BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
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BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

By now, most of you should have received you 'Spring Edition' of the BEC Quarterly Magazine. This being the first produced by our new prospective Editor, Terry Scott.

Congratulations go to Terry for not only producing it, but for getting it out on time. Let us all hope it is the first of many. That being so, Terry can only keep up momentum if he has enough material so as to do so. With this in mind, you the membership must keep him supplied with relevant material, of which, due to lockdown, I would have thought would be plentiful, as many of you have used the unexpected extra time to spend it on progressing , or maintaining your Berkeley projects !

Whilst on the subject of the magazine, I think we all owe a big thanks to Dave Perrin for stepping in as 'Temporary Magazine Editor' over the last few years of which he at least got us some publications to keep the general conception of us having our own magazine alive during those bleak times. This is not the first time in the club's history that Dave has had to do this, so I think we're all indebted to him for his efforts!

Those of you of whom follow the Facebook site 'Berkeley Car Owners' may have noticed that there has been a change of 'Admin'. Our member and prolific Berkeley restorer, Neil Barber set up the site some years ago now as a vehicle to attract all those with an interest in the marque, they being BEC members, Berkeley car owners, or not. The site has been very successful over the years in drawing into the club new membership, chiefly by way of advertising our existence! Having said that, the site has no official ties to the BEC and has not been and will continue not to be an outlet for any official BEC business and/or announcements. The BEC Bulletin is and will remain the initial source of any such announcements, simply because there are many of you that do not subscribe to Facebook and hence it's Berkeley site and also for the privacy of information being that of only the BEC membership, in the first instance.

The new Administrator, is by coincidence our newly proposed Quarterly Magazine Editor, Terry Scott. I think we can all wish Terry well in his new role on that site, but I ask you all not to confuse his new role with this site with his role within the BEC as both Quarterly Magazine Editor and Committee Member.

Over the last few months of this New Year, I have been asked by both Committee and general members about when are we going to hold an AGM. As you are all aware, our scheduled AGM / BEC Rally had to be postponed in early June 2020 due to the emergence of the C19 pandemic.

This fact had also not escaped my mind and as such I have been casting some thought toward it. My first was that it would be better to combine an AGM, as we usually do, with our own BEC Annual Rally, if not that, in conjunction with another major event whereby most active members will be attending. My second, would be to wait until we can be fully confident that lockdown restriction easement would satisfy our needs enough to go ahead with any pre planning. As I write this, I am not at all convinced that the second has given us that confidence, so I propose that we wait at least to the end of May and revue the situation again. Meanwhile there have been some legal one day classic car gatherings already and also some 'full on' weekend events have been scheduled as early as June and July. I am aware that some BEC members have attended some of the former events, so I would be most interested in hearing your opinions as to regards safety etc.

Whilst on 'Events', please note that Kop Hill Climb 25th.-26th. Sept. are now accepting registrations for post 1940's vehicles, both static paddock and hill climb runs.

Also note there is a one day event at Hertford Castle on Sunday 6th. June. I have attended this event a couple of years ago, but only as a 'civilian'. It is a very nice, but small event held in the Castle gardens, so please note that there is a limit of 60 vehicles.

In last month's Bulletin, the NMCR announced the date of their big rally, as of last year's postponement with regard date and venue. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year's event due to a clash of dates with the rescheduled Prescott Classic Hill Climb, to which I had deferred 2020's fees.

Lastly, in reference to last month's Bulletin 'Spares Report', I'd like to remind you that all BEC Committee Members donate their time and skills to the club for free. We all have other commitments in life such as jobs, families etc. these create extra and in most cases, more important burdens in life than BEC business, so I ask you all to be a little more tolerant, especially in these trying times if your requests for services and advice supplied by a club representative does not meet with either an immediate response, or a response that you are usually expected to.

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying.

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

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NEWS

A message from the Magazine Editor

So it's the end of April 21 and that is my closing date for issue 360. I shall now start putting it together and it will be labelled Summer 2021 hopefully through your letterbox by June 30th.

Any late articles, please send to the E Mail address *thebecmag@gmail.com* .



Classic Wheels - Oakham 30th May

From the organisers:

Rutland Showground will host its first classic wheel's event on May 30th 2020. If, like us you can't wait to get out and about in your pride and joy take a ride out to Rutland this late may bank holiday.

Grab your friends and join us in Pole Position parking an area set aside for classic, modern classic, vintage, hot rods, street cars, rare single-seaters or sports cars, commercials, tractors and motorcycles.

Expect to find autojumble stands, market, live music, food stalls and club displays. 10AM – 3PM.

