



## NEWSLETTER 13

(March 2021)

We were surprised that our members showed little interest in the aviation heritage and 'geographical' offerings in Newsletter 12 and now offer the rest of the donated fund-raising items. These are the final pieces of the very generous art collection donation by Janet and Sally, daughters of John Lankester Parker OBE from his personal collection, and are now open to offers.

**At the end of March 2021 we will have to send the unsold pieces to auction.**

### VASE AND PUPPETS

This Japanese vase (identified by Sotheby's) and Japanese 'tachi-e' puppets were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Lankester Parker, guests of Mrs. Mitsubishi, on the occasion of one of their visits to Japan in the 1920/30's as members of a Short Brothers seaplane advisory team included in the sale of the vase an original photograph Short/Kawanishi team in 1931.

**Sold to best offer over £250 (plus p&p) before 31 March 2021**

The 'Fukugawa' Vase...

25cms high : 25cms maximum diameter : 14 cm base diameter



Japanese 'tachi-e' paper puppet figures...

9<sup>no</sup> 9cms. high



**Sold by best offer over £30 including p&p before 31 March 2021**

### GRAVE RESTORATION FUND RAISING

We have started almost our final effort to raise the £9000 needed with GoFundMe, and have had a welcome quick response from non-members. If you feel able to help us gather enough funds to finish the work on Horace and Eustace's grave at Hampstead Cemetery, then PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

Any direct donations via BACS or PayPal will also be helpful.

The GoFundMe link is [gf.me/u/zjg7uj](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zjg7uj). BACS info is Sort-Code 089299 : Account. 65788095

The PayPal link is [barrie\\_walker@hotmail.com](mailto:barrie_walker@hotmail.com)

## FUNDRAISING SO FAR

Having been unsuccessful, so far, in raising sufficient funding to complete the two Hampstead Cemetery Short brother's graves restoration we have recently applied to the R.Ae.S. and Kent Masonic Guild for financial help. We have however been grateful for the funding that enabled Oswald's grave to be refurbished and for enough to let us carry on our Project. We continue our in-house efforts.

We hope that by summer 2021 our final efforts have raised the funds needed for Horace and Eustace's graves to carry through the refurbishment and so highlight their much under-recognised contributions to aviation both nationally and internationally.

## SUMMER 2021

We still have aspirations to complete the programme of SHORT talks from Spring and summer 2020 and await the progress of the fight against Covid<sup>19</sup>. We have the early stages of an idea, suggested to us by a supporter, of a multi-enthusiast celebration in Rochester with talks and exhibitions involving other organisations and individuals after the end of restrictions.

## THE SALE OF JLP'S AIRCRAFT NOTES

We have a unique collection of the personal notes of John Lankester Parker OBE, in the typed script of the day, and are offering b & w copies, spiral bound, with see-through covers. If you would like a copy of any of these interesting notes, contact us by email. [info@shortbrotherscommemorationsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@shortbrotherscommemorationsociety.co.uk).

Cost factors... £2 Illustrated cover and binding	:	£2 p & p Royal Mail 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Add £2 for (9) or less pages	:	£2.50 for (10) or more pages : £5 for (23) pages

The SHORT S.26 'Golden Hind' (7)	The SHORT 'Empire' flying boat (23)	The SHORT 'Scylla' + The SHORT 'Kent' (9)
The SHORT 'Stellite (Cockle) + Satellite' (6)	The SHORT 'Springbok' (3)	The SHORT 'Valetta' (6)
The SHORT 'Singapore II' + 'Singapore III' (8)	The SHORT-KAWANISHI 'K.F.1' (4)	The SHORT 'Calcutta' (10)
The SHORT 'Scion' (9)	The SHORT 'Scion Senior' (5)	The SHORT 'Mussell' (6)
The SHORT-BRISTOW 'Crusader' (7)	The SHORT 'Mayo Composite' (11)	The SHORT 'Sarafand' (10)
The SHORT 'Singapore I' (10)	The SHORT 'R.24/31' (Knuckleduster) (5)	The SHORT 'S32 Airliners' (3)
The SHORT 'Gnosspeilius Gull' (6)	The SHORT 'Chamois, Sturgeon and Gurnard' (6)	The SHORT 'Rangoon.' (4)

### Pobjoy and Paul Wells (paul.wells@btinternet.com)

Our new supporter Paul is researching Pobjoys and identified the person in the photo with Sir Arthur Gouge in Newsletter 12 as Douglas R. Pobjoy. Please contact Paul if you can help.

#### POBJOYS

In 1927 Douglas R. Pobjoy a Bristol-born aero engine design lecturer at R.A.F. Cadet College Cranwell, designed a small, efficient, 7-cylinder, 67 h.p. radial engine. The engine was known as the *Pobjoy 'R'* and either by chance or design, was exactly half the diameter of the Bristol '*Pegasus*' that proved to be a significant factor in the history of Short Brothers.

Oswald Short agreed with Arthur Gouge that the time was ripe for a five passenger light aircraft and a Pobjoy twin-engined high-winged monoplane was put in hand.

Pobjoy obtained sole manufacturing rights for the *Scion II*. He registered the name of his company as *POBJOY AEROMOTORS & AIRCRAFT LTD* of Rochester Airport with Short Brothers as a substantive shareholder.

Although Pobjoy acquired manufacturing rights for the *Scion Senior* in 1937 no more were laid down to follow the S837 as the Pobjoy company was by then fully extended on sub-contract work for Short Brothers who acquired most of its share capital in 1938.



Douglas Pobjoy  
2<sup>nd</sup> from left  
in conversation  
with Sir Arthur Gouge  
3<sup>rd</sup> from left  
in an  
unidentified group



Pobjoy Rotary 7 engine.



Horace Short and Lieutenant Longmore



Eustace Short



Oswald Short



Short Graves at Hampstead Cemetery

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