BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

By now I can assume that you all have received your latest Spring edition, issue 363 of the BEC Quarterly Magazine. Yet another twenty page issue with something that I hope will interest everybody.

A big thanks goes to Terry and others who helped bring it to fruition, but most importantly to those members who contributed, both in part and in full articles. Please take note of Terry's comments in his Editor's Report with regard to the need for more of you to 'put pen to paper'!

I myself was intrigued in reading the second part of Ian and Mel's adventures in last year's Micro Marathon. I was most impressed by Ian extoling the virtues of the Berkeley B95 and in particular its ability to cope with all the adverse conditions that was thrown at it, especially when you consider that Ian did absolutely no pre rally prep on the car! It's not often we read of such praises heaped upon this model, usually it attracts more woes and disenchantment, mainly due to the foibles of its Royal Enfield 692cc power unit.

In last month's Bulletin, I mentioned the two potentially fatal accidents that occurred with our members Jeff Payne and Martin Archer and in doing so asked for comments, of which amazingly I received a reply! New member, Nick Lowings, emailed saying that he and others had a particular interest in the colour of vehicles and the connection of colour to the ability to be easily seen, or not, as the case may be! Whilst this theory may be interesting, I feel the vehicle's colour bears little relevance, because as far as I'm aware in this country a person who is blind to colour is still allowed to drive motorised vehicles just as long as said persons can pass the appropriate driving tests. Nick is also a keen motorcyclist and reported that in those circles these incidents are known as SMIDSY's, an abbreviation of the phrase that in most cases is usually trotted out after you've been hit by the person speaking it, assuming of course that you're still conscious, or even alive! I'll end my comment on this subject with the interpretation of the word 'SMIDSY', "Sorry mate, I didn't see you!"

Moving on to this up and coming show season, I was contacted last month, just too late for inclusion in the last Bulletin issue, by 'Live Promotions', the organisers of 'Pistons & Props', Sywell, Northants, as to whether we wish to register to have a 'Club Stand' at this year's event in September. Could all those members expressing an interest to display their Berkeley please contact me asap after reading this. If there are enough cars to yet again take a BEC Club Stand, I will proceed with the application.

Biggleswade Community Carnival, Saturday June 18th has attracted some interest, I think about four Berkeleys have committed so far. However, I did ask some months ago if anybody attending would wish to camp over at 'Turnpike Farm' on the Friday/Saturday nights and make a weekend of the event, with maybe a meal Saturday night at the new pub within walking distance of the campsite. As at time of writing, I have had no response.

Please also note in 'Events' that we've had to postpone the BEC AGM/Rally originally set for early June because of the unpredicted, at the time (2019) impact on the Classic Vehicle fraternity of HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Anniversary Celebrations.

Finally, I am saddened to tell you that our present Membership Secretary for the last eight years, Geoff Dabrowa, has tendered his resignation from the post, please read further details in his Membership Secretary's Report. I can only say that in those eight years Geoff has been one of the best Secretaries we've been blessed in having. Not only that, he has also been an exemplary Committee Member as well. I think you'll all agree that we owe him a big, big thank you for his efforts toward the BEC!

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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NEWS

BEC Central Chapter

Updating the 4th and 5th June: HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebration Weekend.

Nether Heyford Fete Saturday, Stony Stratford Classic Vehicle Meet Sunday.

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A message from the Magazine Editor

By the end of this month we will have reached the magazine article deadline for issue 364. The last two magazines have been 20 page issues, which I had hoped to keep going throughout this year, but regrettably I have received no articles at all for issue 364, not one! It's almost like somebody has turned my e-mail off.

It looks like it might have been a mistake to use up all the articles in the last two issues. Currently the next issue will only be a 16 page issue and even then it will only contain items I have copied from older issues, so if you want an article printed on the delights of designing the correct length HT leads or how to run an SE 328 on three wheels (joke), then please ask.

Seriously though, this is the members' magazine and I can only print the articles you send me, or copy some old magazine content, there are not many other options.

Organisations like the Berkeley Enthusiasts Club only keep going through members' participation, so folks, please send me some info and keep the magazine going for all the members.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 20th April 2022.

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

Although we have three New Members there is a small decrease in current Membership caused mainly by the fact that 6 UK Members have not as yet renewed their Membership, disappointing, as we could have had an increase instead.

Subscribing members now total 198 with 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 212 total overall Membership.

There are still some potential New Members awaiting to join but have not completed their Applications and a few whose Membership is expired, otherwise numbers would be a little higher.

- United Kingdom 145 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 29 subscribing members (24 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes three New Members this month and a lapsed Member re-joins.

#2776	Mike Bucala	SE328 & SE429	Scappoose	Oregon	USA
#2777	Trevor Leadbitter	T60	Seahouses	Northumberland	UK
#2778	Kim Freeman	SE328	Lake Jackson	Texas	USA

I'm afraid I am now unable to offer the service of reprinting old Magazines and Newsletters/ Bulletins.

Please advise any changes to your preferred email address and of course any postal address change.

