

Newsletter August 2024

Hi All,

A special bank holiday newsletter to bring all up to speed with events and stuff that has happened over the Summer Hols .

BCCC have been busy and attended a number of great meetings here and there as reported on later , with some great run outs for members and social meet ups.

Happily our Weather account must still be in credit as we just seem to land with lovely days when ever we sally forth in our beloved carriages!

Setting asise the renowned and highly desirable BCCC events and meets, this summer has seen some pretty major sporting events take place....

The Euros football kick about went on for a few weeks back in June and July ending with a Spanish victory. For those that frequent pub quizzes , some useful info - This event , repeated every 4 years, first came about in 1958 ,after first being proposed way back in 1927 by the French Football Federations Secretary General – Henry Delauney - hence the name of the trophy that is awarded to the winning team. Prior to this event kicking off there was the British Home Championships – of 4 teams and the central European International cup of 6 teams, The first tournament was held in 1960 in France and subsequent years saw the expansion from 8 to 16 and then 24 teams all competing for the coveted trophy , which they then keep for 4 years .

The actual trophy was remodeled in 2008 to make it larger due to it being overshadowed by other UEFA trophies (and some award winning MG trophies!!) , and now weighs in at 8Kg silver, and stands at 600mm tall - 2 feet in old money!

The cup

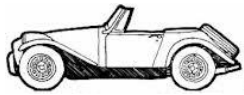


The 1960 logo



Scores on the doors for winning teams to date :

Spain 3 times , Germany 3 times, Italy and France 2 times each, and Soviet Union , Czechoslovakia, Netherlands Denmark, Greece and Portugal 1 x each .



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The next big event from early July saw the 137th edition of the strawberry laden Wimbledon tournament held as always at the All England Lawn Tennis and croquet Club in sunny Wimbledon, with the 130th edition of the Ladies singles event!

The £50m prize money now up for grabs being dished out as follows:

Players who make it to the first round of Wimbledon's main singles draw take home £60,000. That rises to £93,000 for the second round, £143,000 for the third round, and £226,000 for the fourth round. Quarter-finalists make £375,000, and semi-finalists make £715,000. And the big prize for the singles winners is £2,700,000, not bad for a few weeks batting your dogs favourite ball about ☺.

The trophies.....



The strawbs.....



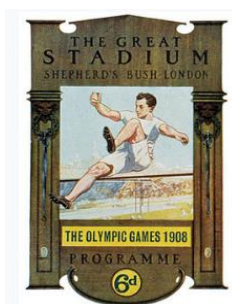
Then ,if this was not enough excitement for one summer ,to cap it all off we had the The Summer Olympics- or officially The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad held in Paris.. With a fantastic 4 weeks of competition over 32 events with 10714 athletes taking part from 206 nations .

Paris was only the 2nd city ever to hold the event 3 times (1900,1924,2024) after London -1908, 1948,2012

Paris 1900



London 1908

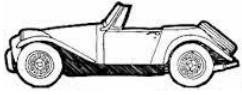


Paris 2024



London 2012





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Spring watch Special Final Update

A final update on the waffle included in the June newsletter from this totally engrossing live web cam watch on the Peregrines nesting box on the roof of Ealing Hospital. Well, the good news is that both the chicks we watched from hatching grew healthily and have fledged successfully!

Although not without some drama, in the last few days of residency, one of chicks decided to emulate Buzz Light Year and leap to Infinity and Beyond - not flying but falling with style!! He had obviously underestimated the important requirement of needing a whole heap of wing flapping to stay airborne, fortunately the bird made his way down and landed on the roof of a car in the Hospital car park, where it was successfully recovered by the Ealing Wildlife Trust and returned to the nest for a few more days practice, resulting in a successful flight!

Since then, very occasionally I have seen a parent bird visit the nest, shuffle a stone or two, and that is it till next year hopefully they return again!

Empty nest syndrome!!

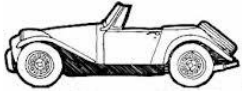


Now swiftly moving on to more relevant Car club stuff...

BCCC Annual Car Show update

Following on from our super successful show this year, after all the bean counting was completed and verified we arranged for a presentation on June 19th to Noah's Ark Hospice and handed over a very gratefully received cheque for £2800.00 as our 2024 donation to date , A handful of our members attending this very auspicious occasion.





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Xmas Dream Ride Winners Summer Ball

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One of our Barnet Xmas Fayre Dream Ride winners used her prize as transport for her daughter and friend to take them to their school prom. The lucky girls chose the car they would like from those on show at the Barnet Car Show. Gary, owner of the beautifully presented Ford Mustang collected and drove the girls in style to their prom last night. A big thank you to Gary for his kind help. The Dream Ride ticket sales last December raised £500 for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.



