



BARNET CLASSIC CAR CLUB



Newsletter August/Sept 2025

Hi to all BCCC members and supporters,

Apologies all, a tad later sending out than I had intended but hey “where does the time go , where does the time go” - Sandy Denny /Fairport Convention best song ever.....

The door on the fabulous summer months has sadly quietly closed as the first day of Autumn heralded the incoming season with a dose of typically autumnal rain!

Confirmed by the Met Office , this summer has been the hottest on records, and we have all enjoyed many months of consistantly warm and lovely days and evenings .

The Summer has provided us with some great oportunties for wonderful fun run outs and meet ups and there has been plenty of activity over the season withing the BCCC keeping the membership happy and non rebelious!

Our activities and events go from strength to strength as we constantly strive to ensure the club calender is kept full for all to enjoy as much time as possible in our beloved wheels and the company of the membership.

So as we move into the autumn here are some completely random and useless summery anecdotes to marvel and muse over:

1. Dog days of summer

The phrase 'dog days of summer' used to refer to sweltering summer days has more to do with the stars than dogs. The Roman's '*dies caniculares*' began towards the end of July when the star Sirius (known as the Dog Star) began to rise in the sky just before the Sun. The star was so bright that the Romans believed it gave extra heat to the sun and was responsible for hot days in summer.

2. It's the most thundery time of the year

More thunderstorms occur during the summer than at any other time of the year. The warmth of summer often provides the perfect conditions of rising air and moisture required for the creation of thunderstorms. In the UK, they are most likely to occur in the East Midlands and the southeast.

3. Crickets get Chirpy

Forget your smart phone thermometers, next time you hear crickets chirping on a balmy summer evening, why not try this cool and simple method to find out the temperature.

The frequency of a cricket's chirps is consistent with air temperature, so you simply need to count how many chirps there are over 25 seconds then divide by 3 and add 4 to tell you the temperature in Celsius!

Grasshoppers may work as well 😊



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4. Snow in June

On 2nd June 1975, snow showers forced the abandonment of several cricket matches across the country. The coldest temperature ever recorded in summer in the UK was -5.6 °C recorded on 9 June 1955 in Dalwhinnie (somewhere north of Watford!) and again on 1st and 3rd June 1962 in Santon Downham in Norfolk.

5. Height of Summer

Did you know that on a very hot day in Paris, the Eiffel Tower grows taller? The tower is constructed from hundreds of tons of iron/steel and when this is warmed it expands, causing the structure to grow by up to 17 cm. same situation also applies to Crystal Palace.

6. First day of Summer

This year the astronomical summer began on 21 June. The astronomical calendar determines the different seasons due to the 23.5 degrees of tilt of the Earth's axis, in its orbit around the Sun.

The meteorological summer began on 1 June. The meteorological seasons are split into three months each. They coincide with our use of the Gregorian calendar (Pope Greg X111), making it easier for observing and forecasting to compare seasonal and monthly statistics.

7. Manhattan Henge

Twice a year around 28 May and 12 July, New York is subject to a fascinating sunset phenomenon.

Owing to the city's design on a grid, rotated 29 degrees clockwise from true east-west, twice a year the Sun sets directly at the end of the many of New York's major streets. This creates a spectacular sunset seeing the Sun slightly above the horizon and nestled between the rows of buildings.

Not to be upstaged similarly, Milton Keynes' central road is designed so that when the Sun rises on the solstice, it shines straight down Midsummer Boulevard and reflects in the glass of the train station.

8. Top Temperatures

The warmest ever summer in the UK was in 2018 when daytime temperatures averaged 15.76°C, narrowly exceeding the previous record of 15.75°C in 2006.

The hottest daily temperature ever recorded in the UK was on 19 July 2022 when in Coningsby, Lincolnshire, recorded a sweltering 40.3°C.

9. The longest day of the year is in summer

The summer solstice marks the point when the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky. This is the longest day of the year and after this point, the days slowly begin to get shorter until the winter solstice which occurs around 21 December. Oh happy days! At the same time as the Northern Hemisphere experiences the summer solstice, the Southern Hemisphere has a winter solstice marking the shortest day of the year.



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10. Summer Party time

Summer is also the best outdoor partee time! Our gardens are at their best, the country is buzzing with festivals /car shows, strawberries and cream trump stodgy crumbles and custard! BBQ, s are obviously mandatory!and beer and wine always taste better!!

Oh, and people all over are definitely more amenable and cheerful just like those within BCCCC 😊

To ease gently into next season here are some cool autumnal ruminations/ thoughts to reflect on as we now move into the autumn months:

"The world transformed in colours bold, Autumn's artwork, a sight to behold. In this beauty, we are told, Nature's story, so old."

