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SHORT BROTHERS COMMEMORATION SOCIETY

We are still very busy on Society business. It continues to be a 'full-time' job, due to the continued interest and support for the Project with new contacts made each week.

We had a presence at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, Maldon, Essex for their two-day airshow in July. We exhibited two displays and gave a half-hour talk each day. The displays and talks generated much interest from people some of whom remembered the Sunderlands moored on the River Medway at Rochester. What a spectacle they must have been?

There was an immediate response when a new member posted a picture of the recently purchased Society banner on Twitter. The next day we were contacted by the granddaughter of a female employee who worked for Short Brothers on Sheppey, both at Shellbeach and at Eastchurch. This is our earliest trace of an employee, and remarkably, a woman employee! This has set us the further task of finding out more and attempting to find her employment records. How, Why and When. What was her job?

The next event is an SBCS display and short talk at the Eastchurch Aviation Centre on Thursday 28th September on the occasion of a Transport Trust Red Wheel unveiling at the Centre. A fitting tribute to honour the achievements of the people who created aviation history on the Island, including the Short Brothers, and to recognise the work of the Centre to preserve this important heritage. All are welcome and an email would be helpful.

At this event the Society will hand over the 12 mounted finalists pictures from our Young Person's Art Competition to the Centre for their permanent safe keeping and display.

On Friday 29th September at about mid-day, we will 'plant' two stainless plaques at Hampstead Cemetery to mark and celebrate the lives of Horace, buried with his mother Emma and sister Alice and Eustace together with his daughter Grace Olga in the adjacent grave. Again, all are welcome.

Sadly, we still need another £4000 to renovate both graves. These plaques will mark the importance of the graves and identify them as nationally important historical monuments to these remarkable brothers who did so much for aviation development and our heritage.



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The Society continues to receive small donations and raise small amounts towards our goal. It is just taking much longer than we envisaged. Hopefully we will soon be able to go ahead with restoring both graves at the same time.

What a celebration that will be! You will be the first to know!!!!

Please continue to support our cause

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