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". Thank you.

A final note this month is to say that after close on eight years I will be giving up the position of Membership Secretary at the AGM this June.

Happy Berkeleying

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Outgoing Membership Secretary Geoff Dabrowa or any other BEC Committee Member.

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EVENTS

Classic Festivals

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

Contact: *www.classicfestivals.co.uk*

May 2022

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*

South Midlands Microcar Camping Weekend: 20th to 22nd of May

National Trust's Fleece Inn, Bretforton, near Evesham

All small cars and contraptions invited. An informal event.

The Inn has an orchard which we may use as the camping area. It has electric hook up points for those that wish them. The beer and cider on tap is excellent, and the food has won awards, including their Pies - fighting talk to our Northern chums. It is also the home of Asparagus (See separate Asparagus Run on 23rd of April). It lays in the Vale Of Evesham, with The Cotswolds spread out to the south.

Provisional pricing is suggested as £10 a plot, per night. £20 for a hook up plot. This to cover Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but I am sure Nigel, the Landlord, would stretch that for extra days, if required.

The intention is to provide two and a half days of driving activity, on trips out from The Fleece. There is no show element organised, so the evenings will be spent within the Pub grounds. Casual visitors would thus probably be best looking at the evening of Saturday 21st, to see the most cars, and meet the most owners.

The Fleece's website: *thefleeceinn.co.uk*

June 2022

Proposed BEC AGM and Rally to be confirmed

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this event due to the impact on the Classic Vehicle fraternity of HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Anniversary Celebrations going on this month. I can inform you that we have a tentative location in Evesham, Worcestershire in which we can hold the event. Further details will be forthcoming.

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*



Jubilee Classic Stony: Sunday 5th June 2022 9.30am-4.00pm
Market Square, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes MK11 1BE

An informal gathering of classic, vintage and interesting vehicles. Spectators free – display your vehicle from £5.00. The event is run in aid of Willen Hospice.

We have four cars, possibly five committed so far, still room for more!

Alas, all the Stony Stratford 'Market Square' places have now been all allocated, but still plenty of room in the other car park up spaces!

We can all be together, if we coordinate our arrivals Sunday morning to be at the same time.

Website: *www.classicstonyvintagestony*
Email: *info@ssccf.co.uk*

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*

Naseby Village Fair: 17th July 10am-5pm
Naseby Village Hall

Dog and Classic Car Show

Free entry, beer and tea tent, food and craft stalls, fairground rides, sports and games.



August 2022

Rushden Classic Car and Bike Show: Sunday 7th August 2022 11am-4pm
Hall Park, Rushden *More details to follow*

Stroud Classic Car Show: Sunday 21st 11am
Mason Road Playing Field, Bisley Old Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 1NN

No entrance fee, no booking, just turn up on the day. Show starts 11am, trophies for best cars and bikes. Club Stands free of charge but please inform us of size needed (dogs allowed but must be kept on lead). Please feel free to ring or email me for further details. It would be nice to hear from you if you can make it.

Tel: *07883604522*
Email: *jwiddey@aol.com*

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 22nd May** for inclusion in the May 2022 Bulletin.

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MARKETPLACE

Berkeley Bandit For Sale

The only known surviving prototype ‘Berkeley Bandit’ is being offered in an ‘on line auction’ by Car and Classic. Lot No 4aa194: 1960 Berkeley Bandit.

Restored to a high standard by BEC Member Neil Barber in the 1980’s. Being offered by present owner for the last 20 plus years.

Berkeley parts for sale as a package

Early Anzani road wheel

1 1/2 pairs of front hub brackets (king pins), one appears modified.

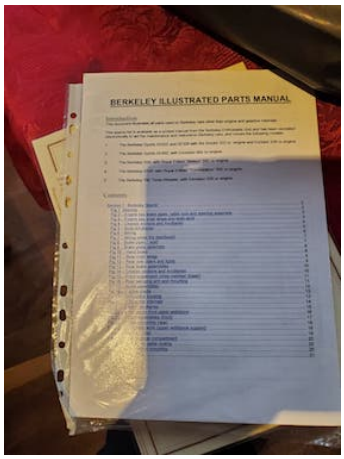
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Battery carrier frame

Collection of Berkeley literature (may sell separately)

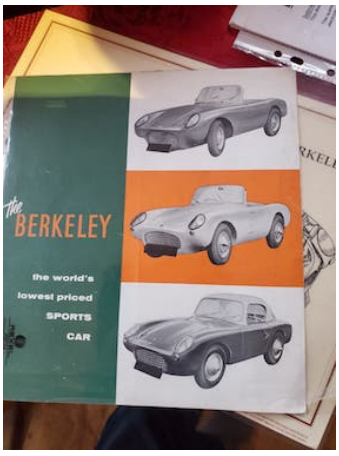
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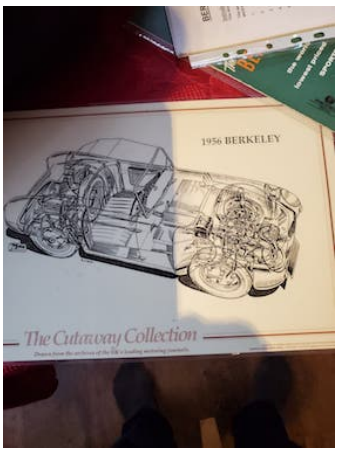














Contact: *Pablo 07731 717273*

T60 for sale

Recently restored and now looking for someone to enjoy and add some finishing touches at the new owners leisure. “Dudley” is ready to drive away. Comes with new matching red hood, new 520x12 tyres, new Hagon shocks, newly upholstered seating and carpeting. Various new engine components. No side screens or working speedometer (new speedo cable supplied).

