BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Firstly, we'd like to thank all those who responded to the call for attending this year's 'Wheel Nuts' at St Roses School, Stroud, this coming May. Our Membership Secretary, Geoff Dabrowa has managed to get so far, 11 members with their cars pledging attendance! On the strength of this I have registered 12 places for the BEC Club Stand, so one more definite place available; plus if we receive more interest, I can increase our numbers with the organisers as long as we get the increase in before the end of March. As many of you will be aware, we have been striving to get 'The Perfect Ten' in honour of our late member and event organiser Mr Dave Rich, who sadly passed away unexpectedly just days before the 2019 Wheel Nuts event. If you intend to camp over at Minchinghampton, please see 'Events' for details, costs and how to book your pitch.

Whilst on the subject of 'Events' I would ask you all to study the revised list in this issue. As expected, there is a lot going on as we finally come out of the last of the Covid 19 emergency restrictions.

The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Celebrations have inspired lots of events that are now including Classic Vehicles. This gives the owners of such vehicles a wide range of choice, so much so that it would seem unwise as to concentrate BEC efforts into picking any single event to concentrate our attendance on. Far better, in my opinion that in the light of so much variety across the country, to let the active membership choose the most appropriate event by way of location, thus minimising travel time! Having said that, for those members of BEC Central Chapter, you will note that there is a one-day Jubilee celebration event at 'Nether Heyford' Northants. Classic vehicles invited, but pre booking essential. This may be an ideal event for a meet up? See more details in Events.

Still on the subject of shows, you may remember that last year I asked the question if anyone would be interested in attending Biggleswade Community Carnival and, if so, whether there was any interest in turning it into a weekend 'bash'. I cannot recall getting any feedback at the time with regard to 'the bash', but the organisers of the carnival are very keen to get Berkeley representation at the event, even if there is no interest it us making it a weekend camp. Those willing to get a car to the carnival on the day please let myself and the organisers know.

Also worthy of note is 'The Best of British Car Show', to be held at Santa Pod Raceway. This poses the possibility of taking your 'cherished possession' repeatedly down the famous ¼ mile Drag Strip, with also the chance to enter an 'Auto Test'. Full details, yet again in Events.

Lastly, the organisers of The National MicroCar Rally have announced the dates and location of this year's event. It will be a long way for most of us living in the South, or even the Midlands as it is Ripon!

Keep Safe, but keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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NEWS

Southern BEC Chapter Meeting

Dave Perrin reports that seven members attended the February meeting. The March meeting is scheduled for the 8th and more members are expected this time.

Details, as always, in 'Events'. Newcomers planning to attend, please contact Dave for details, maps, whereabouts in the pub we meet etc.

A message from the Magazine Editor

The Magazine issue 363 is in progress but you will get this Bulletin before the magazine. Now that we are out and about more, maybe you could send me some articles on your car's travels?

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 24th February 2022.

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

This month shows a small rise in current Membership.

Subscribing members now total 200 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 214 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 149 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 27 subscribing members (21 subscribing members in USA)

There are no New Members signed up this month although there are a couple in the shadows waiting to put pen to paper.

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.

Please keep me updated of your preferred email address along with any postal address changes, thank you.

Thank you.

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

The 2022 National MicroCar Rally

The NMCR Administrators are delighted to announce that the 2022 NMCR will be from Thursday 1st September until Sunday 4th and will be organised by Ray Glendinning. Full details in Events.

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Classic Festivals

We have received a full itinerary of Show dates for 2022: Essex, Suffolk, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Cambridge.

Contact: *www.classicfestivals.co.uk*

March 2022

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up: Tuesday 8th March 2022

The monthly BEC Surrey area meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 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 Mike Rounsville-Smith before you leave home and travel a long distance.

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

Newcomers planning to attend, please contact Dave for details, maps, whereabouts in the pub we meet etc.

Email: *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* **Tel:** 02392 250880

April 2022

The Best of British Classic Car Show: 23 April 2022

Santa Pod Raceway, Bedfordshire.

Classic Car show with the added opportunity to run on the drag strip and enter an Autotest.

Contact: *Santa Pod Raceway - Best of British Car Show*

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. So far we have 11 responses, refer to Chairman's report for details.

Great campsite nearby in Tobacconist Farm Campsite, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud GL6 9JJ.

Tel: *Lucy for camping booking, etc 07854 750473*

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*

Fenland Classic Vehicle Show: Sunday 15th May 2022 10am-4pm

Ramsey Rural Museum, Ramsey PE26 2XB

For more information see *www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk*
To contact the museum or the camp please email *ramseyfenfair@ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk*
or call *01487 815715* **on Thursdays**

Cars at the Castle: Sunday 15th May

Hertford Castle, Hertfordshire. Classic, unusual or sports cars: display for free.
Application forms can be downloaded at *www.hertford.gov.uk/events*

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.