Private entries will just need to purchase a day ticket to enter the event and then just register for a vehicle pass via website link. It's just £10 per vehicle and includes 2 x day tickets.

www.classicwheelsrutland.co.uk

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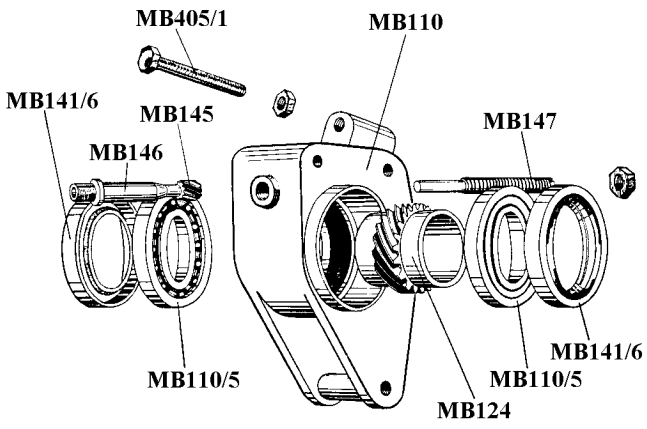
SPARES

Spares Update

Speedo Cable Connections

We've recently had cause to investigate the exact specification of the threaded connections on speedo cables, because our USA member Kevin Kalman ran into problems fitting new BEC cables to the speedo drive adaptor on his car.

As shown in the diagram below, the MB146 adaptor is fitted to the Differential Carrier and and is made of brass, with a fine (26 threads per inch) British Cycle thread. We still need to check Kevin's car, but it seems that our cable suppliers are using the correct thread.





Our test fittings in the UK have shown that this very fine thread needs to be carefully cleaned

of dirt and corrosion to allow the collar nut to go on smoothly. NOTE that this thread is obviously prone to damage when the differential assembly is removed from the car without the cable in place, but it is always possible that the thread may have been damaged by previous owners fitting a cable with the nut cross threaded, so it is always worth carefully inspecting it even if you are just replacing an old cable.

Back in stock

Lucas indicator & rear light assemblies and reflectors. Prices to be confirmed in the next bulletin.



Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 22nd April 2021.

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

Subscribing members now total 206 plus 13 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 219 total membership.

- United Kingdom 146 subscribing members
- Europe 26 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 34 subscribing members.

Europe membership are; Austria 1, Belgium 3, France 8, Germany 6, Ireland 1, Italy 2, Netherlands 5.

Rest of the world are; Australia 4, Canada 2, Japan 1, New Zealand 2, USA 25.

The BEC welcomes just one New Member this month:

#2762 Francois Lebourleux SE328 Route d'Espagne Urrugne France

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.

Reprint Magazines from the past, going back to 2008 are now available @ £1 each copy plus postage.

My stocks of Magazines for "Welcome Packs" for new Members are now well replenished and well over 100 Magazine reprints have gone out to members in the past few weeks.

Payment is to The BEC by cheque or PayPal. (Bank Transfer only if copy of the transaction is sent to me).

Please do contact me if you would like any reprints.

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

May 2021

Local BEC Gathering: Southern Area Meetings



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

Classic Wheels - Oakham 30th May 10 -3pm

Classic wheels event at Rutland showground. Autojumble stands, market, live music, food stalls and club displays.

www.classicwheelsrutland.co.uk

June 2021

Cars at The Castle - Hertford Castle Sunday June 6th 2-4pm

Motor on down to Hertford's largest free car show of the year set within the picturesque castle grounds. Exhibiting up to 60 modern and vintage cars, there will be plenty to marvel over. There will be food and refreshment stalls, fuelling an afternoon of family fun.

Due to government restrictions the number of cars able to display has been limited. We are now fully booked for display cars and our waitlist is also full.

www.hertford.gov.uk/events-listings/cars-at-the-castle-1/

July 2021

East of England Festival of Motoring July 3rd & 4th POSTPONED TO 2022
At The East of England Showground, Peterborough.
Club stands, trade stands, feature displays, interviews, Q&A's, Live Group B motorsport Action, [illegible] and much more.

POSTPONED

Website : *www.thefestivalofmotoring.co.uk*

Silverstone Classic Event 30th July - 1st August 2021 (Provisional Dates)
Website: . *www.silverstoneclassic.com/welcome*

September 2021

Beaulieu International Autojumble 4th-5th September
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/*

National Microcar Rally 8th-14th September
To be held at Wem in Shropshire.

Website: *national-microcar-rally.co.uk*

Micro Marathon 2020 10th -20th 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/*

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

Seen on Berkeley Car Owners Facebook Page - SE492

SE492 project in South Carolina for auction on *https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1958-berkeley-se492-2/*





Wanted - Gearchange parts -

Has anybody got any parts for either a Berkeley column change gearchange or a floor change gearchange for sale. It's a long story but I need a complete assembly (either floor change or column change) thanks.

Contact: Terry Scott **Email:** *terryscott.ams@gmail.com*

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. £1250 ovno.

Contact : Geoff Dabrowa **Tel :** 07751 288329



For Sale - B105

For Sale: Berkeley B105 fitted with 850cc 3 cylinder 2 stroke engine and running gear from a 1960s Saab 95. The conversion was done in the 1980s, and the car has a V5 dated 1986 which reflects the conversion and classes it as a historic vehicle.

I bought it 5 years ago and have spent much time sorting various issues. (I am an ex nuclear submarine engineer). Although it does not require one, it passed an MOT in July 2019, and has only done about 500 miles since. It is now ready to use and/or improve further.

£4500 ONO.

Contact: Neil Willatt **Email:** *rnmwillatt@gmail.com* **Tel:** 07900240848



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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 23rd May** for inclusion in the May 2021 bulletin.

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

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