

Chairman's Report

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the BEC Committee and myself to wish you all a happy, safe, healthy and prosperous New Year! I presume that many of you may be recovering from any Yuletide and New Year's Eve 'over indulgencies' by comforting yourselves in the reading of the excellent bumper twenty page issue of the BEC Quarterly Magazine! One would have thought there would be something, if not all, of its varied content to interest most. Well done Terry and all those involved, both in writing the articles and in the magazine's production and distribution.

As I reported in the November edition, the calendar for the forthcoming year, 2022 was filling up nicely and by the way still is. However, with another variant of the C19 virus breaking out it would seem that the possibility of the Government imposing restrictions upon us could be ever more likely in the New Year. With this in mind, please view all events with the possibility of either, at best, restrictions as in 'Covid Passports', mandatory mask wearing, etc or, at worst, postponements and cancellations. Unfortunately these new circumstances have already impacted on our BEC Surrey Chapter Monthly Meetings, please refer to both 'News' and 'Events' for further information.

You will note in 'Events' that the Biggleswade Community Carnival is scheduled to take place in June. It has become a popular custom amongst 'the drivers and doers' of the club in recent years to hold a 'Biggleswade Bash Weekend' semi occasionally. Could this Carnival be the incentive for another? Let us know your feelings on this and if there is enough support, 'your Berkeley could be going home again'!

You will also note in 'News' that due to confusion and thus the holding up and the creating of unnecessary page re-planning by our Bulletin compiler caused by 'dead adverts' only coming to light in the final proof-readings, we have decided to change the terms and longevity of adverts placed.

Penultimately, a reminder to those members who hold a Motor Sports UK RS Clubman's Licence that they run out at the end of this calendar year! Do not forget to renew, it's free! Especially if you're intending to 'do' Prescott Classic Hill Climb next May. Although not a competitive event as such, The Bugatti Owners Club, who own the course, are now insisting that all entrants, including passengers have one.

With that, if you're thinking of attending, I would advise that you put an entry in now, as the 200 allotted spaces fill up rapidly. The cost is by way of donation to The Rotarians Charity, it isn't cheap, but the atmosphere and vibe at this famous circuit where, back in the day, Berkeleys regularly competed, is fantastic! Indescribable trip down through the Cotswolds too.

Finally, BEC Central Chapter managed to turn out three cars and five members at the Stony Stratford Classic Car and Bike New Year's Day meeting. The town was both packed with vehicles and members of the viewing public. Unfortunately the rain poured down around mid-day, but it was good to see Mike Griffiths and Alex Ferrada bringing along their cars and Richard Marchant and Mike Stringer adding their support.

Keep Safe and Keep Berkeleying

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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NEWS

Obituary

Sad news: we are very saddened to recently hear of the death of Eric Berqvist due to a tragic traffic accident in North Wales last March. Eric was a keen Berkeley owner and enthusiast who had worked in the fibreglass world for over 40 years. Originally designing and building boats in fibreglass, in more recent years he worked with several historic race car preparation and restoration companies manufacturing replacement bodywork from his workshop on the remote Lleyn peninsular in North Wales.

He made several batches of metal chassis components and fibreglass panels for the BEC Spares service.

In the year before his death, he had satisfied a lifelong ambition to acquire and own a Morgan three-wheeler, having to sell his three four-wheeled Berkeleys and a Lotus Esprit to do so.

We send our condolences to his partner, Greta and his two sons and daughter.

Reported by N. Halliday

A message from the Magazine Editor

I hope you liked your first 20-page magazine since I started putting it together. If you liked the content I do need more articles to continue to produce 20 pages please.

You now have two opportunities to put an article together: Christmas and New Year holidays. Don't forget the closing date for the next magazine is 30th January 2022, a few lines and a couple of pictures is all it needs.

I am hoping to put an article together on Berkeley exhausts, if that helps you with a suggestion, especially as I think there is nil stock in the world. How did you get over that problem?

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

Changes to advertising in the BEC Bulletin

The long-standing practice of an advert being placed in the Bulletin automatically being reprinted over three issues will now cease. This is due to complications created in the final proof readings when third parties inform the Bulletin compilers that an advert is no longer current due to the failure of the vendor in informing the compilers of their article being sold! This inevitably causes time-consuming page re-working to take out the 'dead' adverts than is necessary, inevitably causing delay in getting the Bulletin out to you.