Nether Heyford Classic & Vintage Vehicle Show: Saturday 4th June 2022 2pm

Platinum Jubilee Fete on Village Green. Set up from 11am.

This event could represent an ideal meet up for BEC Central Chapter. Access is either via the A5, just North of the old 'Jack's Hill Café', or by J16 M1/A45 intersection via Upper Heyford. For information, this village boasts the largest village green in England.

Pre-booking is essential, please contact the BEC Chairman if interested.

Email: *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

Sandringham Pageant of Motoring: 5th June 2022
Sandringham Estate, Sandringham.

This highly prestigious event is a celebration of motoring throughout the decades combined with exciting aerial displays and live music throughout the day.

Contact: *www.sandringhammotoringpageant.co.uk/clubs/?*

Biggleswade Community Carnival: Saturday 18th June 2022

The theme is Let's Go Travel. We have recently heard from the organisers who are very keen to have Berkeley cars in attendance. If you wish to enter your Berkeley for the day please contact Hazel Clarke. It would be greatly appreciated if you could also inform the Chairman.

Email: *hazel@biggleswadecarnival.co.uk*

July 2022

The Bucks Festival Of Cars (alongside The Bucks Country Show) 2nd-3rd July 2022

Penn Estate, Amersham HP70PS. **Contact:** *www.buckscountryshow.co.uk*

Historics On The Hill: 3rd July 2022

Lydden Hill Raceway, Canterbury Kent

An event organised by the HRDC. Classic Car Clubs are invited to display their vehicles.

For more information **Contact**: *www.lyddenhill.co.uk* **Tel:** *01304 830557*

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

2022 National MicroCar Rally: 1-4 September 2022

Woodhouse Farm Holiday Park, Winksley, Ripon, HG4 3PG

Early arrivals and later departures welcomed. Please be aware that this year bookings must be made direct with Woodhouse Farm (who will automatically inform Ray) quoting 'National MicroCar Rally' in order to get our preferential rates.

Please see attached .pdf for full details

Contact: *www.woodhousewinksley.com* **Tel:** *01765 658309*

The Raunds Festival of Transport 2022: Saturday 3rd September 2022

(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*

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 March** for inclusion in the March 2022 Bulletin.

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MARKETPLACE

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: 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*

Wanted: T60 Lower (passenger side) door hinge please

Ordinary four bolt hole type. Usable or repairable is ok as I can have a go at a repair or I can exchange for the Top door hinge Dave had found.

These are handed.

To explain what's wanted, with the Fork part on the door: the castings top edge has to be narrow and the bottom edge wide.

This is for the Dave Rich T60 project I'm helping with.

Thanks in advance.

Graham Higgs **Email:** *higgs.graham@googlemail.com* **Tel:** *01905 350632*

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.





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SPARES

Back in stock

MB 107/33 & 34: Late type front brake slave cylinders to suit later SE492, B95/105 and all T60s (cast iron type, handed, complete with new bleed nipple). £18.00 each plus £3.85 P&P (UK).



B95 and B105 ‘Super goodies’. We've had a limited delivery of the following parts:

MB1605/3: Engine Sprocket (to take flywheel). Price to be advised.

MB1605/6: Crankshaft Nut. Price to be advised.

MB1600/1 & 2: Generator Drive Extension Spindle & Stud. Price to be advised.

MB1610: Front Intake Grille Assembly. Newly fabricated (chrome plated). Price to be advised, but will be over £250.00





Headlamp Units for ‘Sports’ SE328, SE492 and T60

Some export cars had 7" diameter Lucas headlamp units, but the majority of Berkeleys with faired in headlamps were fitted with 5½" Wipac units which are no longer available. Lucas 5¾" units just about fit in the standard Berkeley rims, but do not seat properly, so it makes good sense when buying/fitting replacement light units to use the matching Lucas rims (they are only ¼" larger outside diameter, so just require a pair of mounting holes to allow them to be fitted to the standard MB274 mounting brackets).

In addition to still making old-style units which take BPF (British Pre-Focus) bulbs (approx. £40 each if you can find them), Lucas also produce H4 Halogen units in the same size. There are also a few other manufacturers making H4 headlamps which are nominally the same size, but not all of them fit in the Lucas rims and some have modern flat lenses (of consideration if you wish to maintain a standard appearance).

Dave Perrin is currently working on a headlamp article for the Summer BEC Magazine, but in the meantime he advises that genuine Lucas rims are currently available from one e-Bay seller at £12.50 each (including postage) and cheaper Wassell copies from another seller at £9.50 each. Lucas H4 headlamp units are seemingly only available from India at present (at £55 per pair), but Autopal units are only £40 per pair and the seemingly better quality Neolite units are £45 per pair. NOTE: The Hella 5¾" H4 units are better quality and only £50 per pair, but unfortunately they do not fit in the Lucas rims.

If you wish to know further details of the options and/or suppliers (or are aware of any other suitable makes), please contact Dave (dp_berkeley.yahoo.co.uk).

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