BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

As most of you may already be aware, the proposed 'live' launch by Berkeley Industries Ltd of their intention to produce a new range of Berkeley sports cars at Old Warden's Shuttleworth Trust on the 28th October had to be postponed due to the C19 pandemic and as such, the BEC members' invitation to attend along with it! A pity really, as your response was good. With the possibility of up to eight cars registering their intent, the day looked like being a very good opportunity for a traditional BEC gathering.

However, all was not lost, as a 'virtual launch' did go ahead instead, with the company issuing press releases and unveiling their new website. For those members interested in this fascinating new initiative and project, I'd recommend that you check out the website at *www.berkeleysportscars.com/berkeleycoachworks* along with a write up, complete with computer generated pictures of the proposed new models in 'Roots' and an interesting report on BBC Radio Bedfordshire. Both of the latter has been posted by members on Facebook 'Berkeley Car Owners' page.

The proposed rescheduling of the Old Warden event has provisionally been set for April 26th 2021. All who expressed initial interest please make a note of this date; we will of course be updating you and informing you of any change. The postponement will also now give Berkeley Industries Ltd a full six months to hopefully produce either a prototype, or at least a full sized model of their first attempt, which is to be called the Berkeley Bandit!



Rendered CAD Image from BBC Local News Website

With this in mind, the rescheduled event has the possibility of being a far better one than the postponed, as the prospect of not only the BEC members who attend, but the motoring world in general of seeing something tangible on display from this newly formed company can only be described as 'exciting' to say the least!

I ask you all to be aware of the advertisement placed elsewhere in this issue regarding the filling the position of BEC Quarterly Magazine Editor. We intend to repeat this in all subsequent issues until such a time that this position is filled. Your Committee deem it a priority that an initiative is taken in filling this role, as we feel that it is both an essential part of the Club's prestige and the desire of you, the membership, to receive a magazine. The advert is self-explanatory but I must emphatically express that the main objective is to return to a position

where we can provide four editions a year, namely winter, spring, summer and autumn. Please give some serious thought to this, even if you only have a rudimentary knowledge of the process as help can be given. Having said this, I must make it clear that both I and your Committee cast no aspersions toward our temporary Editor, Dave Perrin, who in our opinion has done the best job possible in trying to provide you with something, as and when his precious time permits and for this we should all be thankful to him.

Lastly, please note that you can now order your Tytronic EI Systems direct from the manufacturer if you so wish via eBay.

Stay safe and well and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

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NEWS



WE NEED YOU – YES YOU
MAGAZINE EDITOR

We need a new Magazine Editor for our Club.

Such a person would ideally have experience in page compiling and layout and have familiarity with appropriate publishing software.

Most important though is a keenness to get us "back on track"

The BEC has over 200 Members from which to draw editorial content.

Support would also be available from past Editors and The Committee, but the format of the Magazine would be down to you and should aim towards returning to being a quarterly issue.

As with all Committee positions this is a voluntary post but be assured you would get all the help and assistance that you might need.

If you would like more information to take on this exciting role then please contact Chairman

Geoff Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

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SPARES

Spares Update

Delays in supplying parts

The last few months have been rather challenging for me as BEC Spares Officer. Our suppliers have often been in lockdown or on short time working or short of raw materials thus causing severe long order times. On the other hand, a lot of our members have been at home restoring their cars (which is excellent news !), which has meant an increase in orders and enquiries compared to other years. All in all, this has led to a rather disjointed supply of parts.

As it seems that the UK is about to go into a second lockdown of some sort, I think it now best if I hold a total review of the current situation. Therefore can ask I every member who has a parts enquiry or an order still outstanding with BEC Spares to re-contact me directly by email to *nhalliday1@aol.com* .

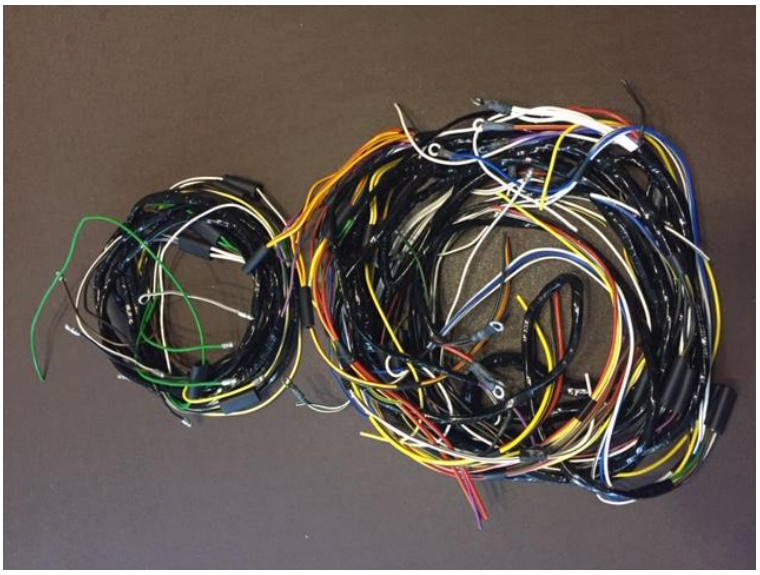
For those of you still awaiting parts I apologise for the long delay but we will all get there in the end or at least hopefully be able to supply advice as to where you might find some replacement parts in the event that BEC Spares cannot assist.