"Fading blooms, the garden's rest, Autumn's slumber, a tranquil quest. In this quiet, we are blessed, Nature's cycle, at its best"

"As leaves fall, we find our grace, In autumn's rhythm, we find our place. Nature's changes, a warm embrace, Autumn's beauty, a timeless chase".

BCCC Poet lorryat... 😊

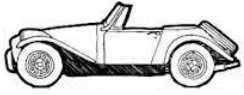
Some Choice/top events from the Summer 2025 season:

Glastonbury June 2025:



This huge and fantastic music, arts and everything else event takes place every year in sunny Somerset. The event has been staged on Worthy Farm since way back in 1970, and every five years there is a fallow year to let the cows recover! Now the site covers more local farms, the footprint is larger than the city of Bath, and it is the largest population (circa 240k) "city" in the Southwest for just 5 days! I attended again this year for the 13th time, definitely my last ...or is it? and it still never ceases to amaze and delight with the sheer scale of the event and the completely off the wall displays and exhibits.

So with a car theme in mind I attach some related photos from the new "CarHenge" stage area:



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Women's Euros July 2025



This great sporting event took place this year in Switzerland, and over a month proved to be a gripping and enjoyable football tournament.

The British team – the Lionesses - started the tournament with all sorts of team issues and not on best form, however they battled on and came through to the semis and final.

In their vital semi match, against the Italians team, they came back from behind with Michelle Agyemang equalising at the end of full time and the amazing Chloe Kelly score the winning goal in the 119th minute on a penalty rebound, finally winning 2:1. This was inspirational teamwork!

So, on Sunday 27th July for the Final, the team went out against the favourites and awesome world champions Spain. Pulling a draw by the end of full time, extra time again! saw the team sit deep and defend like mad, however they held the line, and the inevitable penalty shoot out loomed up.

The goalkeeper, Hannah Hampton, was magnificent and made all the right saves in the right order and the final penalty kick of the game was given to the inimitable Chloe Kelly who powered the ball into the top right and the victory was England's!!

An exiting, joyous well-deserved win for a resilient and dedicated team...

In a statement posted on "royal" social media, the King commented: **"Your journey to this stage has been nothing short of remarkable, showcasing the skill, determination (and test of nerve!) for which your team is so rightly celebrated. Your achievements continue to inspire countless girls and women across the nation, proving once again that with dedication and teamwork, anything is possible. Good luck, England. May you roar to victory once more."**

"Charles R"



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Wimbledon 2025



This year, the 138th edition, was set to be a historic tournament for British tennis, with more home-grown talent in action than any of the tournaments over the last four decades. With over 50 British players across singles, doubles, wheelchair, and junior categories, fans were set for and enjoyed a thrilling fortnight. Although no singles finals, plenty of other successes and a great doubles victory.

Julian Cash and Lloyd Glaspool made history at Wimbledon 2025 by becoming the first all-British men's doubles team to win the title in 89 years in the final match of the tournament out on Centre Court.

Pub quiz Data:

2037km Distance run by players.

5055m max distance covered by a wheel chair player

746 matches played

280 ball boys/girls

5hrs 4mins longest match

6365 Aces

1250 hours of tennis

153mph fastest serve on record

Cricket /England/India Test Match Series 2025



The five-match Test series kicked off on Friday, June 20, with the first game being held in Leeds. The final Test is set to wrap up by August 4th. All five matches will began at 3:30 PM .The matches took place at 5 grounds: Headingley Leeds, Egbaston Birmingham, Lords London, Old Trafford Manchester and the Oval London .After a great tournament played through late June/July the magnificent India secured a nerve-jangling, six-run victory over the excellent England in one of the most dramatic conclusions in Test match history with a staggering finish at The Kia Oval.