With the classic car scene all over the UK in full swing now, and events taking place almost weekly BCCC have had some great positive turn outs and representation at the planned events and also some of the smaller local alternative gatherings with a few commented on below.

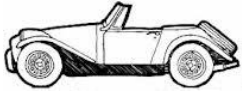
East Barnet Festival Cars in the Park Sunday June 30th

This great local event was back on this year after a no show last year due to costs and lack of volunteer support 😞. This just underlines the importance of helping out whenever we can! The organisers asked if we could assist with the Marshalling in the car arena on the day , and so we did ,with Chris and George manfully donning the high viz and herding all the cars into the field!

Entry was for pre 1990 classic cars, supercars and associated car clubs. This year there was a necessary charge of £10 per car (passengers free) to cover costs, and fortunately this did not stop many owners turn up to support the event and keep it going.

The costs to run this weekend festival is huge and with very little LBB support, the organisers really need all local support to control the costs and keep the festival alive.

The whole festival, funfair, music stage, stalls and food outlets were open to all as usual with many more stalls this year.



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The display area we occupied in 2022 was reserved for us and we managed to fill this with even more cars ! Thirty six club members braved the dull and unpromising weather first thing , however this soon changed and our usual order of a sunny warm day was delivered.

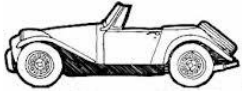
One of our members -Emile got Best in Show trophy with his beautiful Jaguar, this cars had many very subtle mods done but they just enhance the cars usability – Led lights , Bluetooth linked radio, slightly wider rear wheels which made the car just sit right! This lovely car is really a credit to the proud owner.

The award winning Jaguar



BCCC line up





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July Run out Jordans Mill and Shuttleworth Collection

An excellent run out in July was arranged ,to include a short stop at Jordans Mill and then onwards to the Shuttleworth collection. Another dry and lovely day was on offer for this great day out.! A turn out of some 30+ cars included some new attendees from nearby Watford CC and a bunch of Chris Martin,s Riley friends added additional interest to the cars on show. The organisers parked us all together just opposite the hangers and with the flying field in full view.

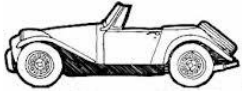
Shuttleworth offers not only the Hangers full of amazing aircraft, aviation equipment , period cars and displays of bikes etc , but also the lovely Swiss Garden and some very welcome catering facilities.

There was another club visiting that day -a bikers club with some fantastic bikes on show , Also the Iconic Auction House Group had a motorcycle sale set for the weekend with previewing on the day.

As it was not an official flying day as such only a handful of aircraft were up , however there was some very nimple flying dispalys in a Provost trainer and a fly past by some 1930,s racers. A big thanks to **Chris Skinner** who researched this run out and prepared the route meticulously beforehand .

Jordans Mill





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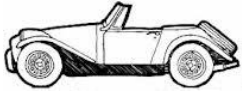


Shuttleworth Collection



Emergency call out to Highwood Lodge Care Home Gadebridge

With a shoutout/ request from a member for some cars to attend above , as the Care Home had been let down before , we managed to rustle up a handful of members to attend this afternoon display for the residents and local visiting public. There were approx 35 cars turned up in the end and some very fine examples - Rolls Royce, a rare Reliant Sabre, Singers, MG,s Jags, Fiats , Ford Anglia, Lotus etc . A lovely afternoon and good to help out this organisation and ensure their open day a success.



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Tewin Car Show August 18th

This event is one of the highlights of the local summer shows . The event takes place on the cricket field in Tewin Village just outside of Welyn Garden City . Having been held for a number of years now the event just gets better and better, with an amazing display of cars, with such variety, there is so much to see and enjoy, coupled with stalls selling local goods, produce, fast food and many other items . The cricket club house is open for teas/cakes and lots of tables and chairs are placed outside for comfort. There is also a live band set up near the club house playing an enjoyable range of music throughout the afternoon.

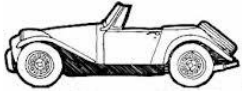
We arranged to meet up around 10.30 at a car park on Waterside in WGC so we could all drive in together, here, as last year ,we met up with the MCR club outing , tiny turnout compared to ours 😊 Arriving at the cricket field, we were swiftly directed to an area where we could line up and put up our Gazebo for the member and all to use , wiith around 12 cars attending .

The organisation of this event is excellent with year on year experience gained and deployed, good Marshalling, very little queuing and careful spacing of the cars . The on line ticketing system helps massively with this as there is now very few delays due to payments / tickets on the day., and with some 400 cars attending this is essential!



Capel Manor Show September 1st

Again we will attend as a club and we need a minimum of x 10 cars on the day to secure a stand area, Tickets are available on line ,and when purchasing if you tick as attending a club area -BCCC then that will help with direction on the day . **Final details for the assembly point will be posted just before the event so keep watching .**



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Autumn Treasure Hunt/ date TBA

This is still in planning stage and information will be released as soon as we finalise.

