



'Thank You for Your Support to Date'

Dear Supporter,

The highlight in March was our superb launch in Trafalgar Square.

April has been an even more exciting time for the Campaign, with momentum building on all fronts: the Parliamentary Early Day Motion (EDM 1206) has garnered the support of over 50 MPs from all parties; the numbers who have signed our e-petition at www.sirkeithpark.com is rising every day, with over 5000 visitors to the website; new high profile supporters such as 'Lord of the Rings' director Peter Jackson, BBC military history presenter Dan Snow and Sir Stuart Rose the Chief Executive of Marks & Spencer plc, have also pledged their backing to the campaign.

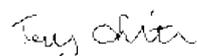
We have also maintained our reputation for high profile events with an aviation theme! Not content with a Spitfire on the ground in Trafalgar Square, we flew a Battle of Britain Hurricane and Messerschmitt 109 (sadly the British weather grounded the Spitfire) to Biggin Hill Airport, the former WW2 Fighter Base, where they were greeted by veterans, including Flight Lieutenant Bob Foster who flew the same Hurricane during the Battle, under Sir Keith's command.

The practicalities are also coming along well. We unveiled the maquette – or scale model – of the statue, made by New Zealand-based sculptor Roderick Burgess, at the RAF Club in London.

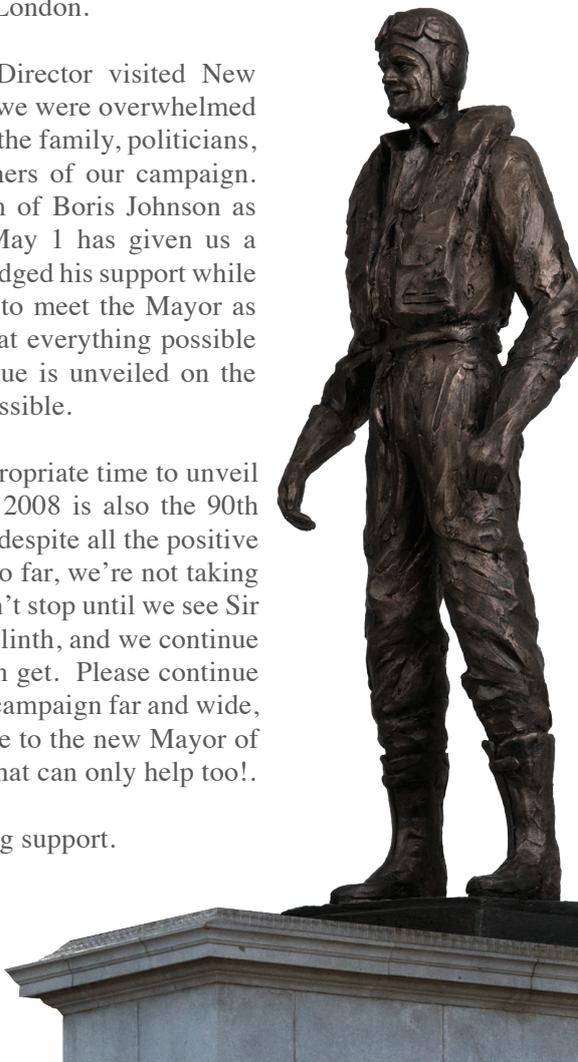
Both I and the Campaign Director visited New Zealand in early May, where we were overwhelmed by the levels of support from the family, politicians, veterans and other well wishers of our campaign. Moving forward, the election of Boris Johnson as new Mayor of London on May 1 has given us a boost as he had previously pledged his support while he sought election. I intend to meet the Mayor as soon as possible to ensure that everything possible is done in order that the statue is unveiled on the Fourth Plinth as soon as is possible.

There couldn't be a more appropriate time to unveil the statue, not least because 2008 is also the 90th anniversary of the RAF. But despite all the positive signs, and all the hard work so far, we're not taking anything for granted. We won't stop until we see Sir Keith's statue on the Fourth Plinth, and we continue to need all the support we can get. Please continue to spread the word about our campaign far and wide, and if you are minded to write to the new Mayor of London, Boris Johnson MP, that can only help too!

Thank you for your continuing support.



