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NEWSLETTER SEPT 2026

Hi to all BCCC members and Supporters,

Well..... how on blue planet did we get here so quickly? Time has flown once again and we find ourselves at the end of a gloriously hot summer, being the perfect year for open top cars, BBQ, s and all manner of outdoor events and pastimes!

The final swan song over the August bank holiday weekend delivered traditional but much needed rain showers and down pours! hopefully though only a gentle reminder of the new season approaching with still plenty of fine sunny days yet to come.

For those with longer memories, ie: having been around a while! Below is the first verse of the wonderfully poignant and evocative Sandy Denny song:

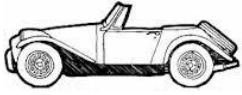
*“Across the evening sky,
all the birds are leaving,
But how can they know,
it's time for them to go?
Before the winter fire,
I will still be dreaming,
I have no thought of time.*

*For who knows,
where the time goes?
Who knows,
where the time goes?”...*

BCCC has enjoyed some excellent summer shows and events, all conveniently close to home. There was plenty of time to chat with members and friends, and to debate the originality of the occasional grommet or widget! A round-up of our key events follows.

As posted on Groups IO and calendar we still have some cool runs, social meet ups and events planned in for the Autumn months, all the way downhill to the Xmas meal in December

So, check out the remaining events and come along to all or as many as you can, always good fun and all nice and near so the fear of being stranded by a failed sprocket or empty fuel tank in the back of beyond is no excuse for not turning out!



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Summer World sporting Event 2026.



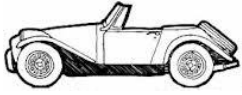
This year the FIFA 2026 World Cup tournament commenced in early June and for the first time hosted over three Countries, with the primary reason for this three-nation hosting arrangement being the tournament's expansion. The World Cup tournament was expanded from 32 teams to 48, increasing the number of matches from 64 to 104. This expansion required the availability of 16 professional stadiums and significantly more infrastructure to support all the teams, media, and fans for the duration. Therefore, the United States, Canada, and Mexico teamed up with divided responsibilities to host this world event. The United States hosting 78 matches, including all quarter-finals onward, while Canada and Mexico each hosted 13 matches, and for info -Mexico being the only country to host for three times.

The Jules Rimet Cup was the original trophy of the FIFA World Cup. Originally called "Victory" but generally known simply as the *World Cup* or *Coupe du Monde*, it was renamed in 1946 to honour the FIFA President Jules Rimet, who in 1929 passed a vote to initiate the competition. It was designed by French sculptor Abel Lafleur and made of gold-plated sterling silver on a lapis lazuli base. In 1954 the base was replaced with a taller version to accommodate more winners' details. It stood 35 centimetres (14 in) high and weighed 3.8 kilograms (8.4 lb) and comprised a decagonal cup, supported by a winged figure representing Nike, the ancient Greek goddess of victory.

During World War II, Italian football official Ottorino Barassi hid the trophy in a shoe box beneath his bed in Rome to prevent it from falling into Nazi hands!

Years later, just months before the start of the 1966 World Cup in England, the priceless football treasure was stolen during a public exhibition. In an unexpected but welcome conclusion to one of the game's most famous off-pitch escapades, it was eventually discovered by a Black and white collie dog named Pickles out for his constitutional walk, - wrapped in newspaper, beneath a garden hedge in South London. A blue plaque on the flats now remembers his find. When England won the trophy Pickles was invited to the banquet following, also named dog of the year, he received a years' worth of food from Spillers!





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Brazil took permanent ownership of the Jules Rimet Trophy in 1970, after becoming the first nation to win the World Cup three times. However, there was another twist in the tale in 1983 when the trophy was pilfered from the headquarters of the Brazilian Football Confederation in Rio de Janeiro. Unlike the 1966 incident, there was no canine saviour! The trophy was never recovered and is widely believed to have been smelted.

By then, FIFA had already commissioned a bold new design for the modern era of the World Cup. Created by Italian artist Silvio Gazzaniga, the new version is 36 centimetres tall and cast in 18-carat gold. Its design - two human figures triumphantly lifting Planet Earth - beautifully captures football's global, unifying spirit.

