

WELCOME TO THE

Nutwood Newsletter

at the heart of our community

16TH ANNUAL CONKERTITION AT THE WOODMAN INN

With conkers expertly chosen, prepared and strung, the 16th annual Conkertition was recently held at **The Woodman Inn**.

The competitors warmed up by completing a 5 mile walk and enjoyed a pub lunch before settling down serious conker business. The oldest participant was 91 and youngest spectator was 1 week old! Next year is set to be the biggest yet, so get practicing!



BONKERS FOR CONKERS



CONKER MANIA!

SPOTTED AT NUTWOOD



WEEKENDS AT THE WOODMAN INN



ENJOY!



LOVELY VIEW STABLES LIVERY YARD VISIT THE PHEASANT



EVERYONE NEEDS A BLANKIE...



MAMAS' WHO BRUNCH



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



2024 is the 80th anniversary of the airfield . Keep an eye open for more celebration details!

NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM STATION 131

Construction of the airfield for USAAF bombers started in 1942 on part of the Scales Park estate. The site was chosen because it was relatively level (once all the trees were removed) and it was the highest point in Hertfordshire 460 feet / 140 metres above sea level in fact there is no higher land between Nuthampstead and the coast. The existing village and the 17th century Woodman were absorbed by the airfield. Station 131 is the only airfield used by the USAAF to have been built around a pub. Nuthampstead in the 1940s was sparsely populated and so having an airfield containing 3500 USAAF personnel must have been a culture shock for both sides.

As can be seen from this picture taken outside the Woodman after the initial shock a common interest was found in beer. However a US private was paid £3.75 a week whilst the equivalent RAF airman would only get £0.87 a week. Back then £3.75 bought a lot of beer. In a US forces guidebook GIs are instructed not to drink pubs dry even if they can easily afford to.

The museum is open April - October on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month 10am-4pm.

Museum Admission free. Donations welcome.

There will be monthly talks arranged by the museum and held in the Woodman in 2024, so watch this space.

On Monday, 13 November 2023, the last talk of the autumn season. - The talk will be by local Hertfordshire Historian, Tom Doig
 "The History of Nuthampstead and the Local Villages".

Arrive 7:30pm for 8:00pm prompt start

£7.50 suggested donation payable on entry - refreshments will be available to purchase from the bar

- Submitted by Ivor Warne -



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