

BARNET CLASSIC CAR CLUB



Newsletter December 2024

Hi All, Well..... where has the year gone and that old father time passed by

" the future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is."

"One day, you're 17 and you're planning for someday. And then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today. And then someday is yesterday. And this is your life."

But always remember *"time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time"*

Here we are again at the end of another busy and active year for Barnet Classic Car club. A year where we have lifted the club activities to another level, have increased the membership through word of mouth and attendees at our gatherings and have raised more donations for our chosen charity than ever before. All this being down to the hardwork of our committee and the enthusiasm of our members and generosity of the public who visit and enjoy the displays and activities we organise.

So at this time of the year, with our last get together – the Xmas meal and social meet up in the Woodman looming on 14th December and with most of our four wheeled friends in hibernation and tucked up for the winter it is just the time to get the ever present mince pies and Madiera out of the cupboards, dust down the Edinburgh crystal, poke the fire, and enjoy the festive break.

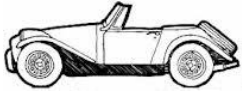
With the UK classic car scene almost wrapped up for the year we can look back look back and reflect on what a great year we have all enjoyed, and so here we go and in no particular order:

The first of our run outs way back in Spring was on the **National Drive it day at end of April.**

Here we arranged to drive to the Prae Wood Arms near St Albans.

The venue was excellent and very accommodating with coffee/ tea and biccies made available to us on arrival! A full lunch menu also being available in a lovely late Georgian style, restored building,

A great turn out of around 30 BCCC cars on this slightly chilly but bright day with a handful of custom hot rods arriving to add some further interest.



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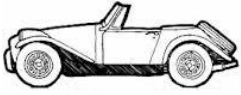
BCCC Annual Car show in May

The main event and highlight of our calendar year being the annual show at the Spires in High Barnet. This was the 9th annual event and by far the best we have organised so far. With over 110 vehicles on display the show was amazing. There were hundreds of visitors during the day, and all I spoke to (many!) commented on how enjoyable and good the show was.

The show as usual started from the Barnet Odeon (Everyman for all the youths!) with a parade running up Barnet Hill and along the High St, lined with spectators, and then round into the Spires Car Park, where we once again had sole use of the top deck. Excellent for when the sun has got its hat on as it did that day. We had a huge range of vehicles on display with some very rare and valuable cars adding to the variety, The chosen theme this year was "Lotus in Barnet" as a tribute to the great engineering genius Colin Chapman, who lived locally for a number of years and for the display we rounded up around 10 classic Lotus cars.



A big thank you is also appropriate here for Britannia Parking who manage the Spires Car Park, and willingly and generously let us have the space at no cost for our show. There is limited space in High Barnet for a show of this size so this availability is gratefully accepted by BCCC.



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Next up was the **Enfield Pageant of Motoring** held over the Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May. The weather on the Saturday was excellent, as we have become accustomed to, and once again, we had a good club turnout and display area, with some 25 vehicles on display on the Sunday despite the slightly showery day – traditional for Enfield Pageant! There was an arena display/pageant with running commentary about the cars and the Club from our very own MC Chris Martin.



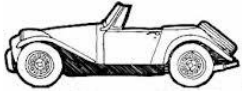
Following on in late June, the next club gathering was at **The East Barnet Festival Cars in the Park** .

This excellent local event was back on this year, having had to cancel in 2023 due to lack of volunteer support and sponsorship/funding.

To help the organisers out we offered our assistance with some of the car park Marshalling.

As usual there was an impressive quantity of stalls and attractions in the park with the traditional fun fair, and main music stage providing great music throughout the day and into the evening.

Some cars not seen before turned up and at the close of the day one of our BCCC members winning car of the show with a beautiful, restored and updated Jaguar.

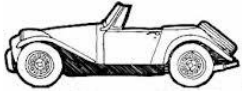


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In July, for our next outing ,an excellent run was arranged to include a stop over at the famous **Jordans Mill** , and then onwards to **The Shuttleworth collection**.

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 handful of Rileys, with all being parked together just opposite the hangers and with the flying field in full view.



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

It was not an organised flying day , however there were a handful of vintage aircraft flying through the afternoon to add to the enjoyment for the club.



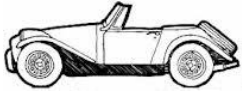
Up next was the next club attendance at **Tewin Show** in August:

This event is one of the highlights of the local summer car shows . The event takes place on the cricket field in Tewin Village which is just outside of Welwyn Garden City .

Having been held for a number of years now the event has grown and just gets better and better, with an amazing display of superb quality cars, there is so much to see and enjoy. Also on the field a fine collection of stalls selling local goods / produce, food , autojumble and many other must have items!

