BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

It would seem that since my last report the latest variant of the Covid 19 strain, although more infectious, has not been as severe as the two previous strains and in some reports it says that figures show it has now peaked. The Government has also tentatively suggested that all emergency regulations implemented may not be renewed when they automatically expire this coming March.

Optimistic thoughts indeed! Let us hope this will be the outcome, which would most certainly favour the Classic Vehicle fraternity. Show promotion for 2022 has been healthy and continually growing (see 'Events' for known updates).

As many of you are aware, I personally have spent time in the enforced lockdown working on my Berks. This included the complete conversion to LED lighting of my two Excelsior powered cars, coupled with the on-going B65 weather protection and interior trim project. With these completed, I have now found the time to get back onto the long-term restoration of the ex 'George Catt Racer'. It having been pointed out to me recently that I've now been the custodian of the vehicle for the past ten years! I did set an un-met deadline for the car's reappearance at Prescott Classic Hill Climb, September last year and my new deadline is at the same event this coming May. The event is turning out to becoming a bit of a 'B' Fest, with potentially four B95/B105s of which we hope to include both the Catt Racer and the ex-Jamie Pfeifer Racer!

All four cars are booked in for the hill runs of which, I believe, all 200 places have now been filled. However if you still wish to participate, the Orchard Classic Car Park is still available, to include a parade of the hill around the midday break. If you cannot do either, why not just come along as a spectator and enjoy the chance to see these iconic Berkeleys, take in the superb atmosphere of this classic venue and get some fantastic photos into the bargain!

Keep Safe and Keep Berkeleying

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

NEWS

Southern BEC Chapter Meeting

It is intended that the February meeting of the above will go ahead as advertised in 'Events'. Mike has asked that you contact him with regard to your intentions.

A message from the Magazine Editor

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas 20 page magazine. We are aiming to produce a 20 page magazine for the next issue but we do need the content to keep coming in please. I have enough content for the next issue, but I do like to be able to give members a balance of types of articles so every little helps.

We start compiling the next magazine at the end of this month. I write the content then Dave Perrin makes all the final adjustments and arranges printing for circulation.

I am hoping this year we can have a few show reports, so if you are at a show, please take a few pictures of any Berkeley cars there, tell me where the show is and when, and we can make a small article out of that. Any show in any country would be great, thank you.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 19th January 2022.

The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of December 2021 and beyond.

This month shows a small drop in current Membership, some not renewing as they have sold or are in process of selling their car, or some just not yet renewed.

Subscribing members now total 198 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 212 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 146 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 28 subscribing members (20 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes just one "New" Member, it's Welcome back after a long absence (35 years).

#1132 John B Jones (No car at present) Southam, Warwickshire

Currently 15 UK Members are receiving their Bulletins printed and posted each month, if you would like to get your copy posted rather than emailed please contact me and just send me stamps for the cost of postage.

The cost of the reprinted Magazines is £1 per copy plus postage. Payment is to The BEC by cheque or PayPal.

Bank Transfer also if copy of the transaction can be sent to me.

Just a reminder when renewing your Membership by Bank Transfer please do notify when this has been done especially if you are unable to send me a "copy"

When renewing your Membership by cheque using someone else's bank account please write your Membership number/Name on the back please.

Thank you.

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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EVENTS

Due to the current public health crisis and UK Government directives, events over the next few months are likely to be either cancelled or postponed. Please check with organisers before attending any of the upcoming events that are not currently showing as cancelled or postponed.

Date to be announced 2022

The Raunds Festival of Transport 2022

Date TBA. (See Facebook Page.)

This event is similar to the one held at Stony Stratford New Year's day, which involves the whole town, with display vehicles parked both in the town centre and available public places.

Tel: *07740 644242*

February 2022

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up Tuesday 8th February

The monthly BEC Surrey area meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th February from 7.30 pm at 'The Saddlers Arms', Send Marsh, Surrey, GU23 6JQ (just off the A3 a few miles north of Guildford).

You may care to contact organiser Mike Rounsville-Smith before you leave home and travel a long distance, just in case lockdown measures are put back in place.

Mike Rounsville-Smith – President/Secretary **Tel:** *01932 560160*

May 2022

Wheel Nuts 2022: 1st May 2022

Put it in your Diary now! 1st May 2022 Bank Holiday weekend. St Roses School, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

We owe it to the late Dave Rich to get more than 10 Berkeleys there. Let's make a weekend of it. Great campsite nearby in Minchinhampton. Save the date!

Classics at Prescott 2022: 14th and 15th May 2022

Road Tour available on Saturday 14th May. Sunday 15th May: Hill Runs and Paddock Display. Please note there are only 200 places available for the hill runs so if you intend to participate please book early. **Contact:** *classicsatprescott.com*

Classic Wheels: 22nd May 2022
Rutland Showground. **Contact:** *info@livepromotions.co.uk*

June 2022

Proposed BEC AGM and Rally. Date and location to be confirmed.