Three world cup winning players holding the coveted trophy:



The Home countries teams started with Scotland /Haiti on 14/6 at 1.30am! in the renamed Boston Stadium, and with daylight breaking when it finished with the Tartan 1:0 result, and Scotland's first appearance since 1998

England's first game on 17/6 v Croatia was at a far more respectable 9pm time from the Dallas Stadium Arlington Texas.

The early stages provided us with some great games from the likes of Morocco, Cape Verde , Haiti, teams we would never normally get to watch in action, and worthwhile it was.

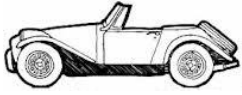
Some brief highlights/ lowlights over the weeks of excellent football:

Following the group stages Scotland failed to come alive in time and lost their last game to the mighty Brazil 3:0, knocked out of the tournament and failing to get to the knockout stages.

Meanwhile England progressed steadily winning their final group game with Panama 2:0.

Canada were the first team to book their place in the last 16 with their last minute 1:0 win over South Africa

29/6/26 Germany were knocked out by Paraguay who moved into last 16, via a nail-biting penalty shoot-out, first time ever for Germany...to lose on penalties!



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5/7/26 – Norway pulled off an amazing victory defeating the might Brazil 2.0. The mighty Erling Haaland being his usual fantastic self, putting Norway into the last stages.

6/7/26 - England's magnificent performance against the might of Mexico in the Azteca ending with a 3:2 score. England were on fire playing the best game I have seen in recent years! despite being down to 10 men for most of second half and having to play for 111 minutes, they held their cool and totally deserved this joyous win! With Norway up next...

11/7/26- Norway were far from easy and the game ran into extra time in the sweltering hot Miami Dolphins stadium; the superb Jude Bellingham did his stuff in time and scored both the goals ending the game at 2:1, amazingly Erling Haaland was taken off towards the end of the game!

15/7/26 -England's semi-final match with the mighty Argentina, was a predictably difficult game. With a slow messy first half, England scored first in early 2nd half spurring Argentina into action and although England held off the attack until the last few minutes, it was relentless, and Argentina scored twice in quick succession to finally win 2:1 on the night, taking them into the competition final again and England sadly were out of the competition. They played hard and against some of the best so no shame!

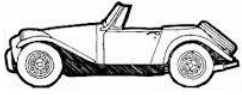
19/7/26 The Final Game between Argentina and Spain held at the MetLife Stadium New Jersey. A typically tough game with favourites Spain winning 1:0 after Torres scored the decisive goal in the 106 minute. Sadly, though the great Lionel Messi announced his retirement from international football following the defeat after an amazing career spanning over 23 years, with some amazing stats: 996 games and 813 goals across his time with Barcelona, Paris SG and Inter Miami, also 230 international competition games and 141 goals for his home team of Argentina. A complete legend!



BCC Springwatch Special 2026 Final update

Another success story at Ealing Hospital , two of the three Peregrine chicks hatched this year survived and fledged succesfully and so adding to the rising and healthy population of Peregrine Falcons now firmly established in our city environments. Amazingly as I clicked on the video channel on 2/9 one of the chicks arrived to sit on the edge of the nest...happy days..





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BCCC Events summer 2026

13th June - De Havilland Museum

The museum located near London Colney houses numerous aircraft and artefacts originally designed and built at De Havilland Hatfield including three fabulous Mosquitos and an original Comet airliner.

This was our second visit to this venue, and again the museum did not disappoint. We had special parking arranged for us in front of the hangers along with light refreshments - Tea and biccies on arrival before splitting into two groups for the very informative and excellent guided tour.

An MG racing a Venom



A Mosquito lurks in background



A selection inside



Cockpit of the Comet

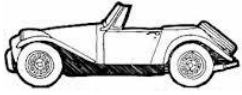


11th July - Wheathampstead Village Day

This event happily coincided with our July monthly meet up so perfect timing!

From a special request by the organisers via Chris Martin, we offered to provide a display of cars. Around 10-12 were initially requested, but such was the interest in attending this event we ended up with some 32 cars on display, much to the organisers delight! There was plenty of space provided for us and easy access to site.

A really fab well attended and well organised event, with loads of stalls- food and entertainment, to enjoy and a small fairground and live music stage for late pm and evening entertainment.