The cricket club house is open all afternoon for teas/cakes with ample tables and chairs placed outside for comfort. A live band (thanks goodness!) set up under a Gazebo near the club house playing an enjoyable range of music throughout the afternoon.

With some 400 cars attending this is an essential summer event and not to be missed.



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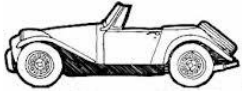


Capel Manor Show September :

Once again, our request for a lovely day was honoured and duly delivered. We attended as a club, with a decent size display area under the trees to the south of the site. With approx. 15 cars on display including the fab Whitewebbs 1939 Morris Ambulance called Wendy! This was on standby in case we had need of the facilities within!

The magnificent grounds and gardens are all open and available on the day which just enhances the enjoyment at this special event.





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Wendy the Ambulance



Tea for the Tillerman on the rear lawns

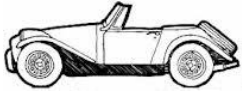


Some special seats in the greenhouse rest area !



Autumn Treasure Hunt October :

The eagerly awaited treasure hunt run finally came around in early October. This fun run entailed the answering of a number of cleverly cryptic questions with clues to be found en route. The teams attending needed to be at least two up per car, with the driver allegedly keeping eyes on the road and the “navigator” and chief clue spotter doing the scribbling on the question sheets.



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Starting off around 10.30 at the Farmers Boy in Brickendon, where the Pub opened especially early with a lovely welcome for us, coffee and tea and biccies for all

The route was a pleasant drive through the County town and some of Hertfordshires lovely countryside, and villages and was approximately around 30miles and 1.5 -2 hours journey time - subject to not getting too lost or breaking down (as if!) and the numerous backtracking !

Some of the clues were a tad challenging , with one or two U turns being required to revisit! Careful reading of the instruction before setting off paid off dividends!

The route ended back at our home location at the Woodman in Warrengate Lane where, for a small sum an amazing buffet had been laid on for us by Yana the licencee and her lovely staff.

Some 22 teams took part and so over 50 attended with the final winners picking up the now coveted award after the buffet meal.

This was a meticulously planned outing that took considerable time and planning to pull together , not helped by last minute changes being needed due to roadworks suddenly appearing!

A very big thanks to George and Howard and their very reliable back office staff who pulled this very enjoyable event together.

Club Social meet ups 2024.

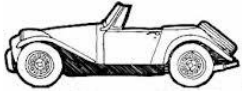
This year, again, during the summer months, trips to other venues for the monthly Saturday meet ups were organised to spice it all up and give our marvellous machines a reasonable run!

Starting the year off at our “home” venue - **The Woodman at Water End Warrengate Rd**



Feb Meeting again at the Woodman featuring a herd of Herfordshire Stags !





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For the May outing we visited the **Farmers Boy at Brickenden** for the first time.



This being a handsome and lovely village pub with a fine restaurant offering some great food. The parking area was convenient with benches overlooking the area and the staff are excellent and friendly and welcomed our attendance. An area of parking was coned off specifically for our visit and we squeezed some 30 cars in this well-placed car park.



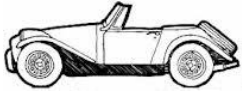
For the August meet up we returned once again to the Farmers Boy.

During this gathering we met up with a number of local petrolheads who also brought some cars along, During the conversations we were asked 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 these days. It is something we will consider and discuss over the winter period, it would be a big undertaking, but worthy of some thought.

September meeting returning back to the Woodman in Water end, with another near perfect day, there was a good showing of cars and some new appearances also attending for this afternoon – a lovely Rover P6 V8, , fab Jag XJS , and a tasty Jensen Healey

Dates for your diary for the new year will be :

11/1/25 – 8/2/25 – 8/3/25 – 12/4/25 – 10/5/25, 14/6/25 -12/7/25 – 9/8/25 –13/9/25 - 11/10/25 – 8/11/25 - 13/12/25



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Barnet Christmas Fair 1/12/24

We once again attended at this LBB organised event held on Barnet High St, for the duration, the High St is closed to traffic to allow the many stallholders and traders and displays /performers to set up .

For our small display the usual site on the High St outside St John's church was reserved.

We set up our Gazebo in true festive manner with lights, balloons and a small PA belting out some Xmas classics! Unfortunately, St Johns Church Bells out did us with the decibel count at regular intervals!

The main focus of our attendance on the day being to promote our very successful "Dream Ride Raffle" fund raising in support our chosen Charity – Noah's Arks Children's Hospice.

The day started off with miserable wet weather, but at least not freezing cold. The cars were put in place and the gazebo erected, - we had an additional "wing" added for the field catering facility on the day! – Tea, coffee and bacon butties kindly organised by Kevin Watt, owner of the fab VW T2 camper van.

