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Newsletter May 28th 2025

Hi to BCCC members and all,

The spring shift will soon be clocking off and the summer months will silently shuffle in and hopefully continue with the fair and lovely conditions we have experienced recently, with probably the driest and warmest spring for years -see blab below, so there are no excuses possible for not getting our treasured perambulators out of their garages and onto the roads and byways of Barnet, Herts, Gloucestershire and the universe beyond!

Spring 2025 records

April 2025 has gone down as the sunniest on record for the UK since records began in 1910, with 47% more sunshine than the long-term average, according to provisional Met Office data. England experienced its sunniest April ever, while Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland each recorded their second sunniest.

The UK saw an average of 228.9 hours of sunshine during the month, with particularly bright conditions in the Midlands, East Anglia, and parts of Scotland. This follows a similarly sunny March, making it the sunniest March–April period on record for England.

Temperatures were also notably warm. The UK's mean temperature for April was 9.6°C, 1.7°C above the long-term average, making it the third warmest April since records began in 1884. All four UK nations recorded their third warmest April, with daytime temperatures playing a major role. The highest temperature of the month was 26.7°C, recorded on 30 April in Wisley, Surrey. That day also tied with 19 April 2018 as the UK's warmest April day on record for mean temperature.

BCCC 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! Now the Ealing nest has three chicks!



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



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Following on from the criminal trashing of the Peregrine Falcon nest and eggs at St Albans Cathedral early in spring it is great to report back that there is now a second clutch laid early May and maybe we will see another successful fledging of these fantastic raptors.



Keeping with the avian theme /thingy for a few minutes as I am obviously becoming obsessed with our feathered friends, now is a great time to catch the musical treat of the Dawn Chorus.

If you are human and most of us are, the last thing you want to do in the pre-dawn darkness is burst into song! However, birds are different and at this time the lighting of the night sky at dawn signals a dramatic outpouring of vocalisations with multiple individuals launching into a loud almost ecstatic singalong – the Dawn Chorus! Lasting from 20mins to an hour it starts with one or two voices but quickly surges as others join in.

There is a very specific and consistent “pecking” order starting usually with robins, blackbirds and thrushes getting in early. The place in the line up is related to how well the species can see in dim light so a robin with large eyes sings early and say a Chiff Chaff with small eyes sings later! Height also is a factor with Skylarks being early contributors. The timing of the start depends on degree of moonlight as well as temperature, rain and cloud cover, with our constant street lighting the singing can start very early and sometimes you can hear birds on song late in the evening.

So..... why do it ?

Singing in the dark when you cannot find food and day predators cannot see you makes good energetic sense, no precious feeding time wasted, and dawn tends to be a still and calm time when sound travels further than later, with all the noise of the day. The main reason and purpose of song is males (typical!) defending territory and announcing their fitness to all nearby including their own mate! (so try it out !) It lets all know you are still around and available and lets your mate -who is most fertile at this time -know you are up for fun and ready to go! If a male misses his singing appointment, then his partner may stray elsewhere, and he could lose all paternal rights! Be warned 😊 !

Moving “swiftly” on....



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March 18th Space X

On March 18th a fascinating to watch live coverage was broadcast of the return to earth, of the two NASA astronauts, whose eight-day all-inclusive stopover on the International Space Station (ISS) turned into a nine-and-a-half-month mission. At 5:57 pm EDT, SpaceX Dragon Freedom splashed down off the coast of Tallahassee, Florida carrying Sunita 'Suni' Williams and Butch Wilmore along with NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov.

It was an idyllic day for a return to Earth, with the astronauts splashing down to 78 degrees Fahrenheit weather. Amazingly a pod of curious dolphins turned up and were seen swimming around the capsule as ground crews were preparing the capsule to be opened after landing!

The capsule was eventually craned out of the water and placed on a recovery ship where the astronauts finally got to have their first breath of fresh air in over nine months.



Back to Planet BARNET /BCCC.

We are well into our annual programme of runs and events for the year having had some enjoyable Saturday meet ups and successful runouts. The first being the annual Drive it Day, a second was the VE Day celebrations and of course we have now had our spectacular Annual Car Show in the Spires MSCP High Barnet and the Enfield Pageant has been and gone this last bank holiday weekend.

National Drive it day 27th April

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

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





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An enjoyable and great day out was had by all. The weather was perfect for the drive - sunny and warm. With a good turnout of BCCC members and partners/families, around 35 cars on show.

The run started off at our base camp of the Woodman Water End, kindly provided by the ever-obliging Yana and her lovely team. From here the run route was carefully planned to avoid the A1M and took us out through some lovely South Herts and Beds villages and countryside.

Unfortunately, my car threw a stop on the night before, and on the morning of the run refusing to start! After a John Cleese style thrashing, I got it going, but by then, and running late, I had to drive up the dreaded A1M route to get to the venue!

On arrival we had the rear car park made available so we could all park together, also joined by around 8x Triumph Stags from another club.

The Venue was excellent with good food in the restaurant area and seating overlooking the mill pond, one of the conference rooms was also set aside for our sole use and for the cream teas to finish the day.

A tour of the mill was part of the deal organised for all and proved very interesting. The mill still being water driven and carbon zero! The water turbine powering the vintage but reliable milling machinery and a generator which provides the electrical power for the whole site.



The family run business created the first "breakfast" Granola Bar in the UK and still mill in the traditional style the famous Jordans Mill Flour – with output from 100-year-old magnificent machinery being a ton of flour an hour!

Thanks to Chris Skinner for organising the route and this lovely day run out

A poor photo of the line up!!





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Better piccie of cars, the Lotus siding with the triumphs:)



BCCC Annual Car show 18th May

The planning of this event started at the beginning of January , armed with the lessons learned and experience gained from previous years, all of the committee gave considerable effort and time to ensure that all event tasks/items were covered thoroughly and the event could run safely and successfully. We increased our advertising locally with posters and banners in all key locations and at every crossing in Barnet High St from the Meadway to St Albans Rd. Also a special pallet sign post on A1000 suspiciously near where Derrick lives!!

We also got a live interview/ slot on BBC London -Robert Elms Show the Sunday prior where all details of the show were discussed for all of London to hear!.

With the new Pope in place good weather was ordained and the week run up was beautiful, on the day slightly less so , however it was nice and dry and did brighten up mid afternoon.

The day started with the now traditional parade vehicles assembling at the Everyman Cinema for the run, and the non parade cars arriving early at the Spires Car Park.

The parade cars were released in batches (in line with access to highway) and were planned for a 10.30 run up Barnet Hill , along the High St and around into the final display site. This year we had arranged for the Deputy Mayor and entourage to attend and they brought up the rear of the parade in a members magnificent 1920,s Bentley . The High St from St Johns Church to the St Albans Junction was packed with hundreds of viewers cheering on the parade cars !

The cars were finally all parked up by 11am and the show took off, with hundreds of visiting public throughout the show period.

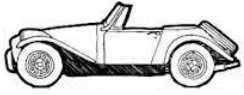
[2025 BARNET CLASSIC CAR SHOW PARADE. North London](#)

[Barnet Classic Car Show\London 🚗 \[4K\]](#)

We had around 140 cars and motor cycles on display with a fantastic variety of models and marques ranging from early 20,s to mid 90,s. Teas/Coffee and Cakes were made available by the lovely Bull Theatre Group during the event and the amazing **Katie Oldham Band -Down 2 Earth**

<https://www.lemonrock.com/down2earth> played for a couple of hours with a fine selection of classic pop and rock music . This year we arranged for tables and chairs and a seating area close to the band and tea tent , this went down very well with visitors resting up for a few minutes....

A fantastic day was had by all ,and the good will comments and feedback were gratefully and happily received. We had over 3000 views on our Website on 17th/19th May!



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So a huge thanks to all the Committee Members and volunteer Marshals who worked tirelessly and cheerfully on the day to make the event another milestone in BCCC history. A special thanks also to Derrick who went much more than the extra mile to deliver the event we all want.

The final thank you must go to all the BCCC members and friends who brought out their cars to display, there would be no show without your goodwill and loyalty.

Finally the headline exciting news is that on the day we collected north of £4000.00 !!

After full reconciliation of the accounts we will hope to donate a tasty sum to our chosen Charity – Noahs Ark Hospice

The Top Ramp Car Entrance to the Show :





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Yet more fab cars and the sign!



Enfield Pageant of Motoring 25th May

The club again had our own area at this year's Enfield Pageant. Last year we filled the double size stand area - very conveniently positioned opposite the entrance to the arena! And this year we did the same, with an impressive turnout of 28 cars on Saturday. With a full house inc. 3 x vintage Bentleys and some of the Whitewebbs vehicles on Sunday, our display stretched the whole length of the arena! The weather, though not to our usual specification was ok and improved as the day and weekend rolled by. There was an impressive number of other cars attending the event. With the usual selection of junk and automobilia stalls, always worth a rummage through for that very item you haven't a clue what it is but you always wanted one!!

Some good club exposure too, on various YouTube videos, especially BrownCarGuy's.

https://youtu.be/ULYbVabqj-c?si=XpEfOOjVZN0SO0pP&utm_source=MTQxZ





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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, and a club package has been arranged with the site for our visit



Barnet Classic Car Club
invite you to

BENTLEY PRIORY

Sat. 14th June

Arrive: Woodman Inn 9.15 am
Depart: 9.45 am

Arrival: Bentley Priory 10.30 am

Guided Tour: 11am Lunch: 1 pm

Cost inc. tour & lunch: Adults £14.70

Concessions £13.70 Children £10.70

"Join us at the RAF Bentley Museum to learn about the fascinating story of it's role in the Battle of Britain. Where Fighter Commands' radar defence system helped 'the few' protect Britain in the sky's over Southern England"

Marty Collins (Committee Member)

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

This excellent local Festival 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 CITP Sunday show. A good few BCCC members have already volunteered to help 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 as we will need all we can to ensure the event runs safely and smoothly.