Club Social meet ups

These are held on the **2nd Saturday each Month** , from 2pm onwards for a drink and chat. see below for future 2024 dates

- 14/09/24
- 12/10/24
- 09/11/24
- 14/12/24

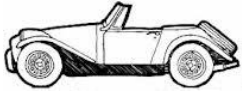
We have now had 5 x meetings this year so far and with good attendance at each.

February meeting at the Woodman with over 20 members and a triumphant handful of classics, including a trio of Stags!



For the May meeting we went abroad to the Farmers Boy in Brickenden in the wilds of Hertfordshire! A very tidy and pleasant country pub with the hospitality one would expect. An area of parking was coned off for us and we squeezed some 30 cars in the well-placed car park. With the outside seating adjacent to the cars, and the weather exceptional on the day (as usual!!) and good food offered within the pub again what was not to like!.





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For the August meet up on 10/8/24 we returned to the Farmers Boy. The Pub had asked if we would like to attend again, as they had a New Orleans theme on that day, with traditional Southern dishes on the menu and a Jazz band playing from around 3pm. The pub unusually has a Boule/Pétanque court, adjacent to the seating area and some quick lessons from the local players were organised and an inter club competition, all good fun! Once more we had a healthy turn out of members with some 35 cars, so another fun afternoon was had by all. A thanks **to Derrick Haggerty** who liaised with the pub for our attendance with the parking reservation and also arranged the Boules bash!

During this event we met up with some of the locals who also brought some cars along, and we were asked see if we might be interested in organising an afternoon/ evening display on the village Green. The village has struggled to keep the Pub and facilities open as many do so it is something we will consider and discuss over the winter period.

As Autumn now approaches, we will possibly visit another venue before returning to our base at the Woodman in Water End. Where the Club Christmas meal will be held on the December Saturday meeting date of **14/12/2024** with details later in the year.

Club Regalia

We now have available for your delectation and purchase the finest haute couture available to discerning club members and fashionistas. All adorned with the with the BCCC logo

- **Caps-** fit all head sizes- Big heads, small heads or normal 😊
- **Polo Shirts-** a range of sizes available from normal to mahoosive
- **Fleeces** - a range of sizes as above
- **Windscreen stickers** – one size fits all

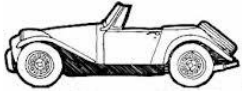
So, if you need an instant pressie then please contact Marty who will happily relieve you of your finest English pounds...

BCCC Committee

At our monthly meetings, we continue with discussion regarding the future plans and direction for the club, and the consensus still, as now, is to keep matters as simple as possible maintaining the friendly all welcome ethos, but also to continue to enhance our visible profile by utilising current media platforms for information dissemination/exchange.

Eg : Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/922544478743138/?ref=share_group_link.

Don't forget we also have our own Web site : <https://barnetclassiccar.club>



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The organisation and planning of events this year has been demanding but thanks to the loyal and hardworking committee and club members assisting we have had some super events. A lot of effort goes into organising even the simplest of meet ups and keeping the club momentum going. So, if you fancy a period on the committee, please, please just let us know 😊

BCCC Committee hard at work!



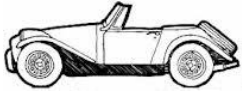
At this point I sadly have to advise that Paul Johnson is leaving Barnet and moving to the wilds of Gloucestershire. Paul has been a stalwart member of the committee since we kicked off and I am sure all in BCCC would like to thank him for his dedication and enthusiasm. Sadly, this means the award winning MGC will be blazing new trails through Cirencester from the end of August. We wish Paul and Nicky the very best in their new life adventure in the Ulez free countryside, I am sure that there are some good barn finds lurking out there somewhere - Tractors, Balers even the odd Combine Harvester 😊!

Club Funds: To keep our tradition for a free at point of use club we will still seek to raise any funds we may need through voluntary contributions at events, or sometimes via mandatory small contributions if necessary.

Third Party Insurance: as we are organising “official” BCCC club attendances at various events we have yearly PL insurance in place and this is one of the annual recurring costs that we need to cover.

Club Gazebo – This is now in full use and proving a very useful purchase. We intend to use this at all the shows we attend as a club

Organised Events –At large events such as the Annual Show that we promote and run entirely, as part of our risk assessments we now include the attendance of St Johns Ambulance medical first aiders, again this is one of our annual cost to cover,



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So as it is the last Bank holiday of the Summer, and the biggest free street festival in Europe is now in full swing enjoy Carnival bank holiday and keep up with your Rumba and Salsa dance outs, and mash up some wicked jerk chicken , rice, n peas BBQ,s for all to enjoy 😊



looking forward as always o meeting all at the next events, and runs

James Beeton