

## NEWSLETTER 8 - NOVEMBER 2018

At last, after years of research, the publication of...

**“A ‘SHORT’ STORY”.** The lives and works of the Short Brothers,  
Pioneering Aeronautical and Balloon Engineers and Manufacturers.”  
by Elizabeth M. Walker, great, great niece of the famous Short brothers.

The book was launched on February 6<sup>th</sup> when Barrie and I put up on an exhibition, gave a talk and did a book signing at Kettlethulme (Cheshire) W.I. This local W.I were one of our sponsors.

May 10<sup>th</sup>, we joined forces with The Stirling Society and the Stirling Project to put on an SHORT exhibition at R.A.F Hendon for their Veterans Day, celebrating the Centenary of the end of World War 1.

May 17<sup>th</sup>, we were invited to put on another SHORT display, give a SHORT talk, and have a SHORT book signing, at The Higgins Museum Bedford. This we did also at the Transport Trust A.G.M. over the same weekend and again in Bedford.

In September 2018 we were back in Bedford to present an exhibition, a talk and another book signing. This time to the Shortstown Heritage Group, at Cardington, and the following day to the **Aircraft Enthusiasts Group (A.E.G.)** at The Shuttleworth Collection Museum.

The book has been very well received and is now in its second edition. Our Short brother's story continues to be spread through our various exhibitions, talks and book signings. and has stirred up considerable interest. This is our primary aim – to tell the ‘SHORT’ story of Horace, Eustace and Oswald and the thousands of ‘Short Boys’ they employed.

Volunteers efforts, including Facebook, are beginning to generate awareness of the contribution the Shorts made to Aviation History. As a result the Society has been approached by four media companies to provide background information for their upcoming documentaries and programmes.

The first has already been shown on Channel 4; *‘Flying Across Britain’* with Arthur Williams. One of this series includes the Isle of Sheppey and made reference to The Short Brothers.

The second is a flying boat documentary, by Viewpoint Productions is still in the early planning stage.

The third is a documentary about the VTOL project - *‘Vertical Take off and Landing Aircraft’*, - by One Tribe TV researchers for the BBC *‘One Show’*. They want background information about the brother's early lives.

The fourth, and very recent approach, is by a researcher for BBC *‘Songs of Praise’* and we have provided photographs relevant to early aviation on the Isle of Sheppey.

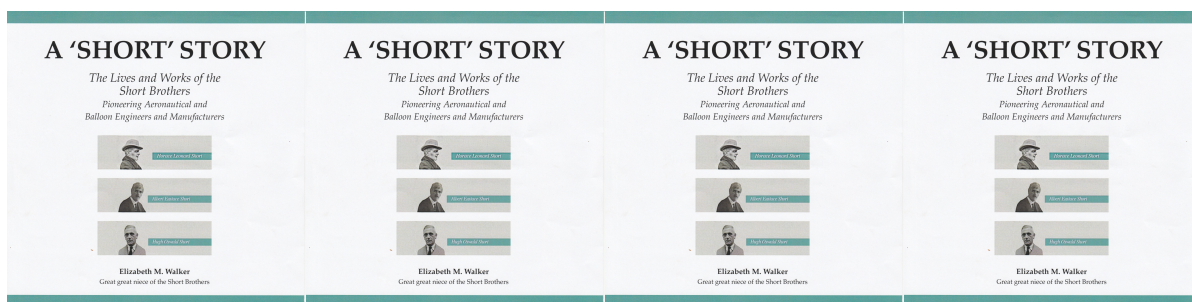
The Society are also aiding the author of a book, '*Pioneering Places of British Aviation*', who will be looking in some detail at the Short Brothers activities at Battersea (Short No.1) from 1898 and on Isle of Sheppey until the move to Rochester, started in 1914.

So, as you can see, the Society events and efforts are succeeding in our aim to raise the profile of the Short Brothers to the status they deserve.

We continue to sell books at a steady rate and receive donations towards the Grave Appeal, which sadly is still nowhere near enough to restore Horace and Eustace's graves in Hampstead Cemetery. The Society needs a sponsor to raise the £5000 still needed. Any member who can help to find any of the money still required, would be very welcome.

" A 'SHORT' STORY" is now on general sale.

**It would make a really good Christmas present, don't you think?**



Orders and enquiries to [info@shortbrothersaviationpioneers.co.uk](mailto:info@shortbrothersaviationpioneers.co.uk) £12.50 plus £2 p&p

OR by post to...

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**We would like to thank everyone for your continued support and interest. Barrie and Liz wish you and yours...**

***a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a REALLY GREAT NEW YEAR***