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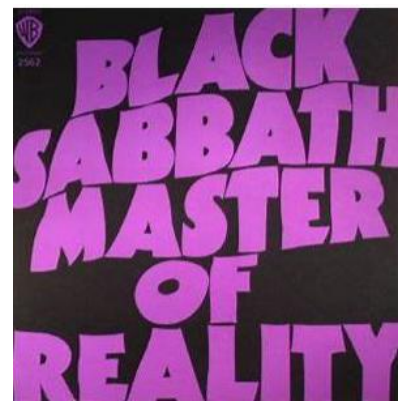
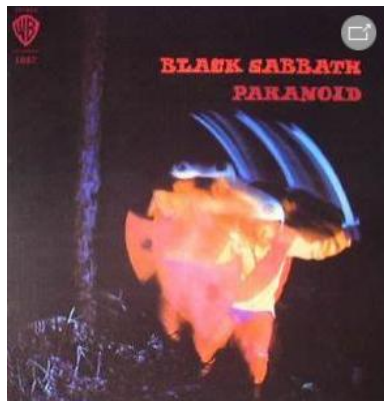
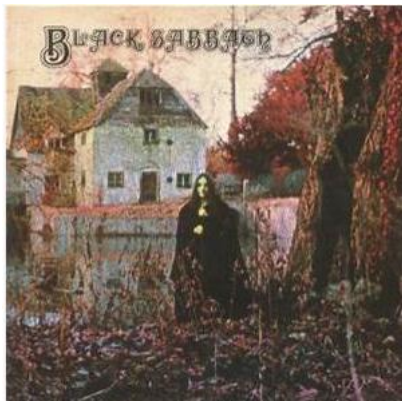


This remarkable game was made even more astonishing as the amazing Chris Woakes headed out to bat with his arm in a sling! as the series finally ended 2-2 after six weeks of pulsating and glorious top class Test cricket.

Summer Sad News:

On 22nd July came the passing of monster rock star Ozzy Osbourne - the Prince of Darkness of Black Sabbath fame.

For the younger members of BCCC this popular beat combo and eventually huge rock band came to fame in 1969/70 with their eponymous Black Sabbath album and with the subsequent follow ups Paranoid and Masters of Reality Albums, they set the benchmark for this genre, the rest being history...



With their ear defender defying live shows in Birmingham, they were the complete definition of Heavy Metal! Being the third of the Holy trinity of British Heavy metal pioneers alongside Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin. Since then, many have followed suite and some successfully lifted the genre into stadium filling status gigs...

The final BS gig some few days before Ozzie's passing away was very poignant, all the original band members raised the roof on Ozzie's beloved Aston Villa ground in an amazing day of tinnitus inducing music! Ozzie was visibly delighted and moved with the reception received so in an appropriate and in good way he had come full circle ending back in his beloved city of Birmingham.

So..... if anyone has any original vinyl copies of the first albums they want to offload, see me 😊!!

BCCC Summer events /runs :

Moving on now to more relevant BCCC ramblings, below is a smorgasbord of the season's main events:

Bentley Priory run out 14th June

A Club outing was arranged to visit this historic site in Stanmore; the visit included a guided tour of the site and a light lunch in the lovely basement café and terrace area





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The site has a long and fascinating history. Built basically as it now stands in 1788 , designed by the Architect Sir John Soane (he of Bank of England fame) it remained in private hands with further extensions and additions over the subsequent years until it eventually closed down in early 20,s after a period as a hotel and eventually a girl's school.

The Air Ministry bought part of the site in 1926 and as the RAF expanded in 1936 Fighter Command was formed and operationally based from here. The RAF became the buildings longest resident eventually moving out in 2008.

RAF Bentley Priory played a pivotal role during the Battle of Britain as Headquarters Fighter Command. From this location the Battle of Britain was planned and controlled being one of the most the most decisive battles during World War II, fought in the skies above Britain between 10 July and 31 October 1940. The inspirational speech line "**Never was so much owed by so many to so few**" from a speech by PM Winston Churchill was in direct reference to the RAF,S astonishing efforts. Had the Battle been lost, Britain would have almost certainly been invaded by Nazi Germany.

Our run out, not as dramatic, started out on a beautiful sunny day from our base at the Woodman in Water End, with a pleasant drive down through Shenley and Radlett arriving at Bentley Priory some 45mins later. We were given very special parking arrangements displaying our cars at the front of the house and in front the Battle of Britain lawn displays of a Spitfire and Hurricane.

The pre-arranged guided tour was excellent and lasted around an hour, highly recommended as the detailed and explanations of the sites history were both fascinating and informative.

Following our tour, we had a lovely lunch pre-arranged in the Basement restaurant and terrace area and were then free to explore further including the magnificent Italianate gardens and grounds.

A big thanks to Marty for arranging this great visit..... A must return venue!





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

This excellent local Festival Event was back on again this year; however, the organisers were struggling with their core volunteers numbers due to unfortunate illness and other commitments. So, an approach was made to BCCC to ask if we might be able to help, specifically with the organisation and running of the Cars in The Park show on the Sunday of the three-day event.

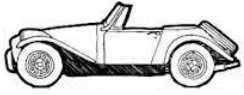
This popular community event has been longstanding in East Barnet, and it would be a crime to let it fail for want of a few hours' assistance, so we agreed to take on the organisation of the CIP Sunday show. Planning started early Feb with a few very useful debriefs from the previous Organiser Mike and coupled with our now extensive experience in car show organisation we pulled a workable plan together for the delivery of the show.