Terry Smith
Sir Keith Park
Memorial Campaign
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Diary Dates: May 2008

17th May 2008

Shuttleworth Sunset Flying Evening

A unique flying collection showcasing the first one hundred years of flight
www.shuttleworth.org

18th May 2008

Imperial War Museum, Duxford Spring Air Display

Showcasing a wide variety of Aircraft including the chance to hear and see a Spitfire
www.iwm.org.uk/duxford

24th – 25th May 2008

Newark Air Museum Fighter Cockpit Days

Special opening and viewing of some of the museums fighters
www.newarkairmuseum.org

24th – 26th May 2008

Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, Easy Kirkby

www.lincaviation.co.uk/information.cfm

25th May 2008

Old Sarum Airfield Support Our Paras

Charity event to support members of the Parachute Regiment; Aircraft taking part will include the WW II fighters, the Spitfire, Hurricane and Mustang
www.sopara.org.uk

25th May 2008

Cold War Jets Open Day Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire

Spectacular high-speed taxi runs along the airfield's two-mile long runway by classic jet aircraft
www.lightnings.org.uk

25th – 26th May 2008

Goodwood Aero Club Vintage Fly-in & Air Display

Vintage aircraft displays
www.goodwood.co.uk/aviation/vintage-fly-in-and-air-display.htm

25th – 26th May 2008

Southend Airshow, Southend

High speed jet displays will be held on both days
www.southendairshow.com

30th May 2008

RAF Bentley Priory Sunset Event

Sunset Event at the closure of RAF Bentley Priory, Buckinghamshire
www.bentleypriory.org



Campaign Gallery



Maquette detail of Sir Keith Park



Veterans at the RAF Club in Piccadilly with Leigh Park & Terry Smith



Battle of Britain veterans with Terry Smith at Biggin Hill

Campaign Update

Friday 18 April 2008

Battle of Britain veterans, Sir Keith Park's great-great niece Leigh Park, Terry Smith, serving members of the RAF and other supporters attended a lunch and unveiling ceremony at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, London, showing off the maquette – scale model – of the final statue in its full splendour. The Campaign had also used the maquette to commission computer generated images of how the statue will look when sited on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. More images from the unveiling can be viewed at www.sirkeithpark.com

Tuesday 29 April 2008

On Tuesday 29th April the Campaign organised for a Spitfire and a Hurricane, which both saw action in the Battle of Britain, to make a dramatic fly-in to Biggin Hill Airport. Sadly, the British weather kept the Spitfire grounded, but a Hurricane and a Messerschmitt 109 made a spectacular fly past before landing at Biggin Hill. They were greeted on the airstrip by Battle of Britain veterans, including Flight Lieutenant Bob Foster, who flew the Hurricane during the Battle of Britain, under Park's command. The event attracted widespread media coverage, including a feature piece on BBC South East, which can be viewed at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/7373727.stm>

New Zealand Defence Minister lends support

On 17 March 2008 Phil Goff, New Zealand's Defence Minister wrote to UK Defence Secretary Des Browne in support of the Campaign. Mr Goff confirmed his pledge of support for the Campaign when he met Terry Smith in New Zealand, in early May.

Maltese Government backs Campaign

During April, we also received the support of the Maltese High Commissioner, Dr. Michael Refalo. Park is revered in Malta. Following the Battle of Britain, he was responsible for the aerial defence of the island, and within a matter of weeks reversed a German onslaught which had hitherto made Malta the most bombed place on earth.

Parliamentary EDM '1206 Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign'

Early Day Motion 1206 has now received the support of over 50 MPs from all parties. To see further details of the signatories, please visit <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=35432&SESSION=891>

No. 10 Downing Street e-petition

The Campaign's e-petition to the Prime Minister goes from strength to strength, with nearly 1,000 people having signed up. Please add your support by visiting <http://search.petitions.pm.gov.uk/kbroker/number10/petitions/search.lsm?ha=1157&sc=number10&qt=sir+keith+park>

Campaign requests urgent meeting with new Mayor of London

Following the election of Boris Johnson as the new Mayor of London, Terry Smith has written to him to request an urgent meeting in order to explore how to take forward the campaign's aim to see the statue unveiled on the Fourth Plinth.

In our June 2008 Newsletter:

A review of Terry Smith's visit to New Zealand to promote the campaign

News on the support given by New Zealand's cricketers in their test series with England

All the latest news from the campaign and the impact of Boris Johnson's election as the Mayor of London