

# NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM



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Airfield Museum

# NEWSLETTER



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## Thanks from the Trustees

THE TRUSTEES would like to thank you for your patronage of the Museum. They are Andrew Grisbrooke, Geoff Rice, Russell Abbey, Marilyn Gibb-Rice and Christine Barry. We are now nearly half way towards raising the funds to pay for the main structure of the Museum building itself. We shall need to continue with all the good work and encourage others to invest and support the project.

## Volunteering opportunities

THE MUSEUM'S objectives include involving the community and promoting the Museum through participation, so the Trustees are very keen to welcome new volunteers and members.

There is still a lot of work to do to get the museum up and running, so we are always happy to hear from anybody that would like to help the team. Our main concern at the moment is fund raising. If you feel you could help or know someone that can assist us with organising fund raising events then please contact us. (Contact details at the end of this newsletter)

## Donations snowballing !!

SUPPORT for the Museum project is snowballing and the response from the Veterans and their families has been outstanding. We have already had the following artefacts donated and there are promises of more in the immediate future:

*A flight helmet*

*A leather flight Jacket*

*A full dress uniform*

*A full electrically heated flight suit (pictured right, this is without the Bolero jacket)*

*A9 helmet*

*Various manuals*

*Private photo collection Uniform.*

*Large replica B-17 model (Pictured below)*

*Large number of wartime photos*

*2 books – 8th & 398th*



Our Museum Curator has already catalogued these items and some are receiving professional preservation work already.

If you know of anybody that has any relevant material, or would be willing to donate artefacts from the local area in WW2, then please encourage them to contact us and we'll gratefully receive whatever they are willing to share with the Museum.



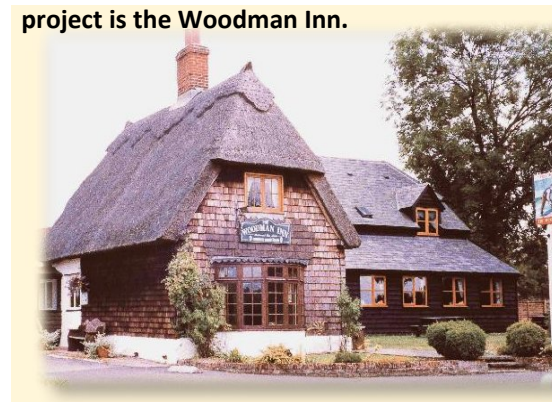


Chairman Andrew Grisbrooke and Curator Russell Abbey with some of the donated items, above. More donated items, below



## News about the Woodman Inn

CENTRAL to our plans in involving the local community and businesses in our Museum project is the Woodman Inn.



The Woodman will be our very near neighbour and visitors to both the Museum and the Woodman will be able to benefit from the

proximity of both buildings. We are therefore glad to pass on the news that, despite Ian and Sandy taking the opportunity to retire from the active running of the pub and the restaurant, their son, Stuart, has taken up the reins. Stuart has always been supportive of efforts to preserve the memory of the old airfield and the Museum Trustees would like to take the opportunity to wish him all the best success now that he is in charge.

[www.thewoodman-inn.co.uk](http://www.thewoodman-inn.co.uk)

## Remember that dish?

### *Cheese and Potato Custard*

6-8 cooked potatoes  
3oz dry cheese  
pepper and salt  
a little made mustard  
½ pint milk  
1 egg  
parsley

Slice the potatoes and grate the cheese. Arrange in layers in a small pie dish or casserole. Beat the egg and add the milk, pepper, salt and mustard. Pour the custard on top of the potato and cheese and stand in a meat tin containing a little cold water. Cook in a moderate oven until the custard is set, about 30-40 minutes. Garnish with a little parsley.

*We'd like to publish a war-time recipe in each edition of the newsletter. If you have a favourite, please send it in to us.*

## Forthcoming Events ...

We are planning events in the New Year and will be contacting you in advance of these.

- *Museum open day event*
- *Talks on the 398th Bomb Group and 55th Fighter Groups*
- *A Station 131 film evening.*

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