BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

A message from the BEC President/ Secretary

Dear members,

It's been a long time since I last put pen to paper, and the Covid 19 situation is not helping matters at the moment and affecting everybody one way or another.

Zena and I are staying safe at home, as are all our friends and families, and we are both lucky in the fact that we have both had our vaccinations 1 and 2 which we are very pleased about.

As you have read in the club bulletin, our local Southern Area group meetings have been postponed until further notice, and the 'Saddlers Arms' where we meet, closed at the beginning of the first lockdown in March 2020, continues to be closed for the time being. According to a friend of ours who lives two doors down from the pub, the Saddlers Arms has in the meantime been taken over by a new brewery company, so we wait with baited breath hoping that the pub will stay in business in the future. If not, we will have to look for a new venue in the local area and start again, we live in hope.

Apart from all that, there is nothing else to report except that I will say that we both wish everybody in the club a healthy Covid free New Year and above all stay safe.

Mike Rounsville Smith

Chairman's Report

After my call in the last issue for members to register their interest in attending 'Pistons & Props', Sywell this coming September, I'm pleased to inform you that I've had three positive responses so far. These, along with myself being able to take two Berkeleys, now brings us up to the minimum of five vehicles needed to take a 'Club Stand'. I'm confident that others will commit nearer to the time of the event of which is 18th-19thSeptember. With this in mind, I have already provisionally booked the stand.

I also draw your attention to 'Events'. You will note that there is an advert for 'The Festival of Motoring'. This is expected to take place on the 3rd-4thJuly, the venue being the venerable 'Peterborough Arena', which I presume to be the former 'East of England Showground'. The promoters of this event are 'Live Promotions', the same outfit that promotes P&P Sywell. It would be interesting to know as to whether any of you would be interested in attending. My own view is that it may be an opportunity to give our members in the Eastern regions a chance to gather without the extensive travel requirements usually associated with attending the more inland central events. It also has to be taken into consideration the timing of this event. It being early July, there is no guarantee that the C19 lockdown restrictions will be eased enough to allow it to go ahead. 'Live Promotions' are stating in their promotional material that full refunds will be made to ticket purchasing members of the public if the show

does not proceed. I take it that the same would apply to Car Clubs and their members with regard to paid in registration fees. Again, let me know if any of you are interested in the event and I will most certainly make further enquiries.

Whilst staying with Events, the BEC has also received correspondence from the 'Shuttleworth Trust', this being primarily aimed at Car & Motorcyle clubs with the view of such clubs attending their forthcoming events. Their prospectus looks exciting, but alas, they are an organisation that is of the opinion that it can levy a charge on classic car and bike owners for the 'privilege' of exhibiting your treasured possession at their events; in effect, 'pay to display!'. This is a contentious subject, hotly debated amongst the classic vehicles fraternity. I personally have no objection to paying a small 'administration charge', such as we do at P&P Sywell, which is currently £5. This gets yourself, your car and one passenger into the event for the whole three days. The Shuttleworth proposed events are effectively the same conditions, but are double the price at £10 (Please note: I am NOT including charity organised fund raising events in this debate.).

As you know, last year the organisation contacted the BEC with regard to us attending a 'Biggles' orientated event. In my negotiations they offered us admission for free. As a consequence, I had a very good response from you, the membership with, I recall, up to 14 positive attendances. With this in mind I have tried to re-open the case for last year's unfortunately cancelled event, or at least the same terms for any other proposed event. As yet I have received no reply, which is not uncommon when dealing with The Shuttleworth Trust! I will of course keep you fully updated with any response I receive in future Bulletin issues, but in the meantime I would like to hear some feedback from you with regard to 'pay to display' orientated shows.

Unfortunately, our member Charlie Jeffreys has informed us that the Bedfordshire Festival of Motoring has had to be cancelled, as it was due to take place this coming June. The organisers, Bedfordshire Council, felt that they had to take action to cancel due to the uncertainties of the present Government's lockdown restrictions being eased enough by June for the event to go ahead due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Stay safe and keep Berkeleying, if only in the shed, or only in your head!

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

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NEWS

A message from the new Magazine Editor

I would just like to confirm the plan to produce a BEC magazine for distribution in April is going according to plan!

Terry Scott

Note - As ever, articles and contributions for the magazine are always most welcome!

FBHVC clarifies the introduction of E10 petrol for historic vehicle owners

Published: 26th Feb 2021

After an extensive consultation process, the Department for Transport has announced that they will legislate to introduce E10 petrol as the standard 95-octane petrol grade by 1 September 2021. They will also require the higher-octane 97+ 'Super' grades to remain E5 to provide protection for owners of older vehicles. This product will be designated as the 'Protection' grade.

