



Newsletter March 2025

Hi to All,

So happily with the final dour Winter months out of the way and the new spring knocking on the door , lambs a gambolling in the fields , snow drops and crocus out in full force,, the Dafs and Tulips well on the way, we look forward to lovely tropical spring weather and the chance to roust the cars from their winter slumbers and get them out into their natural habitat- the roads and byways of Barnet, Herts and the universe beyond!

10 little know or cared for facts about spring 😊

- 1. It starts at different times** : Spring can start at different times, depending on who you ask. Looking at the astronomical calendar the first day of spring is 20 March. The Phenological method records dates of reoccurring natural phenomena such as flowering. For meteorologists, spring starts on 1 March and runs until 31 May.
- 2. Snow** : Many say you're more likely to see snow at Easter than at Christmas. This is borne out of statistics to some extent - snow or sleet falls on average 3.9 days in December, compared to 4.2 days in March. However, because Easter is a 'moveable feast', it can also take place in April, which has only 2.3 days of snow or sleet fall. So it depends on exactly when Easter falls in any given year.
- 3. Vernal Equinox** : The first day of spring, the vernal equinox, has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness.
- 4. The warmest spring** : The warmest spring on record was 2011 with an average daytime temperature of 9.2 °C.
- 5. ...and the coldest spring** : Was the spring of 1962, with an average daytime maximum of 5.8 °C.
- 6. The wettest spring** : 1947 saw the wettest spring recorded with 331.7 mm of rainfall.
- 7. Average temperatures** : The average mean temperature for spring is 7.7 °C.
- 8. Something in the air** : Sense of smell can be more acute in spring as there is usually more moisture in the air
- 9. It isn't the start of the pollen season** : Spring is often associated with the start of the pollen season. However, some pollen types can release as early as January.
- 10. The sunniest spring** : The sunniest spring was in 1948, in which a total of 558 sunshine hours were recorded.



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And to end, some fine springy words from Jeniffer Gunner:



Spring watch 2025

If you recall I did a rambling write up last year on the successful nesting of a pair of Peregrine Falcons on Ealing Hospital.

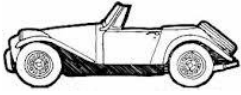
Well I am thrilled to see that the pair are back again this spring, I logged on for the first time on 1/3/2025 and there was a bird perched on the nest site ! with some scrapes visible so with some luck they will nest again. Last year two chicks were fledged successfully.

Use this link to watch - it is compulsive viewing , well certainly better than the Kardashians !

[Watch Ealing's Peregrine Falcons live on our webcam!](#)

I have checked the local St Albans Cathedral webcam but unfortunately nothing recording at present. Although last year 3 chicks were fledged!

The Ealing nest 2025 with its resident female...



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Meanwhile back at the BCCC Ranch....

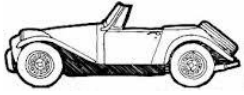
We have already started the planning for 2025 of official BCCC Events and for social run outs, again we will have some interesting and enjoyable trips/venues planned in, below are the first confirmed, and info will be messaged out on groups IO and facebook as soon as organised.

National Drive it day 27th April at end of April,

We have chosen to return to Jordans Mill for this run. This is not far away and will give our cars a nice run. The venue was visited last year when we went up to Biggleswade and proved a great success, so we have decided to make this the go to venue for this first event

[Jordans Mill - Historic Mill and Gardens, Bedfordshire](#)





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BCCC Annual Car show 18th May

Planning is well under way for this our annual show. As in recent years we will be commencing with a procession up Barnet Hill , along the High St ending up in the Spires car Park top floor. This year we will have the Deputy Mayor riding in the lead car!

Look out for the email invites now being sent out and get your applications in early as this is a popular event and will fill up quickly. As last year we will be making a nominal charge of £5.00, less than the cost of your average pint in the Borough!, this helps cover the fixed costs we have for running the event .



Enfield Pageant of Motoring 25th May

The club will again have our own area at this year's Enfield Pageant. Last year we filled the double size stand we were allocated and hoping with your help that we can do the same again.

So if you're planning to attend this excellent weekend on either one or both days then please book a place through the Barnet Classic Car Club and enjoy the company of other club members at discounted ticket prices. Tickets are just £6 for the weekend when purchased through our club which includes one vehicle, driver and one passenger. So if you attend both days that works out at a mere 3 squids a day.

If you would like to join us you need to register your intention and pay £6 to Barnet Classic Car Club along with vehicle registration number by April 14th at the VERY latest so to be sure best get your order in by 7th April!!





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Whitewebbs Museum D Day Celebration Event Sat 7th June

Although not a BCCC club event I thought it worth mentioning this special one off event in support of Whitewebbs Museum of Transport.

The celebration starts from 3pm and runs through till 10pm, with historic vehicles on display, army drill display, BBQ, Live Vera singalong 😊, and dancing and stuff with DJ Big Pauls 40,s music , suggested dress theme is 40,s style which is very cool , with a prize for best dressed so what's not to like!!.

Tickets are £25 .00 with reduced rates for younger attendees including a non ration book BBQ!

Please contact Loretta Pryor for tickets etc – loretta.pryor@tiscali.co.uk

Bentley Priory run out 14th June

Arrangement to visit this Historic site in Stanmore are in progress, more info to be release later



The East Barnet Festival - Cars in the Park July 6th

This excellent local event is back on again this year, but they have struggled with their hardcore volunteers due to unfortunate illness and other commitment.

