BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Firstly, a big thank you to those members who supported the Classique/Historique Monte Carlo Rally, Banbury Passage Control BEC Club Stand on the last day of January. Bearing in mind that this was a working day, we had five cars turn out, including Graham Higgs' VNM 414 'mock up' John Patten Ian Loudon Cox 1959 Monte attempt tribute. Our location was a prime spot in Banbury Market Square along with over 150 other classic vehicles and car clubs. The response to our marque from the general public was, as usual immense, thus keeping us busy answering questions most of the day.

Wheelnuts Stroud Sunday 3rd May. 'The Perfect Ten' (in Memoriam to Dave Rich).

This will be my final plea for you to register your Berkeley for this prestigious show at St Rose's School. If we are to present a BEC club stand, the application form will have to be submitted very soon after you read this. Those wishing to make a weekend of this event, camping with excellent facilities is available at Minchinhampton nearby. Contact the Membership Secretary for further details. There is also a Premier Inn virtually on the doorstep of St. Rose's School, for those not wishing to camp.

National Micro Car Rally 2020.

As many of you will already know via social media forums, this year's event will be co-hosted by both the NMCR Committee and the Heinkel Trojan Owners Club. The event will be held at Wem in Shropshire, at the same venue as 2016 on the 9th -13th September. As with last year's rally the NMCR Committee may ask for additional help from other clubs for their members to volunteer a little of their time towards extra marshalling duties across the weekend. The BEC 'stepped up to the mark' admirably when asked to do so at last year's event and I'm sure we will do likewise again this year.

BEC AGM/Rally 13th and14th June.

As most of you are aware, the post of 'Magazine Editor' has now been vacant for the past three years. Dave Perrin stepped in as 'Acting Editor' and has been doing his best to get you something in copy, but, as I have stated in my previous reports, we can no longer guarantee the four yearly editions until a permanent Editor is appointed. Over the coming months, I'd like any one of you to consider standing for this post. Help can be given with 'magazine production' if you consider you lack computer skills for the task.

Biggleswade Carnival Parade/'Biggles' Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome Evening Flying Event, Sat 20th June.

For those wishing to attend the 'Carnival Event' in the town, please register individually with *hazel@biggleswadecarnival.co,uk*. At the time of writing, I have still not heard further from the organisers of the 'Biggles' Flying Event at Old Warden. Unfortunately it has been our

experience in the past that communicating with the Shuttleworth Trust can be a rather frustrating experience! All I can say is that I'm trying to progress this and will keep you informed as and when I receive further news of our invitation.

Royal Enfield Owners Club Autojumble 18th April.

Those running and/or restoring B95s and B105s who require engine parts, don't forget to email your requirements to Mark Mumford prior to the event, as he has far too much 'stuff' to take there on the day! (Email: *trials59@yahoo.co.uk)*

Keep Berkeleying and make every effort to get your car roadworthy for this coming season!

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

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NEWS

Free event at Shuttleworth Cafe / Car park
Sunday 17th May 2020 at 10.00



AoHE (Associate of Heritage Engineers) Cars & Coffee meet at the world famous Shuttleworth Collection - Free tickets available·to the first Cars & Coffee classic vehicle meeting at the legendary Shuttleworth Collection. Ttickets required only to limit the size of the event to manageable levels. ONLY by ticket so if you would like to be there please book now. *https://www.facebook.com/events/753195881858212/* .

The National Microcar Rally 2020

The NMCR Administrators are delighted to announce that the 2020 NMCR will be organised by Alison McCarthy of the Heinkel Trojan Club and will be based again at Lower Lacon Caravan Park, Wem, Shropshire SY4 5RP,

This venue was first used for the 2016 NMCR which Alison organised. The event will formally start from 4:30 on Wednesday the 9th September through until final departures on Monday 14th at 11am. Earlier arrivals are welcomed and encouraged to attend Wem Carnival the previous weekend. Bookings prior to the 9th need to be made direct with Lower Lacon Caravan Park. Alison is currently working on the details and regular updates will be made on the NMCR Facebook page.