The introduction of the 95-octane E10 grade and the maintenance of the Super E5 protection grade will be reviewed by the Government after 5 years to ensure they remain appropriate to the needs of the market. In relation to the E5 protection grade, such a review will examine market developments over the period. HM Government have sought to reassure FBHVC members and historic vehicle owners that, without a suitable alternative becoming available, it is highly likely the Super E5 protection grade would continue to be available.

The E5 fuel can potentially contain up to 5% Ethanol, for more information read the article on the FBHVC website.

https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/news/article/fbhvc-clarifies-the-introduction-of-e10-petrol-for-historic-vehicle-owners

From the organisers of 'Pistons and Props' - Calling all clubs!

The Festival of Motoring will now take place on July 3rd & 4th at The East of England Showground, Peterborough.
Making full use of the showground the event will bring together all aspects of classic motoring including club stands, trade stands, feature displays, interviews, Q&A's, Live Group B motorsport Action, Supercar Rides and much more.
Website : *www.thefestivalofmotoring.co.uk*



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Spares Update

Magazine and Bulletin binders

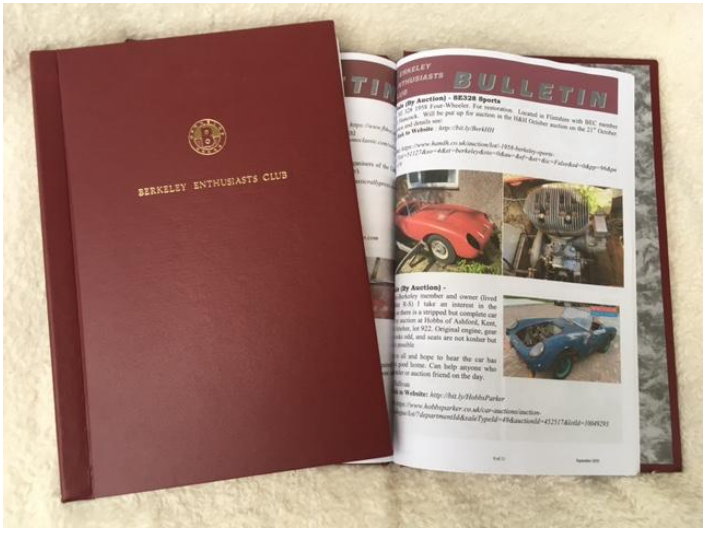
The next magazine is on the way! So, what better time to prepare those bookshelves and tidy up those old BEC magazines that you have had lying around loose all those years!



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 They 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.



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.

Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 23rd February 2021.

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

A bumper amount of new and re-joined Members means a quite a leap in "current" Membership, there being two re-joined members (a few years lapse) and three Members re-joining after 30yrs lapse, along with two new Members also making it "happy days."

Subscribing members now total 207 plus 16 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 223 total membership, the most The Club has had for a long time.

- United Kingdom 148 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 35 subscribing members. (27 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes the following New Members this month:

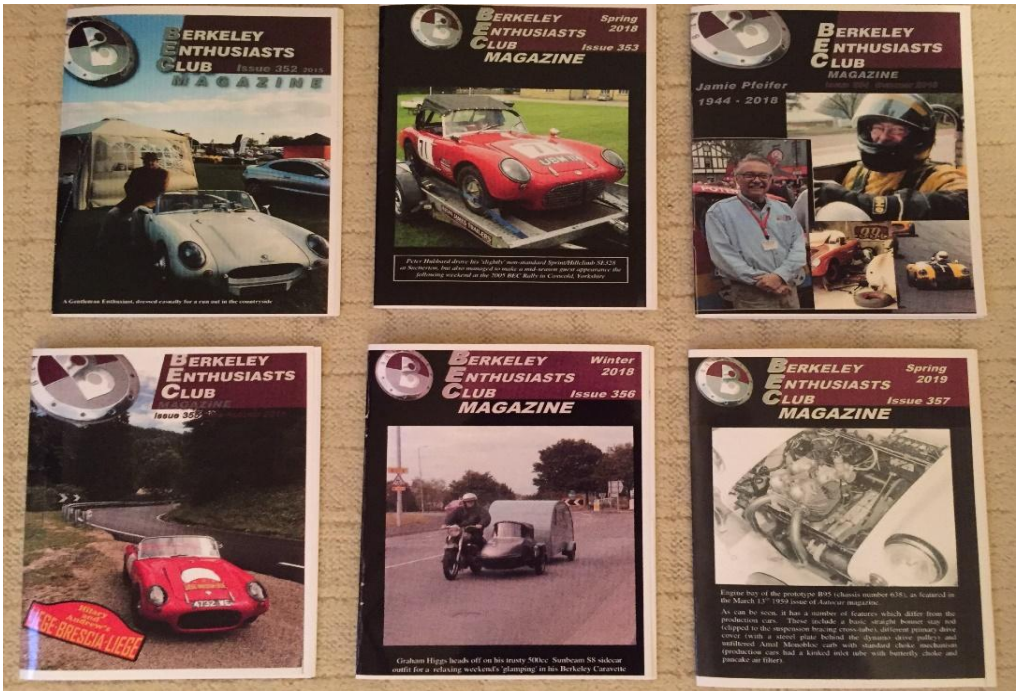
#2759 Mattias Reif	B95	Baden	Wurtemberg,	Germany
#2760 Mick Ward	T60	Canterbury	Kent	UK

