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| <b>NAME:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | Brian Bold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>Profile:</b> <i>(Tell us about yourself; how long have you been writing? What inspires you to write? how long have you been a member of Watford Writers? What are your favourite reads?)</i> | <p>I started my writing hobby when I retired in 1999. For the next four years, I attended writing courses at the City Lit and the Mary Ward Centre in London. These covered Journalism, Short Story Writing and Travel Writing. I joined Harrow Writers in early 2008 and then Watford Writers in the June when I discovered they socialised in a pub after sessions!</p> <p>I enjoy reading thrillers – crime and espionage – and literary novels with strong characters and themes.</p> |                                                                                     |
| <b>Main writing interests</b> <i>(Novelist, Poet, Playwright, Biographer, Historian, Academic, Researcher, other etc?)</i>                                                                      | <p>I enjoy writing “almost believable” fantasy stories and travel memoirs.</p> <p>I become a novelist when I worked with a co-author, who had complimentary skills. Jackie Green focused on characters, I on plot lines.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                     |
| <b>Do you have a special place in which to write?</b>                                                                                                                                           | <p>I like drafting stories in cafes then editing at home.</p> <p>For travel, I write a detailed daily record on trips which acts as my draft which I flesh out with detail later.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
| <b>Do you have a preferred time of day for writing?</b>                                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     |
| <b>Have you been published or have self-published?</b><br><i>(Please list your publications)</i>                                                                                                | <p>I discovered the Lulu Self-Publishing site in 2005 and have self-published many books since then including Watford Writers First Anthology – Living a Lie – in 2008</p> <p>My publications include:</p> <p>First Coarse – Short Stories<br/>Second Coarse – Short Stories<br/>Road Works – Car journeys<br/>In Love with the Car – Fun Car Facts by Sandy Bold, my late wife<br/>Quota – a novel co-written with Jackie Green ex Watford Writers</p>                                   |                                                                                     |

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|                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Short but Tall Stories – Flash Fiction collection</p> <p>Extra Miles – Travelogues co-written with Anne-Marie Groves</p> <p>Turning Corners – Selections from Road Works</p> <p>Turning Extra Corners – Collection of all car stories</p> <p>Turning Extra Corners, Technical Companion -Car info.</p> <p>Plus books for my children and commemorative booklets</p> |
| <b>Do you have any special techniques for writing? Specialist equipment or writing aids?</b>                                                             | No, just a note book with me all the time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Have you been involved with any other writing activities?</b><br>(e.g. workshops, organising writing events, attending external workshops, retreats?) | <p>Apart from City Lit/Mary Ward courses I attended Swanwick Writers' Summer School in 2010</p> <p>Since 2009, I have participated in a monthly discussion group of four with Linda Spurr, a creative writing tutor</p> <p>I have been to the Theakston's Crime Writing Festival in 2025 and 2026</p>                                                                  |
| <b>What writing project are you currently working on (or intend to start)?</b>                                                                           | I am writing a new travel book                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Do you have other interests? and/or member of other groups/societies?</b>                                                                             | <p>I play golf at Batchworth Park Golf Club</p> <p>I am a member of a Rickmansworth Book Club.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Do you have a website; Facebook, Twitter; Instagram? or write a blog?</b>                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>What message would you like to give to other writers / would-be writers?</b>                                                                          | <p>Write a draft at speed when you have an idea, without editing.</p> <p>Take time to craft the story from the draft later and get feedback from fellow writers and readers if you are entering competitions.</p>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Do you have favourite author or book?</b>                                                                                                             | <p>No favourites but would recommend two recent books:</p> <p><i>Tall Oaks</i> by Chris Whitaker</p> <p><i>The Left and the Lucky</i> by Willy Vlautin</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |