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Winter trip 2024

Friday 22nd &
Saturday 23rd November

Competing for:

The Cliff Thompson Salver

Friday 22nd November

Arrive at Woodhall Spa for Full English Breakfast
18 hole fourball-betterball on The Bracken course (1st tee-time 10.00)
Evening meal and accommodation at The Inn at Woodhall Spa

Saturday 23rd November

Breakfast at the hotel
18 hole stableford on The Hotchkin course (1st tee-time 10.10)
Two course meal and prize giving at golf club

The championship Hotchkin course is listed as the 6th best in England (60th best in the world) and has been voted the best inland course in England. It has hosted many top national and international amateur events, with its famous cavernous bunkers providing a wonderful challenge.

To complement the championship course, the Bracken provides a different challenge. Whilst there is little trouble off the tee, the greens are large and undulating, requiring putting competence to score well.

Both courses are heathland in terrain and built on sandy soil, meaning they are excellent winter venues, with temporary greens a rarity.

28 places are available for this trip and will only be reserved upon receipt of a £50 deposit.

Anyone wishing to travel a day early or stop a day later at the hotel on Thursday and/or Saturday night should contact the hotel direct to book this.

Full payment will be required one month prior to the trip.



Name: _____

Please make cheques payable to Barton under Needwood Golf Society or pay by BACS

[] Please book a place on the trip to Woodhall Spa for 22nd/23rd November 2024 and I enclose a £50 deposit.

[] A single room would be preferred (only 16 single rooms available on a first-come first-served basis).

£235 in a twin room
£255 for single room occupancy





WOODHALL SPA GOLF

www.woodhallspagolf.com

The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6PU

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Golf has been played in Woodhall Spa for over 100 years and The Hotchkin is Woodhall Spa's premier course. The championship course is listed as the 20th best in the British Isles (60th best in the world) and has been voted the best inland course in England. The original layout dates back to the early 1900's and since Colonel S V Hotchkin MC and C K Hutchison redesigned the course in the 1920's, the course has remained virtually unaltered. It is an outstanding masterpiece of golf course architecture, set amongst banks of gorse and broom, backed up with layered canopies of oak, fir and towering silver birch and encapsulated all upon a glorious carpet of heather, the natural beauty of this Lincolnshire oasis serves only to emphasise the majesty of this famous course. Renowned for its formidable bunkers and narrow fairways, most visitors will remember the panoramic views of the 11th and the charm of the short 12th hole. It has often been stated by the golfing press and top players alike that there are 18 great holes on the Hotchkin. It has hosted many top national and international amateur events and, built on sandy soil and heathland in terrain it allows for year round play. A golfers' course rewarding of good shots, considerate to the moderate, punitive to the bad, but always presented in pristine condition amidst wonderful natural surroundings.

Created from commercial woodland, scrub and arable farmland, Donald Steel's vision for The Bracken Course has materialised into a course of exceptional finesse and imaginative design. Although it is situated alongside The Hotchkin, the design and terrain are quite different. Many of the holes are in a parkland setting and the remainder make good use of Bracken Wood at the far end of the estate. The fairway and greenside bunkers, together with the large undulating greens, provide a resemblance to an American style course. Much emphasis has been placed on ecology with many species of wild flowers encouraged to grow whilst, at the same time, securing the habitat of local wildlife. This subject is high on the list of priorities of the English Golf Union who, amongst its many roles, provide an advisory service on how to build golf courses in harmony with nature.

THE INN AT WOODHALL SPA

www.theinnatwoodhallspa.co.uk

The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6ST

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Situated just 600 yards from the golf course in the heart of Woodhall Spa's conservation area and formerly called the Eagle Lodge Hotel, it is virtually unchanged externally since 1889.

In 2010 the hotel had a £2 million renovation. What was once the Woodhall Spa hotel has been transformed into a chic brasserie, a family-orientated pub and carvery, and 26 luxuriously appointed rooms. They all have complimentary WIFI have the comforts of your own home such as Freeview TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryer, iron and ironing board and an en-suite bathroom with the added treat of fabulous linens, luxury toiletries and fluffy towels. Inside it will remind you that, during the Second World War, the hotel was once one of the drinking haunts of the famous RAF 617 Squadron, "The Dambusters", as well as the airmen from 627 Squadron which flew Mosquitos on Pathfinder operations.

The INN brings a vibrant and upbeat venue to the tranquillity of Woodhall Spa, one of Lincolnshire's most attractive villages. Sensitively blending the old with the new, the fine Edwardian building now houses modern and fully air-conditioned facilities.

PLEASE NOTE

Even though Woodhall Spa have pretty much guaranteed that they will be open if there is wet weather, snow would inevitably close the course. In the unlikely event of this happening, you must all be aware that you may well lose your deposits. as the hotel are unlikely to accept a cancellation at very short notice, so the choice would be to either travel to the hotel for a non-golfing get-together or stay at home but still pay for the hotel.

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www.bartongolfsociety.com/woodhallspa.html