Please can you encourage all your Classic /interesting/custom car friend to come along as we really need to get the numbers up for the day. it is good value at £10.00 per car with access to all the main festival shows etc all covered and included

There is pre-payment system in place so if interested please email myself sir_james@talktalk.net for an entry form.



EASTBARNET
FESTIVAL 2025
presents
**Sunday
6th July**
100's of pre 1990s Classics, Customs,
Modifieds & Bikes on display
Cars £10
Bikes £5
Payable on entry
For prepaid tickets email James
email: sir_james@talktalk.net
Requesting application form
Show cars on the field from 9.30am last car 11.30am
FREE public entry from 12pm
For information visit eastbarnetfestival.co.uk



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July /Aug/ Pub meet up TBA

The venue/location for these months will be posted on the forum as soon as we agree, if anyone has got a good recommendation /place to go please let us know.

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 . There is always a huge range of cars on display with some local produce stalls and refreshments also available on site We will attend as a BCCC Club meeting. Tickets are now available see attached form and info sheet.



Information
Sheet.pdf



Classic Entry Form
2025.pdf

Capel Manor Show August 31st

Again, we will be attending the lovely venue at Capel Manor as a BCCC Club outing, entries are now open for attendance, and we will meet up as a group for entry – Please let Marty Collins know if you are coming along. This is a must visit show as not only do you get the cars but the beautiful gardens can all be visited on the day Ctrl and click on link below for booking ticket

[Capel Manor Gardens online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#)

Autumn Treasure Hunt September 13th

This now annual and popular fun run out is in the detailed planning stage so keep an eye out later in summer when all details will be released.

Club Social meet ups 2025.

We will continue to use the Woodman at Water End as our base meeting point, the pub is nice and we are always made welcome by Yana and her great 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.

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



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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.

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! Oh 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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April 12th Woodman at Wild Hill

This time we met up at the alternative Woodman. A fabulous day weatherwise and a great turn out of some 24 Cars, the meet up was also graced with Celebrity as Sheldon from "Dream Classics "came along with his fab Ford RS2000 Mk1 Escort. It could almost have been an MG club turn out with the high number of this marque cars there!!



May 10th Farmers Boy Brickenden

A special VE day celebration had been organised by the Farmers Boy Pub in Brickenden and we were invited to attend with any vehicles we could rustle up.

There was a fine selection of delicious food provided in the rear garden and laid out just like a VE day street party picnic. All of this was provided by the local village community and the pub, with many musicians and entertainers providing performances to add to the brilliant vibe /atmosphere at the event. Some 300/400 guests and visitors attended to make this a successful event for the Pub and Village. The weather was excellent as usual





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Some VIP visitors on the daylol 😊



Dream Ride December 2024 Winners

So far take up has been slow with the winners of the December 2024 draw and pre booked rides, although summer is on the way so hopefully all will be taken up.

Recently one winner Ismeal Pope, seen here shaking hands over the bonnet with Derrick Haggerty, chose Derricks' Ford Popular 103E. Ismeal was keen to provide a memorable final day for a work colleague.

Seventy-year-old John McCarthy was retiring after a career in the construction industry. He is seen here on a North London Mace Ltd construction site, before heading off with Derrick to The Grand Junction Pub, NW10.



George Dimitriadis was also contacted and provided the second winners a trip out in his lovely Jaguar Mk2 on Saturday 17th May. Winners ,Caroline and Paul, chose a run through the local Herts countryside, driving out to Essenden and stopping at the church for a photo opportunity ,then off to Little Berkhamstead for tea and coffee and a good old chinwag in the Five Horseshoes.



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

So to clear up the alternative names challenge put out in the March newsletter see the answers as below 😊

BMW Dixi, Rosengat ,Datsun T11 Austin America, Austin Glider Austin Kimberley/Tasman



Innocenti Regent



Chevrolet Chevar, Ascona



Standard 2000



Hindustan Ambassador



Honda Crossroad



Dodge Husky/ Paykan





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Plymouth Cricket, VW1500

Dodge Omni

Etsong Libao



Chevrolet Firenza



So how many did you guess right! I didn't get any and I compiled it 😊!

Club Regalia

As usual available to order, with some we hold in stock,

- **Caps-** fit all head sizes
- **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 discussions re the club future and direction , and the consensus continuing forward , 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/run together or a period on the committee, please just let us know 😊.



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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.

We have decided to maintain a balance of around £800 to cover any costs the club incurs and ensure we can cover any unplanned costs that may arise.

Club Gazebo and Banner Flags – These are now in full use and proving a very useful and eye catching 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.

Finally If anyone would like a specific item or article included in the newsletter please let me know and I will incorporate in future missives!

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