

Fairlop Heritage Group

Created in 2009



First inaugural meeting held in Fullwell Cross library on Saturday 11 February 2009

It was agreed that:

The principle of the Fairlop Heritage Group shall be to promote the understanding of and concern for the historic and natural heritage of Fairlop Plain and its future.

Also agreed to involve local schools, where possible, so children could be made aware of history on their doorstep. We should consult and negotiate with the Council, so we could use facilities at Fairlop Waters for educational purposes and talks etc.

Also discussed: a website, was there an intention to commemorate the first flight from Fairlop Plain in 1911? a patron and a logo.

In 2009, a site for RAF Station Fairlop, created by David Martin, had been in use for a number of years, but given that the historic nature of Fairlop Plain extended far beyond WW2, this site should be extended.

The Patron could be the Member of Parliament. Later Lee Scott MP, accepted our invitation, and remained our patron until 2015, when he was succeeded by Wes Streeting MP.

The logo above, is designed to reflect the ancient and modern aspect of Fairlop Plain.

The word FAIR refers to Fairlop Fair held around the Oak.
Lop refers to the husbandry of trees and the angled break between F and L signifies the loss of the Fairlop Oak in 1820.

Finally, the red spot in the O is a stylised roundel and refers to the connection of Fairlop Plain with the Royal Flying Corps and later the Royal Air Force.

11 November Remembrance Ceremonies.

These have occurred since 2009 and it is a custom to remember personnel from seventeen countries known to have served.

To date, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa and United States of America have been commemorated, and the ceremonies are always well attended. The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor, Local Members of Parliament and Councillors are invited, as is the Parish Priest and whenever possible a Rabbi.

2009. The first ceremony.



Fairlop Memorial Wall

(Brian Ecott)



top left: **Lee Scott MP and Cllr. Keith Prince, Leader of LB Redbridge Council**
bottom left: **Deputy Mayor Cllr. Brian Lambert** right: **Sergeant Chris Chandler**

(Still Solutions)

2010. Canada.



middle: left: **Major Barry Deveraux Canadian Forces**
right: **Pavel Becak, Defence Attaché Czech Republic who gave support**
bottom (l-r) **David Martin, Harold Bennett, John Parfitt**
Harold Bennett with Deputy Mayor Cllr. Ruth Clark

(David Martin & Still Solutions)

2011 New Zealand



Deputy Mayor Cllr. Felicity Banks, and Mayor Cllr. Chris Cummins with Steve Pavett and Matt Teear from Christchurch, New Zealand
(David Martin)

2012 Czechoslovakia



centre r: Mayor of Redbridge Cllr. Muhammed Javed, presides over the ceremony
centre l: Harold Bennett in wheelchair, left Sean Grant and right Max Bean

(Still Solutions)

2013 South Africa – the first with our Memorial



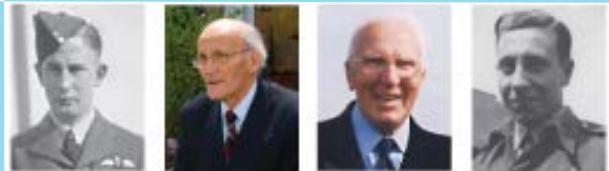
Top: Mayor Cllr Felicity Banks by the memorial
Centre (l-r): the Mayor Speaking, Cherie Selzer from Catchcart, Eastern Cape,
with children from Fairlop Primary School,
Remembrance Poppy for Ken Trott who died September 2013
Bottom: Flags at half mast for Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa
who died 5 December 2013.

(David Martin, Barbara Martin, Chris Johnson)

FAIR LOP

HERITAGE GROUP

Patron: Wes Streeting MP



We commemorated Ireland and Russia only to discover with assistance from Ministry of Defence (Polish Section), that P/O Stanislav Kurowicki, who held a Russian Passport, was in fact Polish.

The following year this error was publicly acknowledged.

FAIRLOP REMEMBERS 2017

John Bramston Primary School 10 November
Fairlop Waters 11 November

On Friday 10 November we visited John Bramston Primary School with Deputy Mayor Ashley Kissin and Wes Streeting MP to hold a ceremony for pupils.



Pupils held up cards, on which were printed the names and ages of those killed at Fairlop in two World Wars.



At Fairlop Waters, we remembered P/O RC Schuren from the Netherlands and P/O Stanislaw Kurowicki, we now know is Polish.



Deputy Lt. Chan, our Patron Wes Streeting MP and Mike Gapes MP paid tribute to those who served at Fairlop. Prayers led by Rev. Kate Lovesey. Mund Gerandts and Robert Pliszka representing Netherlands and Poland, spoke in their native language as well as English.



Thanks are due to Melanie Dye and Paven Kettory of John Bramston Primary School & Ashley Ryan and her staff at Fairlop Waters Country Park.