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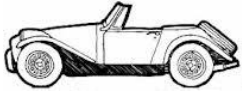
A maiden Voyage for Derrick's completely restored and beautiful Daimler Sovereign 420, and the furthest run yet for new member Dave Hills's recently acquired Austin Ruby, which in traditional classic car style broke down a couple of times en route! Derrick following in convoy however saved the day on both occasions with some rapid roadside black magic and got the car up and running! Driving on an empty fuel tank is not a good plan!

Thank you to all who turned out on this very hot summer day to support the Wheathampstead Village Day. Special thanks to Sonia, Chris and Max for agreeing to enter your cars into the Parade which started in the centre of the village and finished in the show arena.

Also good to see the club gazebo put to good use for those seeking refuge from the sunshine.

BCCC obviously made an impression as the event Organisers were delighted with the display and have invited us back next year, so put July 10th in your 2027 diary as this event is well worth the effort. So, a thanks to Chris Martin for organising and pulling this gathering together



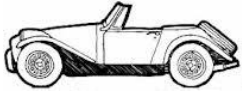


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19th July – Springfield Care Home Enfield

For a second year the club was invited to an open day at the Springfield Care Home in Enfield. Due to limited parking, it was open to a few club members as well as several vehicles from the Whitewebbs Museum. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon of live music and a tasty barbeque. Money was raised for the RNLI and the residents enjoyed viewing the cars, invoking memories of yesteryear.



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The cars line up



A veteran of the road



BCCC Veterans of the deck chairs, booking their rooms 😊



August 8th Elstree Aerodrome

For our August Saturday run out a visit to Elstree Aerodrome was arranged.

We had reserved parking close to the Cafe area and adjacent to the runway and service buildings.

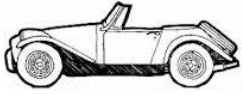
Attendance was excellent with some 37 cars, so much so that we had to extend into a grassy area behind the tarmac parking, this was, on the day, much better as there was a lot of natural shade from large trees in this area, and with the 32 degrees heat, much appreciated.

The café at the location served up some excellent food and due to its popularity locally and our increased numbers some queuing was inevitable, however it was well worth it.

Nice to see some recent and new “young” members joining us, so a big welcome, Charlie with an MGB GT and Jason having recently past his test and driving his pride and joy first car, an MGB! he, ll learn 😊 So many MG,s now 😊

This airfield sadly is where the late Graham Hill – ex Lotus, BRM and world champion racing driver and father of Damon Hill, was heading into when he crashed the Piper Aztec he was flying just outside Arkley. All on board – 5 members of the Embassy Hill Racing Team sadly died. Night time and dense fog made the approach difficult, and the cause, following the investigation into the crash, was ultimately inconclusive, but pilot error was deemed the most likely explanation.

A big thanks to Chris Skinner for organising this pleasant and enjoyable social meet up.



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16th August Tewin Classic Car Show

Another successful and enjoyable visit to this hugely popular show in the lovely Hertfordshire village of Tewin. A good and varied turn out from BCCC with some 20 cars on display.

The day was slightly cooler than recent days, so we didn't need to build the gazebo shelter.

The show as always hosted a large display of some 400 vehicles with a great variety and interest.

Live music throughout the afternoon and a walk-about broadcast chat to owners along with the many stalls for local produce and business's provided further interest. A great pub opposite, so what's not to like about this top event!!

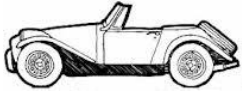
Photos from the event with some of our cars on display

The BCCC Line up!



BCCC catering vehicle!





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BCCclub show display etiquette: rule 17- wheel alignment:!!!!



Upcoming events and meetings:

Sunday 6th Sept – Capel Manor BCCC club area

Saturday 12th August- Monthly meeting - Beehive Epping Green

October 10th -Treasure Hunt

Saturday October 24th- Copped Hall Essex

Saturday 7th November - Woodman Water End

Sunday 6th December Barnet Xmas Fayre (TBC)

Saturday 12th December -Xmas Meal

Unfortunately for 2026 no East Barnet Show as the **East Barnet Festival** is having a gap year but will return stronger and better in 2027 whereby BCCC have again been asked to organise the popular Sunday Car show at the event.