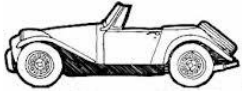
7 cars were on display ranging from a tiny Austin 7 Nippy, the only existing New Era Mini prototype, to the magnificent 1923 Bentley Tourer, a classic and immaculate Mini Mayfair and Triumph Stag, and the lovely VW camper Van. We also had the White Webbs 1939 Ambulance (Wendy) on display.

Chris Skinner had his tiny Fiat 600 kitted out with Santa Claus and a rear seat full of pressies, this was set up to offer photo shot opportunities for young ones in return for a small donation. He raised an amazing sum of around £100 on the day!

As the day progressed the crowds came out in the afternoon, and we did great business with the Dream Ride raffle. With the generosity of the visiting public a huge number of 3 for £5 or 8 for £10 raffle entries were taken. Also, this year we offered, for a fixed and very fair price, a guaranteed ride out and this took a surprising number of purchases.!

Another successful fund-raising event for us, with a total of around £1200.00 being collected. The DR draw being planned for Xmas lunch





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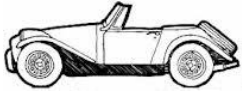
Christmas Meet up and Lunch 14th December:

This, the final event of the BCCC year was held at our base location - the Woodman ,yet another enjoyable and well attended gathering of some 34 club members, partners, wife's and girlfriends /boyfriends made for a very full function room! The meal was a delicious feast of traditional Xmas fare superbly presented and delivered by the licensee Yana,s lovely team at the Woodman.

So, a big thanks to Yana and her team for the continued hospitality and welcoming we get here. There was an excellent short film /collage of our year's events run on the dining rooms display screen, masterfully put together and edited by Chris (Spielberg!) Frost. A raffle was organised on the day, with many useful Xmas pressie prizes so many thanks to Loretta for pitching in and organising this.

The final task of the year was to draw the **Dream Ride raffle winners...tah dah!!**

This year being done via a very clever App designed for just such occasions. So rather than having a bucket of ticket stubs, all raffle entries are collated on the App database, and then, following a virtual spin of the on screen "roulette" style spinning wheel, the winning numbers are displayed with an appropriate fanfare and applause.



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To make it even more fun, audience participation was required to spin the wheel, so with a loud crowd shout out of 3-2-1 and spin! the on-screen wheel did its stuff, and the winning numbers duly popped up. A very clever and visually fun App discovered and configured for our event by Chris “top tech” Martin, so a big thanks to him for configuring this fun and exciting new addition to raffle draws.

An excellent afternoon at the Woodman was had by all and this was a very fitting end to our fantastic BCCC year.

On screen video montage



The customised Raffle APP



Noah's Ark Hospice update:

This year through all our activities and events we have raised an amazing sum of c£4000.00 to give to our chosen local Charity.

From the Spires show around £2200.00, from the Xmas Fayre Dream Ride raffle c£1200, £120.00 from the Treasure Hunt run, and £280.00 from our Xmas lunch raffle!

As a bonus the Treasure Hunt sum was effectively doubled up to £240.00 as a result of the **NAH “from the Moment” campaign**, held during September and October, whereby a number of the NAH generous backers pledge to double up all and any funds raised during this period!

All our donations are very gratefully and graciously received by the Hospice Community Engagement Manager -Laura Grundy.

So all that remains to say is a massive thank you to all the members, friends, and all those who support our efforts and donate so generously to this fund raising activity within the Club.

Club Regalia

Still available to order after the Black Friday rush:

- **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...



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BCCC Committee

At our monthly meetings, we continue with discussions 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.

And don't forget we also have our own Web site : <https://barnetclassicar.club>

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 super successful events.

A lot of effort goes into organising even the simplest of meet ups and keeping the club momentum going.

So, if you fancy putting an event together or a period on the committee, please, please just let us know 😊

Club Funds: To maintain 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 as and when necessary.

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

Club Gazebo and Banner Flags These is now in full use and have proved a very useful purchase.

Organised Events –At large events such as the Annual Show that we promote and run entirely, as part of our risk assessments we have decided to include the attendance of St Johns Ambulance medical first aiders, again this is one of our annual costs to cover. Also have purchased a number of Hi Viz vests for the additional safety of stewards working on any of the events

So, another year for BCCC runs out of fuel and rolls to a stop, we have had some enjoyable gatherings together, with a healthy increase in membership (127) and attendance at popular social meet ups

From all the committee thanks to all who support the club, and long may we continue to thrive and enjoy the comradery and companionship that prevails within our membership.

Have a lovely Christmas all, and looking forward to a great new Year

James Beeton