An approach was made to BCCC to see if we might be able to help specifically with the organisation and running of the Cars in The Park show on the Sunday.

This enjoyable community event has been longstanding in East Barnet and it would be a crime to let it fail for want of a few hours assistance, so we have agreed to take on the organisation of the CIP Sunday show. A good few BCCC members have already volunteered to help out on the day and many thanks for this, the more the merrier as they say! so any further help will be gratefully received. Please contact myself or Derrick Haggerty if you Can spare an hour or so....





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July /Aug Run / Pub meet up TBA

The venue for these months will be posted as soon as we agree ...

Tewin Cars on the Green 17th August :

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 . We will attend as a Club meeting. Ticket info will be forwarded as soon as known .



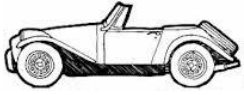
Capel Manor Show August 31st

We will be attending Capel Manor as A Club , once entries are open for attendance we will post out further updates for this fantastic event and day out



Autumn Treasure Hunt September 13th

There are early days for planning so keep an eye out for later in summer when details will be released.



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Club Social meet ups 2025.

We will continue to use the Woodman at Water end as our base meeting point, the pub is really nice and we are always made welcome by Yana and her lovely staff, so absolutely no reason to go elsewhere!!

The meet ups are as previous years on the **2nd Saturday of the month from 2pm till 5pm**, the venue will be changed over the months to give some variety and a little more of a drive out..

March 8th – Woodman Water End

April 12th – Woodman Water End

May 10th - TBA

June 14th – Bentley Priory , Stanmore

July 12th - TBA

August 9th -TBA

Sept 13th -Treasure Hunt TBA

Oct 11th - TBA

Nov 8th – TBA

Dec 13th – Xmas meal at Woodman Water End

11th Jan Woodman Water End:

Thank s to all the lovely people, around thirty of you, who turned out on a frosty Saturday afternoon to the Club's first Pub meet of 2025.

Granted, like me, not all in classic cars though there were enough older and interesting cars there for it to be a classic car meet.

John Lester and Paul Herbert both turned up in cars not seen at the pub before so well done to you both

Feb 8th Woodman Water End:

Good club attendance at the Woodman with the usual warm welcome, despite the awful dreich winter weather, a couple of brave Cars attended but at least we were well watered and warm inside , with the usual convivial conversations .

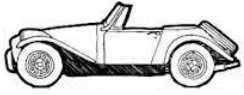
March 8th Woodman Water End:

The beautiful spring weather brought the cars out in strength! We had a great turnout of some 20 cars and respective members. The meetup was even more enjoyable, being able to wander around outside in comfort and ogle / chat about the wonders on display. Spring colours were much in evidence!

A welcome to a few new members who turned out, amongst which a beautiful primrose coloured MGC alongside an absolutely 'on the button' white Mk1 Escort Twin Cam.

A plethora of MG,s and three MGA's would you believe and a lonely TR4 that was as clean and tidy under the bonnet as it was on the topside. The Jaguars were out in force too with a beautiful red XJS convertible and a couple of Mk 2's, all of which had been shown the polishing cloth.

Lots of other lovelies too as can be seen in the few photos below:



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Finally, a bit of funTah Dah!!

2025 Spring Brain Teaser : The Barnet Classic Car Club Cryptic Car Challenge :

So as we wake up our cars it is also a good time to get the brains in action, so how's your car knowledge. All the British cars shown below had different names in other countries where they were exported or manufactured, socan you match the cars with their alter ego !

Alternative Names:

Austin America, Austin Glider, Austin Kimberley, Austin Tasman, BMW Dixi, Rosengat, Datsun T11, Innocenti Regent, Etsong Libao, Dodge Omni, Plymouth Cricket, vw1500, Dodge Husky, Paykan, Honda Crossroad, Hindustan Ambassador, Standard 2000, Chevrolet Chevaire, Ascona, Innocenti Regent, Chevrolet Firenza



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The lucky winners will have the opportunity of buying me a pint of a refreshing cool liquid at the next club meet up 😊_Answers if needed next update!!

Club Regalia

Available to order, with some we hold in stock ,

- **Caps-** fit all head sizes- Big heads, small heads or normal 😊
- **Woolly hats** – as above
- **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 any item 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 and direction for the club, and the consensus continuing, and as now, is to keep matters as simple as possible maintaining the friendly all welcoming ethos, but also to continue to enhance our visible profile by utilising current social media platforms for information dissemination/exchange.

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

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

A lot of effort goes into organising even the simplest of meet ups and keeping the club momentum going. So, if you fancy putting and event together or a period on the committee, please just let us know 😊

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. This is on going and currently we have a healthy positive balance of approx. £900.00. We have decided to maintain a balance around this amount to cover any costs the club incurs and ensure we can cover any unplanned costs that may arise.

Third Party Insurance: This is in place for each show we organise specifically as a Club event.

Club Gazebo and Banner Flags – These is now in full use and proving 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. This is one of our annual costs to cover. We also have purchased several Hi Viz vests for the additional safety of stewards working on any of the events.

looking forward as always to meeting at the next events/ runs
James Beeton