Störy Revival Microcar Meeting 2020

The organisers are looking forward to welcoming you this year again in Einbeck to the third Störy Revival Microcar Meeting! From Friday, June 12th, 2020 to June 14th.



Registrations

Registrations for 2020 will be possible from March. You will find the link to it and the regulations with all important information at:
https://www.ps-speicher.de/kleinwagentreffen.php.

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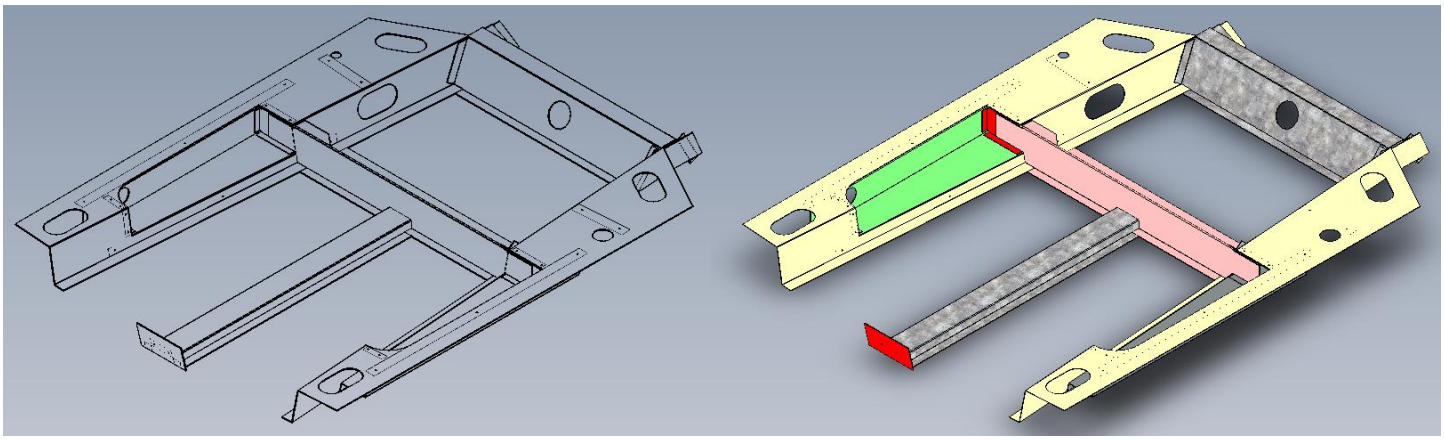
SPARES

Spares Update

Back in stock are complete new sets of steel punt chassis metalwork for the later (post chassis No 600) Berkeley Three-Wheeler, T60 and T60/4 models with the bucket seats

The chassis sections are formed of steel with a protective coating although they will require a paint finish before final assembly into the car. We have only been able to manufacture 12 No sets at this time and 4 sets are already reserved so if any member is interested, we recommend that you reserve a set asap

Price is £350.00 plus transport costs if they cannot be collected.



Technical Information

Member John Brimson who is working hard with other BEC members to unravel the mysteries of the Anzani 322cc engine as fitted to the early 1956 Berkeley Sports has recently come across the British Specialist ‘’Mercian Manuals Ltd ‘’ who reprint collections of classic motorcycle manuals or technical information.

In particular they publish manuals for the following Berkeley orientated motorcycle engines

- British Anzani 322cc Instruction Book
- Excelsior Talisman engine 328 and 492cc Parts book 1959
- Royal Enfield Meteor 700cc Instruction, Shop Manual and Parts Book
- Royal Enfield Constellation 700cc. Instruction, Shop manual and Parts Books

Generally priced at £9.95 with free postage in the UK , they may be useful publications to complete your technical library over and beyond the BEC range of technical publications . See website: *www. mercianmanuals.co*.uk

Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 22nd February 2020. The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of January 2019 and beyond. This month has seen a small increase in total numbers to last month (late payers of Renewal Subscriptions continue to affect overall Membership numbers).