Photography: Alan Banner

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A selection of photos which include from left to right by line:

Revd Kate Lovesey, Wes Streeting MP and Mike Gapes MP,
Fairlop Heritage Group at John Bramston Primary School

Mund Geraarts, left, Robert Plizska

Deputy Lt Thomas Chan, John Bowers, Melanie Dye and pupils
Ellie Rudolph, Max Bean, Barbara Martin, David Martin



Fairlop Roll Of Honour

19th Century

Name	Rank	Date	Reason
George Hall	PC	1846	thrown off horse at Fairlop Fair

1914 to 1919



Argentina



Australia



Belgium



Bermuda



Canada



Czechoslovakia



France



Ireland



Netherlands

Ashmole, Ernest	Civilian	19 July 1916	hangar collapsed
Baird, John Donald	2/Lt	8 May 1918	crashed
Beacroft Smith, Frank	Lt.	28 May 1918	walked into propeller
Bean, Arnold Ralph	F/Sgt	29 July 1918	mid air collision
Bell, Laurie	2/Lt	29 July 1918	mid air collision
Burns, Thomas Rowlands	Lt	16 December 1918	crashed
Cound, Russell James	F/Sgt	8 January 1919	crashed
Craig, George Robert	Lt	24 August 1917	crashed
Davies, Lorwith Gwilym	Captain	2 September 1918	crashed
Ellercamp, Wilfred Allen Herbert	Lt	30 December 1918	mid air collision
Edwardes, Henry Arthur	2/Lt	16 February 1918	broke up mid air
Everett, Frank	Flying Cadet	8 October 1918	crashed
Floyd, William Eric	Prob.F/O	21 January 1918	crashed, on fire
Hatcher, Harold Blake	2/Lt	30 July 1918	mid air collision
Homewood, Charles	2/Lt	8 July 1918	crashed
Hurndall, Charles Douglas	2/Lt	30 December 1918	mid air collision
Jassby, Harry Walter	2/Lt	6 November 1918	mid air collision?
Manuel, Vane Carrington	2/Lt	18 December 1917	crashed
Meff, William	2/Lt	25 July 1918	crashed
Simpson, Thomas Barton	Lt	19 December 1918	crashed
Trotter, Claude Handley	Lt	13 October 1918	crashed
Wood, Walter Bertram	Lt	11 November 1917	crashed

1939 to 1945

Aitchison, Harold Leslie John	F/Lt	12 July 1943	did not return
Barrett, John Patrick	F/Sgt	19 June 1942	crashed on landing
Borkovec, Miroslav	Sgt	17 May 1942	did not return
Burton, Allen Henley	F/O	18 May 1943	crashed in flames at Fairlop
Campbell, Robert Richard	F/Sgt	15 April 1943	did not return
Crisp, John Lawrence	P/O	8 June 1942	into the sea
Damsell, Walter Anthony	P/O	22 July 1943	into the sea
Dawson, Ian Macalren	F/Sgt	30 July 1942	did not return
De-Naeyer, Francis	F/Lt	25 May 1943	did not return
Dennison, Francis Hurst	F/O	30 December 1943	into the sea
Draper, Raimund Sanders	F/O	24 March 1943	crashed
Dyon, Theodule Elsi Nicolas	W/O Adjt	26 October 1942	killed by crashed Dornier 217
Farmar, John Anthony Goodhand	Sgt	1 January 1942	flew into hill
Fawkes, Stephen Guye Hawkesworth	P/O	8 December 1941	shot down
Fejfar, Stanislav	F/Lt	17 May 1942	did not return
Forshaw, Roger Gatty	S/Ldr	18 December 1941	lost on night patrol
Green, Helen	ACW	1 August 1944	ran into vehicle
Guy, John Arnold	P/O	25 May 1943	into the sea
Halamašek, Evzen	Sgt	2 June 1942	did not return
Harris, Joseph Herbert	LAC	8 October 1944	motor cycle accident
Houghton, Harry Dennis	F/Sgt	28 April 1943	crashed over target
Hurt, Charles Edward	P/O	30 July 1942	did not return
James, Dennis Stephen	F/Sgt	15 July 1942	shot down near target
King, Richard Lander	P/O	18 November 1942	into the sea
Kurowicki, Stanislaw	F/O	11 September 1943	shot down
Marshall, James Wilfred.	F/Sgt	November 1943	no details
McConnell, William Alexander Daziel	Sgt	26 May 1943	crashed near airfield
McKeown, Desmond Papworth	S/Ldr	2 September 1943	no details
McKoy, Godfrey Alan	F/Sgt	26 January 1943	did not return
Mitchell, John Leonard	F/Sgt	12 February 1942	into the sea
Otto, Allan Walter	Sgt	16 May 1943	crashed on take off
Parker, Thomas Lawrence	P/O	6 December 1942	into the sea
Pavlik, Karel	F/Lt	5 May 1942	shot down
Perkins, Ernest Phillip Orwell	Air Raid Warden	18 November 1944	killed by V2
Snowden, Nicholas	P/O	16 April 1943	believed shot down
Skeet, William George	LAC	18 November 1944	killed by V2
Stevenson, Peter Charles Fasken	F/Lt	13 February 1943	into the sea
Stromme, Eiliv Schjelderup	Lt	11 October 1942	shot down
Vaughan, John Michael	F/O	22 July 1943	into the sea
Warner, Leonard John	F/Sgt	10 January 1944	into the sea



Norway



New Zealand



Poland



Sierra Leone



South Africa



Southern Rhodesia



United Kingdom



United States of America

Friends of Fairlop

John Wilkinson	Cpl	2005
Stanley (Basil) Parsons	LAC	2010
Kenneth Albert John Trott	F/O	12 September 2013
Harold Bennett	F/Sgt	10 January 2015

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