Sandringham Pageant of Motoring: 5th June 2022
Sandringham Estate, Sandringham. New event! This will be part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and space will be limited. *Website and further details coming soon*

Biggleswade Community Carnival: Saturday 18th June 2022
The theme is Let's Go Travel.

July 2022

The Bucks Festival Of Cars (alongside The Bucks Country Show) 2nd-3rd July 2022
Penn Estate, Amersham HP70PS. www.buckscountryshow.co.uk

Baston Car and Bike Show: 10th July 2022
Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne. **Contact:** *info@livepromotions.co.uk*

August 2022

Rushden Classic Car and Bike Show: Sunday 7th August 2022 11am-4pm
Hall Park, Rushden *More details to follow*

The Classic Silverstone 26th-28th August 2022

Taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, The Classic will mark Silverstone's end of summer celebrations next year!

Tickets are on sale from Thursday 25th November.

September 2022

Sywell Classic: Pistons & Props: 24th and 25th September 2022
Sywell Aerodrome Sywell.

Kop Hill Climb 2022: 24th and 25 September 2022 **Contact:** *www.kophillclimb.org.uk*

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Reports, Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

Please contact Lorraine Thomas (*lorrainecourse@gmail.com*) if you wish to place a News Item, Event or an Advertisement in the BEC Bulletin, or have any queries about an item or advertisement that has already appeared. Please note new terms in 'News'.

Please send any items before **Sunday 20th February** for inclusion in the February 2022 Bulletin.

Information sought on these two cars: photos recently posted on the Facebook website: Berkeley Car Owners





The colour photo is of an SE 328 Sports, previously registered in France, but believed originally exported to the USA in 1958, where also believed body/headlight mods were carried out. Currently owned by BEC member Roberto Tampieri who is trying to get it registered with the Italian authorities and Classic Car Club.

The second black and white photo is of one of the Lurani late SE 429 'Twosome' cars exported to Italy.

They are both unusual in that they have repositioned headlamps from the known variations; the Lurani car being an obvious later modification.

If anyone can expand on what little is known about these two cars and their modified headlight positions please contact the BEC Registrar Nigel Halliday.

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MARKETPLACE

For sale: Berkeley T60

1960 Berkeley T60. Colour red, stainless steel floor, new hood, seats, tyres and wiring loom. A lot of money has been spent on this car. Good running order £6000.

Contact: *Fred Massey* on **Tel:** *01746 712512 or* **Mobile:** *07532164206*

For sale at bargain price as I need the space





Purpose built trailer for Berkeley T60, but could be easily modified to take four wheeler. Located near Newmarket, Suffolk. Could be delivered UK mainland for reasonable cost. £695.

Contact: Geoff Dabrowa **Tel:** *07751288329 or message me*

Wanted: black and white Newsletters

Wanted to borrow so I can reprint for a Member, some very old 'black and white' Newsletters from over 30 years ago, copies 114 to 120. If anyone has any of these please message me. Thank you.

Contact: Geoff Dabrowa **Tel:** *07751288329 or message me*

Wanted: hard top for a late SE492 Twosome B95/B105

Any condition, damaged, repairable, etc.

George Moore, South Lincolnshire **Email:** *georgesherryl@outlook.com* **Tel:** *01780 410169*

Berkeley SE328 Car for sale by Terry Scott





Hi all, regrettably I have to sell my Berkeley because of a space problem, it's offered to existing BEC members first, if there are no takers then it goes onto eBay, which is where I bought it.

So my price to members for this iconic car is **£**6,500. If it doesn't sell I shall advertise it for more on eBay after early March.

The trailer is £1,500 and again if not sold at the same time as the car, will go on eBay.

I need to sell the car with or without the trailer, your choice, but I won't sell the trailer before I sell the car to give the car buyer first choice.

Feel free to contact Terry Scott on UK No for more info.

Tel: 01243 674460 **Email:** *thebecmag@gmail.com*

Please see attached document for full details.

Magazine and Bulletin binders

A5 size holds 12 issues of the magazine and are made with stiff hard covers in a maroon colour with gold blocked BEC badge and title. Inside, the hard spine has stretchy cords to hold each magazine issue firmly in place. All in all very smart.

Price is £7.00 plus £2.00 P&P UK - Overseas rates on request. Available from the BEC Spares Officer.

A4 sized binder for the BEC monthly bulletin has a sprung back to accept all A4 sized papers so will hold not only the bulletins but also other important Berkeley papers, ie original magazine articles, copies of road-tests etc, etc or could be used to create a smart binder to hold safely the records of and a profile of your own car.

Price is £7.00 plus £2.75 P&P UK - Overseas rates on request. Available from the BEC Spares Officer.





Currently advertised on eBay

Berkeley Three Wheeler Rear Swinging Arm £200 00. OBO.
Item number 293588570652

T60 two doors and one bonnet £300.
Item Number 294588263792

1958 Berkeley SE 328. Has 600cc Suzuki Catana engine fitted.
Opening bid $10.000.00.
As seen on eBay US. Item No 115195902768.

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