There were some very unusual and eye opening "Festival Committee meetings " along the way however we stuck with it and our mission to deliver the best show we could and support the event.

A good few BCCC members volunteered early on which helped the planning massively, and on the day we had some 15 volunteers working on site, more so than the main event team! So a huge thanks to all for the willing support and work on the day from our BCCC team, and especially to our very own in-house caterer Kevin providing the mandatory sausage rolls tea and coffee during the build-up, Rick for sorting out the Sums up tech issues, Also, a special thanks to the Barnet Rugby Club who provided a team to help, and to Derrick for his enthusiasm and all the meticulous planning which made the event enjoyable and a success for the main Festival Team.

A special mention and thanks also to Emma the fantastic but over worked festival Event Manager who left us alone to do our own thing but was always available for any help or facility that we needed to run our end of the field.





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As usual we had a good BCCC membership turnout and display, with other car clubs – such as Afro Classic and the Descendants car club also turning out great displays and good vibes. including some Spectacular Jensen cars on display.

On the day car volume was down on the numbers we had planned for and had hoped, but attendance was still good, and many commented on how well the event was run and presented. Despite a short and sharp down pour mid pm the day defied the forecast and proved warm and fine.

A trophy presentation around 4pm was made for best cars in 4 categories and appropriate trophies were awarded by Barnet Councillor Alison Moore and Mike Coakley-Webb who happily assisted us for the whole event and vetted and chose the winning vehicles.

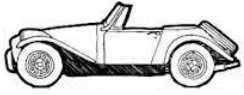
Best cars of show were a deserved Jensen CV8, a 1939 McCormack flatbed lorry, an Eldorado and a Ford hot rod.

The rainbow seen from the spectacular short deluge/ down pour mid pm



Classic dodgems!





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The four trophy winning Cars of the Show:



BCCC Gazebo



BCCCCC (Catering Car!)





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BCCC Committee mess up a members car!



BCCC Team washing line!



Springview Care Home visit 27th July

Our club was approached by another local Care Home- Springview Care Home, this time in Enfield, following our successful day supporting the Carlton Care home Barnet.

They had their summer residents open day and kindly asked if we could maybe supply a few cars. they knew the residents would love to see the cars evoking sometimes long-lost memories for them.

A great turn out to support this event of some 14-vehicles attending – including 2 x Jaguar E types, 1 x Jaguar mk2 , 1 x Aston Martin DB6 and a fantastic Sunbeam alpine amongst the usual excellent BCCC suspects. An enjoyable afternoon of car chat and music coupled with great food and BBQ on site.

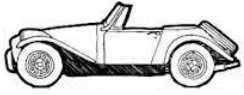
Over the last few years, we have done several displays for Local Care Homes and this is proving to be a popular and enjoyable engagement with the local communities needs as it provides great focus and enjoyment for residents and visitors on the respective days. This is a perfect fit for our Club ethos and culture.

Bandstand for the event



Derrick coaxing a new member out!





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LFB on site



Johns deadly security team guard his car



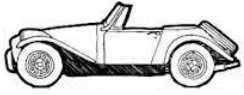
Hatfield House 10th August



A good attendance from BCCC as has become the norm with a fine day for visiting this local historic location.

In the Old Tudor Palace built from 1611 by Bob Cecil Earl of Salisbury you can wander through rooms old Henry 8th waddled through and sit in one of Elizabeth 1st wooden chairs. Also on display are some clothing -hats, stockings and glove that she once wore, move over Disney World this is the real deal!!

All this and a chilled picnic under the trees around the water sculpture -Renaissance by Angela Connor, what better way to spend a sunny afternoon!



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Tewin Cars on the Green 17th August:

This event is one of the highlights of the local summer car shows . The event takes place every year on the cricket field in Tewin Village just outside of Welyn Garden City .There is always a huge range of superb cars on display with some local produce stalls and refreshments also available on site

Again we attended as an official BCCC Club meeting with our flags and splendid Gazebo on full display and standing out amongst the crowds.

Some excellent food stalls on the site but also available in the Local Pub -The Plume and Feathers where it would have been rude not to sample the hospitality!

The organisers have got this event well managed and organised so it is a very easy and enjoyable show to attend.

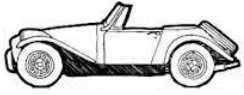


Essential Picnic hardware



Umbrellas for sun and picnics !!