Thank you all for your assistance.

Back in Stock

T60 Wiring Looms

New complete black plastic wrapped wiring looms for the T60 model are now back in stock. These match the original loom diagrams and come complete with most of the correct terminal fittings. Although aimed at the T60 model they will also suit the later four wheeled Excelsior model SE492 although a few local changes and additions will have to be made. (Note All Berkeley wiring diagrams are available from BEC Publications).



Cost is £155.00 plus £ 5.00 UK P&P.

Workshop manuals – An ideal Christmas present!

Back in stock is the ‘The Manual’. This is a complete guide for the maintenance and overhaul of all production models of Berkeleys. Written by BEC president Mike Rounsville -Smith with additional editing by other experienced BEC members.

It comprises three separate parts: -

- The first part is the ‘Maintenance Handbook’. It comprises a 135 pages over 18 sections (ie steering , brakes , electrical, body ,exhaust etc). This describes with the use of diagrams the overhaul and maintenance of the components of the car.
- The Manual also includes the separate publication ‘Excelsior Running and Maintenance

Instructions' whose pages covers the 328cc and 492cc Excelsior engines, the gearboxes (as used on all models of Berkeleys) , clutch, carburettor and Siba Dynastart.

- Lastly the Manual includes the 35-page 'BEC Parts Identification Book' with exploded diagrams, illustrations and part reference numbers.

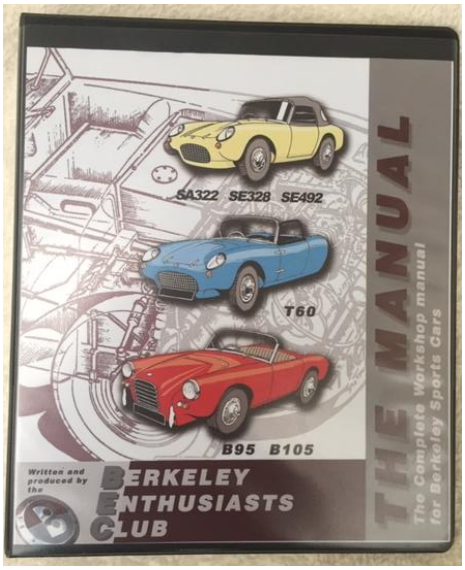
All come together in an A4 sized plastic covered ring file folder.

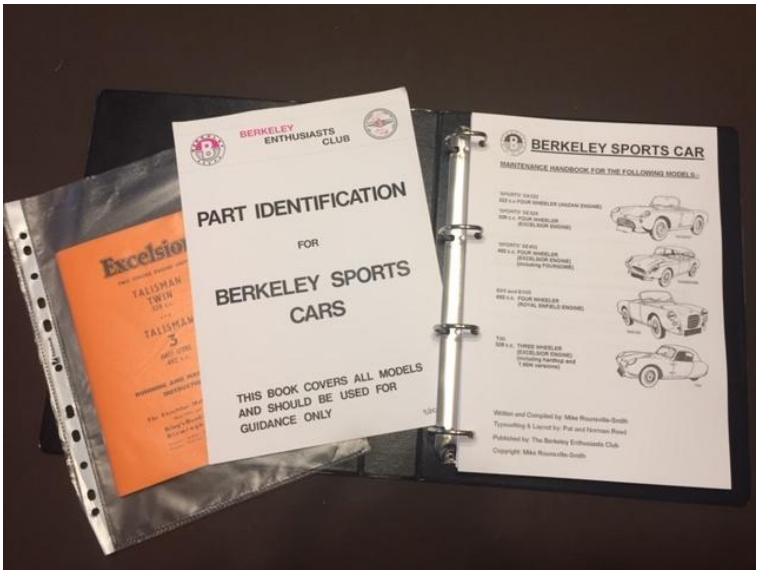
Price is £30.00 plus £ 6.00 UK P&P (overseas postage costs on request).