From now on, an advert placed will only get one insertion, that being in the edition that the advert is received prior to the publication cut-off date (the date is always published in the current Bulletin issue). The onus will now be on the vendor to contact the Bulletin compilers if a subsequent repeat ad is required, usually due to the item not selling within that month. The publication cut-off date also applies to re-submissions.

Adverts will now only be accepted from the actual vendor, not a third party. You do not have to be a BEC member to advertise, so if you hear of someone who is not a member and wishes to place an advert, you must tell them to contact the Bulletin compilers personally, do not 'pass on' an advert on their behalf. All ads are free of charge to members and non-members alike. This excludes trade and business ads.

We hope this explains; any questions, please ask.

E5 fuel additive

Our President and General Secretary, Mike R Smith informs us that Halfords are stocking a product marketed by Wynn's that is designed to protect engines from the curse of the dreaded E5 fuel additive!

We would suggest that you individually check out the benefits of using the product in your Berkeley by visiting Wynn's own website before purchasing.

Surrey Chapter News

Regrettably Mike reports that the January meet up had to be cancelled. It is hoped that the February one will proceed, but please check 'Events' and this column in further issues for continued updates.

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 20th December 2021.

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

After many months of having New Members joining the Club we have none this time but because of a few Members renewing after short lapses we actually have an increase in numbers to last month.

Subscribing members now total 201 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 215 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 150 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 27 subscribing members (21 subscribing members in USA)

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.

Happy Berkeleying and hope you have had a good Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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.

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

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 25 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 23rd January** for inclusion in the January 2022 Bulletin.

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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*

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*

Currently advertised on eBay

Berkeley T60 Citroen 2CV engine conversion £5,695

Item Number 265458726251 **Tel:** *01257 446962*

T60 two doors and one bonnet £300

Item Number 294588263792

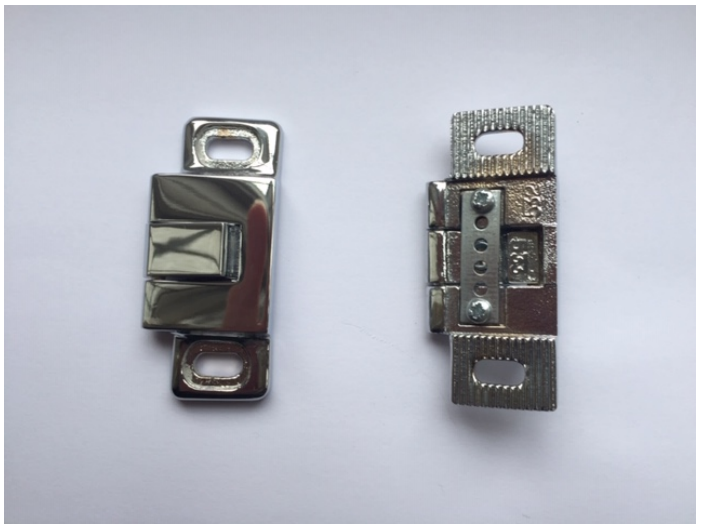
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SPARES

Later style lock striker plates as fitted to later T60s

We have just been able to identify that these 'hard to find' small cast alloy striker plates that fix on the B post were also fitted to some Jaguar cars. As a result, we have luckily discovered that they are being manufactured by the same foundry that manufactures our door hinges for the BEC.

Unfortunately, they are in short supply at present but we have managed to obtain a small quantity at a special price of £33.00 each – yes, expensive but they are quite a complicated piece of remanufacturing when you take into account the sprung catch, the assembly, chrome plating and polishing that was the spec for Jaguars – the original ones fitted to Berkeleys were originally a plain semi polished alloy finish. Contact the BEC Spares Officer if you need a set





Help required

Has any UK member got any suggestions with regard to a small foundry or possibly a retired engineer or model engineer who could assist the BEC with the casting and remanufacture of a small batch of the T60 alloy bonnet hinges? Unfortunately, our usual foundry cannot assist us on this occasion, as the quantities we require are too small. To be fair our last batch were sourced via a retired engineer and have lasted BEC Spares since 1989!

We have some patterns as well which could be used for the sand-casting process.



Magazine and Bulletin binders

The magazine is back! So, what better time to prepare those bookshelves and tidy up those old BEC magazines that you have had lying around loose all those years!

We are delighted to advise that having been unavailable for several years the BEC has been able to restock some smart magazine binders.

They are A5 size to hold 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.

A reminder that we also have available a similar but larger A4 sized binder for the BEC monthly bulletin. This binder 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.





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