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Capel Manor Show 31st August

We attended this beautiful venue, s annual car show as a BCCC Club outing where we had a pre-arranged display area laid out for us on the main field overlooking the elegant Georgian House and front gardens. This show, like Tewin is a firm favourite within BCCC for the varied and interesting selection of quality cars on display, along with the lovely, picturesque garden settings and displays within the grounds of this fantastic Horticultural College.

There is much to see and explore, along with teas on the lawn, secret walled gardens, ponds with magnificent swathes of water lilies and huge carp populations, and a delightful small animal farm as well. The on-site Café is excellent and for the days event there are food traders attending and providing some tasty food and drink offerings.

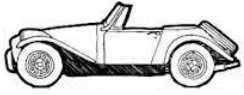


BCCC H&S Emergency vehicle!



secret garden ruins





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Club Social meet ups Summer 2025.

July 12th Meeting The Beehive Epping Green

A new venue we have not visited before, located in Epping Green this is a lovely Hertfordshire country pub offering great food and atmosphere. Outside seating is good and adjacent to the car Parking area, although on the smaller side we still managed to cram in around 20 cars to one side, so a good display and turnout. As usual and now expected, the sun had got his hat on and it was a blazing hot and lovely day giving us an enjoyable run out and meet up.



August 9th Meeting The Farmers Boy Brickenden

For a second time this year, we chose to meet at the Farmers Boy in Brickenden. This is a nice welcoming pub with good food available and a handy seating next to the car park. So basically, a Fab day was had perfect for sitting and chilling in summer sun. approx. 40 cars turned up so making this one of the biggest turnouts.





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BCCC Committee working hard hatching another plan!



Social Meetings Autumn 2025

For the remaining social meet ups of the year, we will return to the Woodman at Water End as our chosen base meeting point, the pub is nice and we are always made hugely welcome by Yana and her great staff, so absolutely no reason to go elsewhere!!

These monthly meets are proving more and more popular and have been a great success in the development of the community and social side of our great club.

The meet ups as always on the **2nd Saturday of the month from 2pm till 5pm**,

Remainder for Autumn as below:

Oct 11th - Woodman Waters End

Nov 8th - Woodman Waters End

Dec 13th - Woodman Waters End for the BCCC Xmas lunch

Dream Ride December 2024 Winners

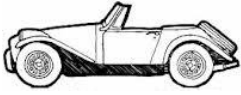
So far take up has been slow with the winners of the December 2024 draw and the pre booked rides, with several "prepaid" rides still not claimed or arranged despite some chasing up. We had always hoped these would be taken up during the summer months, however this has not happened, and time is running out for a ride during 2025.

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
- **New item – T shirts now available**

So, if you need any item, please contact Marty who will happily relieve you of your finest English pounds...



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BCCC Committee

At our monthly meetings, we regularly debate and discuss the club future and direction, the consensus still, 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.

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

Web site : <https://barnetclassiccar.club>

As you can imagine 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 😊.

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 intend to maintain a balance of around £800 .00 in favour of the club to cover any costs the club incurs and ensure we can cover any unplanned costs that may arise.

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.

Newsletter articles:

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

As an idea maybe we could have a “Readers Members Mobiles” section

If anyone has any write ups on their cars, restorations, history, interesting trips, facts etc that they would like to share, that could be incorporated as an article I’m sure there are some great , cool anecdotal stories out there!!



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BCCBC (Book Club) Literary Corner

At the Car show in May a local enthusiast Feroze Engineer approached BCCC and handed over a couple of copies of his book **"It can't See you in the Dark"** for any of us to read and maybe review.

So a couple of us have read this derring do tale and I can say it is definitely a page turner!

The book is basically running two stories in parallel which eventually meet and combine in the second half /final chapters.

Set around events in Baghdad on the brink of war, and centred around the pretty evil Saddam Hussein regime and his disparate family, on one level a local anti-government blogger is risking life and limb in broadcasting truths about the state of his beloved country whilst another entirely unconnected scheme is being plotted by external govt agencies to infiltrate the regime from afar and rolled into all this the key character is a major petrol head and car thief!!

The opportunity to steal some of the most valuable cars in the world from the vast Hussein collection is irresistible to the character and so the story twists and turns and unfolds in a daring and gripping adventure.

It is fictional as such but there are some factual truths wrapped up in the text, and some characters are loosely based on real people and conversations and scenarios prevailing at the time.

Some of the book is disturbing and with violent undertones probably not far off actual truths but overall, the book is a well detailed and excellently written fictional action story, and if you read, like me you will not be able to put it down for long!!

I have a copy which I can pass on to anyone interested or you can buy /order.

The book reference for information is : **ISBN-978-1-0687836-0-9**

Looking forward as always to meeting at the next events/meet ups

James Beeton

And remember :