We welcome back the following Members:

#2584 Peter Bergsteiner	SA322	Ortenburg		Germany
#2444 Carl Rolfe	B95	Ely	Cambs	UK
#1215 Jerry Vinson	SE328	Raytown	Missouri	USA
#1356 John French	SE492+T60	Sudbury	Suffolk	UK
#1441 Richard Marchant	B65	Northampton		UK

With the re-introduction of a regular Magazine being produced in the Spring by our New Magazine Editor, Terry Scott I am very hopeful that Membership numbers will continue to increase.

As current issues had shrunk to one copy for "Welcome Packs" to our New and Old re-joined Members I can now reprint previous issues of The Club Magazine.



Here are six recent issues that I have reprinted. Many more are available going back over ten years. All of these and more up to the current time are now available to order, initially £1 per copy plus postage. I have been experimenting with various glossy papers and refilling the ink cartridges myself to minimise cost. Payment is to The BEC. Pictorial details of the other Magazines can be emailed.

Please do contact me if you would like any.

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

March 2021

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

April 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*

June 2021

East of England Festival of Motoring July 3rd & 4th
At The East of England Showground, Peterborough.
Club stands, trade stands, feature displays, interviews, Q&A's, Live Group B motorsport Action, Supercar Rides and much more.

Website : *www.thefestivalofmotoring.co.uk*

July 2021

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

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

September 2021

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/*

Beaulieu International Autojumble 4th-5th September 2021
It's back! The iconic International Autojumble will be returning for 2021, following its postponement last year. So join us on September 4th and 5th for the biggest outdoor sale of motoring items this side of the Atlantic.

Website: *www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/*

Classics at Prescott 11th-12th September 2021
The Annual Classics at Prescott event run by Winchcombe Rotary Club will take place in September which is a change from the usual May slot. This will hopefully mean the Covid restrictions will have eased. It will be held at the Bugatti Owners' Club at Prescott. Classic Cars are invited to run the famous hill for charity. We also arrange a Classics Tour of the Cotswolds, a Static Display and hopefully invite spectators to be part of this iconic event.

Website: *www.winchcomberotaryclub.com/classics-at-prescott*

Sywell Classic - Pistons & Props 18th - 19th September 2021
Classic vehicle displays, vintage and classic traders, family entertainment and aerial displays. Great fun for all the family!

Website: *www.sywellcassic.com*

Goodwood Revival 18th - 19th September 2021

The only historic race meeting to be staged entirely in period dress, the Revival sees a return to the halcyon days of Goodwood as the spiritual home of British motor racing. It's a celebration of bygone days, vintage fashion and wheel-to-wheel racing around this classic circuit, which remains unchanged since its heyday.

See website for more details **Website:** *www.goodwood.com/motorsport/goodwood-revival/*

Kop Hill Climb 25th-26th September 2021

Kop Hill climb festival with categories for Veteran, Vintage and rare or interesting cars up to 1980,

See website for more details **Website:** *www.kophillclimb.org.uk*

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale - Trailer for Berkeleys

Sturdy purpose built trailer for sale with very good 13" tyres. Currently set up for T60 but could be easily altered to take four wheel Berkeley. £1750 ovno.

Contact : Geoff Dabrowa

Tel : 07751 288329



For Sale - 1958 SE492 Project

1958 Berkeley SE492 project for sale, s/n 356, Excelsior Talisman 3 cylinder 492cc s/n 3B460. Owned and garaged for 53 years, never registered. Fresh, 1 hour, complete Talisman rebuild. All parts to complete the project, side curtains, top, etc. and more. Spare differential and 328cc twin in pieces. Petrol tank has been moved to the rear and a roll hoop added are the only known changes from original. Documentation dating back to 1968, copy of manuals. Asking $5000 US.