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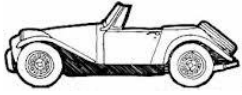
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Dream Rides 2026

Derrick Haggerty

Derrick delivers another “dream ride” for a construction engineer “Tim” from his site in Wembley



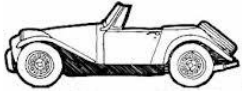
Chris Martin

“Today 23/8 it was my pleasure to take a Barnet couple out for a 40 odd mile drive through the Hertfordshire countryside. Caroline had previously won a dream ride from the club stand at Barnet Christmas Fayre and after enjoying it so much last Christmas, she bought a guaranteed ride for herself and husband Paul. Yesterday her brother arrived from Sydney, Australia and at Caroline’s request we managed to fit him in too. My Riley RM Drophead was built in England in 1951, shipped out and supplied new by an Australian dealership in Elizabeth Street, Sydney which ‘by coincidence’ is just a few kangaroo leaps from where her brother lives”.



A further Dream ride via Chris is pending arrangement

The remaining Xmas 2025 Dream Ride Purchasers/Winners have kindly and graciously donated their ride back to the club to use where we see a worthy cause.....



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Special Celebration :

Whilst at the Wheathampstead Village day , chatting to our members, I was made aware of this special and significant celebration and felt it would be nice to share!

Our right Royal Couple Ralph "Biggles" and Jean Wray , had celebrated their 65-wedding anniversary recently and had received a very special card from the King and Queen!, Unfortunately C and C couldn't make it for the run out though!

Barnet residents for a million years Ralph and Jean have been enthusiastic members of BCCC since very early days, regularly turning up in a Jago Jeep ,Austin Pick up, or Ford Consul Capri, however now running about in a tuned, modified and lovely very red Austin A30.

Not only did they enjoy this significant milestone, Ralph, last month , also clocked another and celebrated a very youthful 90 years of partying! Good luck to both, a lovely couple...(no bribes involved!)

Wedding day..



Check the postal stamp



The special personal greeting





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Monthly Social Meetings for 2026:

Our ever popular social meet ups continue on **2nd Saturday every Month** . The venue will change over summer months to add some variety , but all will be close to Barnet. The winter and early spring meet ups will be at our home base – the Woodman at Water End. Summer timings are from 2pm to 5pm and Winter 1pm to 4pm

Remaining:

Sept 12th – The Beehive Epping Green

Oct 10th - Woodman Water End- Treasure Hunt

Nov 7th - Woodman Water End

Dec 12th - Woodman Water End Xmas Lunch

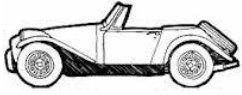
Club Merchandise

We have now onboarded a new merchandise supplier so items, if not held in stock will be available to order as before, so please go ahead and kit yourself out!

- **Caps-** fit all head sizes
- **Woolly hats** – as above
- **Polo Shirts-** a range of sizes available from tiny to mahoosive
- **Fleeces** - a range of sizes as above
- **Windscreen stickers** – one size fits all
- **T Shirts** – **this is a new item**

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 still continue with discussions re the club purpose and direction, and the consensus going forward, and as now, is to keep matters as simple as possible supporting the friendly all welcoming ethos of the Club but also ensuring we continue to enhance our visible profile by utilising social media platforms for information dissemination/exchange.

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

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

A lot of effort goes into organising even the simplest of meet ups and keeping the club's momentum going. So, if you fancy putting and event/run together or a period on the committee, please just let us know 😊, all suggestions will be welcome and considered.

BCCC Club Funds: To keep our tradition for a "free at point of use" club we will still seek to raise any special funds we may need to run the club through voluntary contributions at events, or sometimes via mandatory small contributions where necessary. This is ongoing and works well for us. Currently we have a healthy positive bank balance which will cover any insurance/event costs, advance costs the club incurs and ensures we can cover any unplanned costs that may arise.

Finally, to wrap up this penultimate newsletter of 2026, I would like to thank all in BCCC, from those that regularly turn up and give their time freely supporting the clubs' activities, and to all our club members and friends, everyone is important and without this support and loyalty the club simply would not exist. Here, looking forward to the remaining gatherings and meet ups for 2026 with our friends and members

James Beeton

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