It's great to see a continuation of new members to the Club, two this month.

The Club currently has a grand total of 206 Members.

- United Kingdom 133 subscribing members
- Europe 20 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 36 subscribing members.

Subscribing members total 189 plus 17 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 206 total membership.

We welcome two new members this month;

#2733	Ashley Thompson	T60	Spalding	UK
#2734	Costantino Lombardo	SE328	Catania	Italy

Please can you keep me updated with changes of address etc and email addresses as we have discovered recently that some members details were not up to date. If you have moved in the past 12 months, note if you ordered a Calendar and didn't receive it an old address on file might be the reason, watch out for your post as the latest Magazine is on its way – thank you.

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

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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EVENTS

March 2020

Local BEC Gathering: Southern Area Tuesday 10th March

BEC Surrey 'chapter' meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on 10th March. Please check with Dave Perrin (see below) before attending. The venue is The Saddler's Arms, Send Marsh, Woking (just off the A3 a few miles North of Guildford), postcode GU23 6JQ.

Any variations from the second Tuesday will normally be posted in the relevant section of the Forum on the club website, however, if you are planning to join us, please contact the organiser Club President Mike Rounsville-Smith or regular attendee Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) beforehand, just to make sure, as we occasionally switch to an alternative Tuesday to suit availability of the regular attendees (or in the event of extreme weather conditions).

Local BEC Gatherings: General

If any members are interested in getting together regularly elsewhere in the country, then please make contact and we will post your contact details in the bulletin to gauge interest for you.

April 2020

Royal Enfield Owners Club Autojumble 18th April 10.00am - 16.00pm

Organised by the REOC, all makes welcome., buying or selling. Tea, coffee and cake. Entry £3, stallholders £5 per table, all proceeds to REOC and chosen charity - MIND. Held at Yardley Gobion Village Hall, Chestnut Road, Yardley Gobion, Towcester, Northants NN12 7TW

Contact: Mark Mumford **Email:** *trials59@yahoo.co.uk*

May 2020

Wheel Nuts Motor Show Sunday 3rd May

Now in its 16th Year, Wheelnuts it is a truly amazing array of hundreds of classic cars and motor vehicles from motoring's earliest days. Getting bigger and more popular every year, the annual Classic Motor Show 'Wheel Nuts 2020' will be held in the beautiful grounds at St Rose's in Stroud, on Sunday 3rd May. There has been a Berkeley presence for several years now - and the BEC are keen to get 'Ten for Dave' in memory of the late Dave Rich. Contact Geoff Toyer asap if interested.

Website: *https://stroses.org.uk/event/wheelnuts-2020/*

'Classics at Prescott' Open Hill Climb Event 9th-10th May

Saturday road run , and Sunday Hill Climb event and static display. For more details and entry see website.

Email: *Wrcprescott@gmail.com* **Website**: *www.Classicsatprescott.com*

Spring Autojumble - Beaulieu 16th - 17th May

Lower key than September event. at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Hants

Website : *https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/spring-autojumble/*

AoHE Cars and Coffee Meet -Shuttleworth Cafe / Car park Sunday 17th May 10.00

Coffee meet at the world famous Shuttleworth Collection - ONLY by ticket so if you would like to be there please book now.

Website: *https://www.facebook.com/events/753195881858212/* .

June 2020

BEC AGM & Rally 13th & 14th June

The 2020 BEC AGM & Rally will be held over the weekend of 13th-14th June at 'The Gate Hangs Well' public house in Syston, Leicestershire (close to junction of the A46 and the A607). More details to follow closer to the event.

Störy Revival Microcar Meeting June 12th-14th

Based at the PS Speicher museum, Einbeck, Germany. The third Störy Revival Microcar Meeting

Website:*https://www.ps-speicher.de/kleinwagentreffen.php.*

'Biggles' Evening Flying Event Saturday 20th June

The Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. Further details to follow.