Also available as separate publications are the 'Maintenance Handbook' at £17.00 plus £3.75 UK P&P

The 'Excelsior Running & Maintenance Instructions' at £8.00 plus £1.50 UK P&P

Place your order with BEC publications -Mike Rounsville-Smith Telephone: 01932-560160 or with BEC Spares.





BEC Regalia and Clothing

Do not forget our extensive range of clothing as illustrated in the last BEC Bulletin (September 2020). This is probably the last opportunity to be sure of receiving your order in time for Christmas taking into account the 'online shopping and delivery strain that will occur this year' due to lockdown restrictions.

Full details are available from the website :- *www.arktrading.com* shop :clubsites: motor clubs: Berkeley Enthusiasts Club .

Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 29th October 2020.

The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of September 2020 and beyond.

This month sees two New Members and another Member re-joined the Club, overall figures increase by one, even though some overdue renewals continue to minimise the overall

Membership figures.

The Club currently has a grand total of 212 Members.

- United Kingdom 143 subscribing members
- Europe 23 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 30 subscribing members. (22 members in USA)

Subscribing members total 196 plus 16 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 212 total membership.

The BEC welcomes the following two new members this month:

#2751 Philip Hall	SE328	Oro-Medonte	Ontario	Canada
#2752 Gael Schuiten	T60	Zaventem	Belgium	

We welcome back this month:

#1671 Colin Baker	SE328	Halesowen	West Midlands	UK

Please keep me updated with changes of address and email addresses etc.

Currently 10% of the UK Membership are now receiving their Bulletin in the post each month.

If you prefer to read your Bulletin in a booklet format or don't have a printer just send me stamps for the postage and I will gladly print and post it to you each month.

There are choices available for renewing your Membership, however I can't stress enough the importance that when paying your renewal by Bank transfer you ensure you notify me and that you have done it accompanied by a copy of the transaction.

If you are unable to send copy of a Bank Transfer then please use PayPal or send a cheque. This eliminates time spent following up on renewals that may or may not have been paid already.

Note; PayPal notify me automatically when you pay by this method.

Your completed Renewal Form IS still important in maintaining Club records of vehicles, so please try and return a completed Renewal Form with your subscription.

During these restricted times and few chances of contact with other Members don't forget to have a look on Facebook and visit Berkeley Car Owners site which was started by member Neil Barber and now has nearly 800 Members world wide. Details can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

Happy Berkeleying..

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

November 2020

Local BEC Gathering: Southern Area Meetings

POSTPONED

BEC Southern Area meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Due to the current health crisis, meetings are cancelled until further notice

The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at the NEC 15th - 19th November,

"No matter what you're looking for this is the ultimate season finale for any classic car/bike owner, collector, enthusiast, club member, or simply anyone with a passion for classic vehicles!" This event is confirmed as going ahead, but with enhanced Covid 19 measures. Booking in advance advised.

Website : *www.necclassicmotorshow.com*

Events for next year 2021

FBHVC Drive it Day April 25th 2021

Annual drive your classic car day

Website: *https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/*

Berkeley Industries Ltd Launch Event April 26th 2021

Proposed launch day for the 'new Berkeley Bandit'.

Website: *www.berkeleysportscars.com/berkeleycoachworks*

Silverstone Classic Event 30th July - 1st August 2021 (Provisional Dates)

Website: . *www.silverstoneclassic.com/welcome*

Micro Marathon 2020 10th -20th September 2021

Microcar rally through the Pyrenees and Northern Spain run by the organisers of the Liege - Brescia - Liege - Rallies and the 2019 NMCR (Malcolm & Helena McKay).

Email: *LBLrally@aol.com* **Tel:** 0044 (0)7711 901811 **Website**: *www.classicrallypress.co.uk/*

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale - B95

For sale due to overspend on New project.

Unique and well executed period mods, (as recorded by the club registrar in 1971) including billet 6 spur Diff, rack and pinion steering, bucket seats and modified dash. Great Patina with overhauled mechanicals.

All steel work stripped and powder coated, new Hagon shocks, new brake lines and cylinders overhauled, 5 new Camac 520 12 tyres. Fitted with Constellation power unit.

Starter, dynamo and regulator professionally refurbished.

Registration documents / Number currently TBC (Due to Covid delays within the authorities)

Contact: Mike Stringer **Email:** *mike_di7@btinternet.com* **Tel:** 01296 6704590









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Other Berkeley related links:
'BerkeleyCarOwners' Facebook page: *https://www.facebook.com/groups/berkeleycarowners*

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NOTE: Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

Please contact Ian & Mel Danaford (*m.danaford@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 send any items before **Sunday 22nd November** for inclusion in the November 2020 bulletin.

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