

GRAVES RESTORATION APPEAL.

We are pleased to announce the VERY successful sale of the artefacts donated by the daughters of John Lankester Parker OBE. Despite an estimate of about £300, from Sotheby's, for the Fukugawa Japanese vase, it was sold at a local online auction for £900 by Adam Partridge who graciously waved all fees. We are grateful to Adam and his staff for their help. The other items were all sold 'well' at the same sale.

Other donations include generous ones from The Old Roffensian Society and the Airship Heritage Trust that means, together with individual contributions we have come a long way towards our target to enable completion of the restoration of the graves of Horace and Eustace, shown below, in Hampstead Cemetery.



The GoFundMe link is [gofund.me 636d79e3](https://www.gofundme.com/c/636d79e3)
The PayPal link is barrie_walker@hotmail.com

BACS info is [Sort-Code 089299](#) : [Account. 65788095](#)
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SHORT AUTUMN TALKS

We are pleased to now be able to complete our commitments to deliver the three planned talks from 2019 to a U3A group in Devizes and one in Chatham and one at Rochester Airport.

CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR SINCERE THANKS

FACEBOOK. [shortbrothersaviationpioneers-kent](#)

Some considerable time ago a young man, Martin Hubbard, busily engaged on working hard for his family, decided that he could and would help us to spread the SHORT story using his FACEBOOK skills.

The pages he initiated, now have in excess of 1500 followers, have yielded much interest and unearthed never before seen photos and memories so helping to keep 'alive' the significance of the three Short Brothers worldwide, and especially the valued contributions Oswald's highly skilled and much valued employees made to the aviation industry we know today. Oswald was devoted to his workforce.

EASTCHURCH AVIATION MUSEUM. www.eastchurchaviationmuseum.org.uk

Congratulations to Peter West and the team for being included in a new aviation heritage trail that Historic England has devised to recognise important locations in the south-east and which documents the early attempts to fly in the U.K.

Further congratulations on their museum extension to give more room for an exhibition area. It also includes an audio-visual presentation facility and importantly an Archive and Research study area.

It was through the Museum that we were introduced to Martin and his father David who have strong links to Shorts through generations of the family beginning in 1915 with Frederick Thomas Quittenden, the storekeeper at Shorts Eastchurch Aeroplane Works.

OUR WEBSITE www.shortbrothersaviationpioneers.co.uk

We are pleased to have been able to update our site after corrections of the many typos and removal of information that is out of date. Completion is in hand and next month it will be in the finished format. The web site is short of Newsletter 6 and we desperately need it to complete the series. Can anyone help please? Thanks to Richard Hellier of Torquay for our website updates – www.rhwebdesigns.co.uk

HOVE VILLAS

This striking building has been identified by The National Transport Trust as being of historical significance and worthy of one of their prestigious Red Wheels, www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk.

It was here from 1900 to 1903 that Eustace and Oswald started the aviation enterprise that led to the foundation of Short Brothers as an aircraft enterprise and later became aircraft manufacturers of world significance.

Here Eustace and Oswald designed, built, and flew their coal gas balloons whilst Horace was employed by Edison’s European agent, retired U.S. Army Colonel George Edward Gouraud, in the development of gas sound amplification in the Mento laboratory.

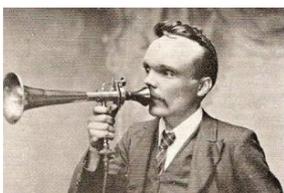


Whilst engaged in the ‘loft’ manufacturing their balloons, the eldest brother, Horace, established the Mento Laboratory for acoustic experimentation and built his famous ‘AUXETOPHONE’.

So, in spite of our abridged plans during the pandemic much has been happening to keep alive and spread knowledge and understanding the role the three Short brothers have played; such an important task at the start of factory-produced aircraft in 1909, the development of powered flight in the first half of the 20th century, through the 30’s depression when they kept the Company together by building bus bodies, two Thames barges, even a carpet sweeper and through the challenging period of two world wars. Shorts built the Type 184 heavy bomber, ready for the start of World War 1, and the only heavy bomber ready at the start of World War 2 was the four-engined Stirling. Two heavy bombers that arguably helped defeat a technically advanced enemy bent on our subjugation.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our ‘work’ (a challenging ‘pleasure’, really) and contributed to our successes both large and small. We wish you well.

Liz & Barrie Walker



Horace and his Auxetophone



Horace Short and Lieutenant Longmore



Hampstead Cemetery Short Graves



Eustace Short



Oswald Short

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