Website: *www.shuttleworth.org/events/juneeveningairshow/*

Biggleswade Community Carnival 20th June

Biggleswade Town's annual carnival parade. This year with a 'Let's Go Travel' theme, Berkeleys are invited back to their hometown to join the parade. As this may need some planning please contact Geoff Toyer. Further details to follow.

July 2020

Messerschmitt Owners' Club International Rally 30th July - 2nd August

To be held at John Ruskin School, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8EW. Berkeleys are most welcome to attend

Simon Fisher (Rally organiser) **Website :** *www.mocrally2020.weebly.com*

August 2020

'Bubblecar' and Scooter Event - Bourgogne -28th - 30th August

Annual microcar-friendly event in the Burgundy region of France. Berkeleys are most welcome to attend.

Jean- do Jacotte (Rally organiser) **Website:** *www.aero-jean-do.com/bubblecars*

September 2020

The Carole Nash - Eurojumble 4th-5th September

One of the UK's biggest bike autojumbles. Held annually at Netley Marsh just outside Southampton SO40 7GY

Website : *https://www.netleymarsheurojumble.com/*

International Autojumble - Beaulieu 5th - 6th September

Europe's largest Autojumble held annually at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Hants

Website : *https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/international-autojumble/*

The National Microcar Rally 9th-13th September

Organised by the Heinkel Trojan Club at Lower Lacon Caravan Park, Wem, Shropshire SY4 5RP. Starts from 4:30 on Wednesday the 9th September through until final departures on Monday 14th at 11am. Regular updates will be made on the NMCR Facebook page.

Micro Marathon 2020 11th -21st September

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 - Exclesior Engines

Exclesior 328 engine (partially dismantled) with TR 4 speed + reverse gearbox and clutch. Also cut down matching fan cooled primary casing.

Excelsior 250 engine with dynastart, HJ5 motorcycle gearbox, 250 carb, clutch, primary casing and Wipac generator assembly. Both engines turn over nicely.





Reason for sale - change of plans (too many projects). Located in Blackburn, buyer to collect or arrange collection. £350.

Contact: Gordon Taff via Facebook (see February 23rd postings on Berkeley Car Owners page).

For sale - T60 Punt and matching Rear Section

New T60 punt and matching rear section taken from the Phil Turner moulds (i.e. with revised rear join line). Unused and in completely undamaged condition, however the additional punt strengthening ribs were wrongly positioned, so some work required to reposition them.



The sale is for the two items together. £400 ono (less than half price). Any questions please contact me.

Contact : *dunc128@gmail.com*

For Sale - Berkeley Handbook

"Original" Berkeley Sports Handbook published by Prices Garages. Note this is over 60 years old and has been used, staples have rusted and pages are showing their age but it's a piece of Berkeley History.

First to offer £10 will have it. Postage will be charged at cost.

Contact Membership Secretary

Wanted - Wheels

One or two wheels needed for my latest restoration. If you can spare one or two please contact me. Wheels from any three or four wheeler will do apart from the SA322 which have the smaller stud holes.

I will be going to Wheel Nuts in Stroud in May and could collect there or on route from Cambridgeshire.

Please contact Membership Secretary.

Seen on Ebay

eBay item number:293462002746



T60 fitted with a Mini 1275 GT Engine and gearbox. She comes with full weather equipment, Hood and side screens Recent minilite front wheels. Fitted with a roll bar and seat belts. Enthusiast owned with recent full mechanical overhaul completed. The works included Complete rewire, Complete brake system re-new (All pipes Calipers,discs etc) New shockers and CV joints, Complete interior re-trim.

The car also comes with a comprehensive history file, thick full of invoices, and has a current MOT, although not required as its registered as a historic vehicle.This is a great fun car and a lively performer. I'm always happy to accept a part exchange, and can arrange delivery worldwide. Please call Andrew on 07836 226228 or email sales@standrewsautos.co.uk.

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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 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 **Friday 20th March** for inclusion in the March 2020 bulletin.

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