



The Wright Brothers and the Wright 'Flyer' dating from the early 1900's



The Short Brothers



The 'Airfield' at Eastchurch, circa 1910

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the history of flight on the
Isle of Sheppey in Kent

Eastchurch is the founding station
of the Royal Naval Air Service

J.T.C. Moore-Brabazon was awarded
Royal Aero Club Certificate No. 1

Home of the world's first aircraft factory

Winston S Churchill was taught to fly at Eastchurch



J.T.C. Moore-Brabazon was awarded Royal Aero Club Certificate No.1. He flew in a Voisin 'Pusher' on May 2nd 1909 at Leysdown. He also won the *Daily Mail* £1,000 for the first British pilot to fly a British plane, a Short's No. 2, for a circular mile, 30th October 1909. (Look closely - even pigs can fly...).



On March 1st 1910 Moore-Brabazon won the first British Empire Michelin Cup No. 1 for distance, worth £1,000 by flying 19 miles (31km) starting from Eastchurch.

In 1909 Lt **J.W. Dunne** arrived in Sheppey where the Short Brothers built, to his design, a tailless bi-plane with V-shaped wings. The success of his design was such that in 1913 it successfully flew from Eastchurch to Paris. Much of the technology he devised is still in use today.

'Gordon Bennett Cup' air race took place at Eastchurch in July 1911, covering 25 laps of a 6km course.

The Wright Brothers (front centre) with members of the Royal Aero Club and the Short Brothers at Muswell Manor, Isle of Sheppey, 4th May 1909.

The Wright Brothers and C.S. Rolls visiting Sheppey.

Right: C.S. Rolls

An exciting opportunity to join with us and commemorate 100 years of British Aviation



A Short-Wright 'Flyer' circa 1909

'Sign of the Times'

Short Brothers Aeroplane Works sign at Eastchurch



The Dunne b.5 V-shaped wing Bi-plane



During World War II, Eastchurch was home to 266 Squadron. The Spitfire fighter was instrumental in the defence of Britain.