Link to see a cold start: *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnFNe04T04w*

Additional link: *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFSoPKBlk20*

See photos on next page.

Contact: Rick Little **Tel:** 631-834-4884 (USA number) **Email:** *rslittle13@gmail.com*

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For Sale - 1958 SE492 Project (continued)








Wanted - Berkeley Differential

Berkeley diff wanted to commence rebuilding a T60. I have a gearbox but I would be willing to buy a complete power unit if the price is OK.

Contact : Mike Robbins **Email:** *mikerobbins@hotmail.co.uk*

Wanted - Various Parts

*A front mounted fuel tank MB 1051. For a 'Sports SE 328' restoration. This is the pure rectangular box shape of fuel tank often with a cylindrical nose 'take off' point for the fuel cock and delivery pipe connection (The later T60 front tank which has a notch in the back bottom corner and no nose is not really suitable)

*Also a road wheel for a Sports Anzani SA322 model. This is the type with the 5no welded on tabs/ lugs.

*An enamel front nose B badge in any condition.

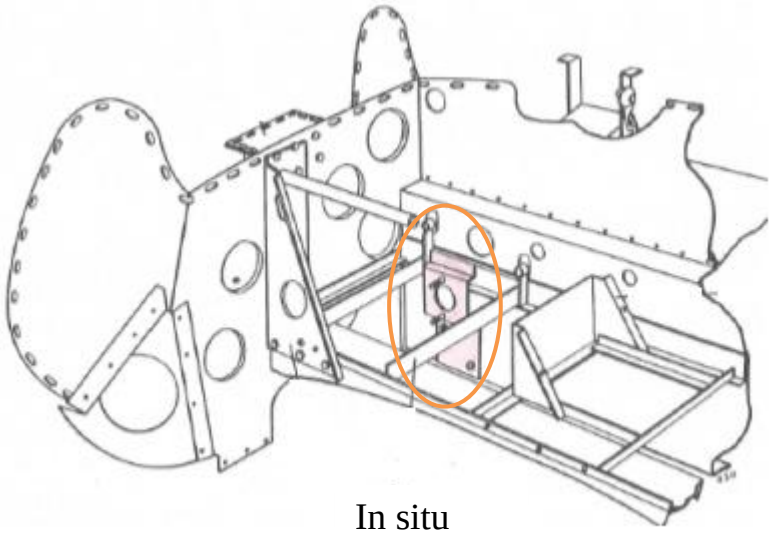
* 3 no. road wheels for SE492, the later type requiring 7/16" tapered wheel nuts (i.e. the ones with reinforced tabs/lugs or the very late T60/B95 type with thicker tabs/lugs).

Contact: Colin Baker (West Midlands). **Tel**: 07719 816652 **Email**: *hbmlimited10@aol.com*

Wanted - Master Cylinder Mounting Bracket

For a T60 restoration the steel bracket used to hold the brake master cylinder to the bulkhead
Part no MB 1146
Contact: Duncan Mitchell (Scotland) **Tel**: 07989 796613 **Email**: *dunc128@gmail.com*.





In situ

Wanted - Windscreen, sidesteps, hood frame for T60

I am making plans to restore a Berkeley T60 and I am looking for a windscreen and sidesteps, hood frame etc. I was in discussion with another T60 owner who advised me that they may have these components spare as they were restoring their car back to being a hardtop rather than a convertible .

Unfortunately I have lost their name . Was it any member of the BEC ? If so please contact me via private message off the facebook Berkeley Car Owners site or via the membership secretary of the BEC

Thank you .,

Mick Ward (Kent)

Wanted - T60 Windscreen and Frame

Windscreen complete with chrome frame wanted for T60 in Gwynedd.
Contact: Mick Mobley **Tel:** 01345250851 **Email**: *jan.mobley@hotmail.com*

Seen on Facebook - Berkeley Car Owners Page (24th February)

Reposted from another group by members Peter Frost and Mick Griffiths "Look what I found in the garage when I bought my house!"

Lloyd Profit in South Wales recently bought a house and found some unusual micro cars in the garage! He appealed to various facebook pages to learn what they might be. One was a 1960 T60. The car is mostly original, on its wheels and seems mostly complete except perhaps for a windscreen frame and a few other parts.

It would make a good restoration project. If you are interested keep a watch out for it on ebay, facebook Berkeley Car owners group site etc.





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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 21st March** for inclusion in the March 2021 bulletin.

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Other Berkeley related links:
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