WWII.

The Campaign Team would also like to make a special thank you to Flight Lieutenant O.V. Burns RAF (Ret'd) one of the Battle of Britain veterans who attended and talked with so many of you regarding his experiences during the Battle of Britain. Also our thanks to Rebecca Dalley, Business Development Manager at the RAF Museum, for providing the Campaign with access to an environment steeped in historical importance, as the RAF Museum is, and for helping the Campaign with the event organisation.



Terry Smith speaking at the RAF Museum event with Peter Gillingwater of Kea.

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Westminster City Council - SKPMC Planning Application's

We will be submitting our planning application's for both a temporary statue on the Fourth Plinth and a permanent statue in Waterloo Place with Westminster City Council Planning Department towards the end of this year. As many individuals and organisations will be consulted as part of the planning process, it is imperative that we as a Campaign show that we have a large body of support for the statues.

We will therefore be contacting our supporters through the next issue of the newsletter to ask for your support and further contribution to the Campaign by writing directly to Westminster City Council. We will provide exact details of who and where to address your correspondence as the submission deadline approaches.

Petition

To date we have received globally over 20,000 signatures to both our online petitions as well as the petition forms held at various locations, in the UK and in New Zealand. The Campaign continues to receive signatures on a daily basis to our website petition www.sirkeithpark.com/petition.aspx, as well as those sent into our Campaign, and names that are added to the No. 10, Downing Street petition, which is listed and accessible on the No. 10, Downing Street website: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/SirKeithPark>

Steam Trains

Southern Railway's Battle of Britain Class, Pacific, 'Sir Keith Park' refurbishment and renovation continues apace at Southern Locomotives Ltd.. Some of our supporters may be interested to know, and may like to attend, the official rededication of 34070 'Manston' one of the sister engines to Sir Keith Park. This event will take place on Saturday, 4th April 2009, at Swanage Station. Southern Locomotives Ltd would be very happy to welcome any supporters to this event.

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