Offers in excess of £5500

Contact: Geoff Dabrowa
07751 288329





B95 for sale

The car has been in dry storage by the present owner for the past 25 years, has Current V5. Regretful sale which now seeks a Club Enthusiast to put this rare car back on the road. Pictures and details available from the owner by

Email: *bossalan380@gmail.com* or **Tel:** *07770 650672*

The car is located in Cambridgeshire.

T60 at Matthewsons auction on 6th May

See Matthewsons website - an early bench seat car.

Trike Special

A home built special built approx 20 years ago with a steel frame chassis and alloy panelling. Powered by an 800cc Daihatsu engine, front wheel drive. Single seater with rear luggage compartment. Full canopy. Full MRSA approval registered with a Q plate.

Located in Devon. Considering selling this summer so expressions of interest invited at this stage.







Contact Nigel Halliday *07733 462404*

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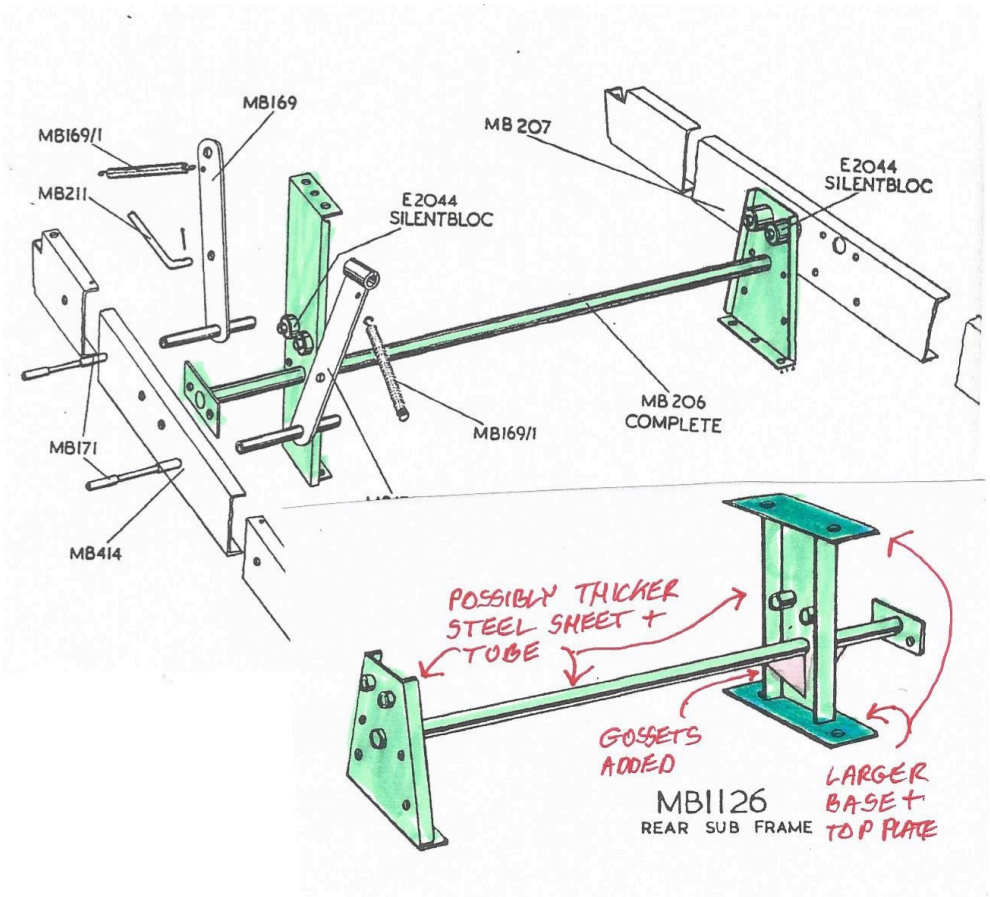
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Four-wheeler rear sub frames

In the January 2021 edition of the BEC Bulletin we ran a note about the specification and possible variants in the design of the rear subframe across the various four wheeler models, in particular we asked whether any member knew if the 1959/60 subframes used in the B95/B105 were stronger than the early and mid-versions — we await your thoughts.

In the meantime, a possible opportunity has arisen for a short run batch of subframes to be fabricated. If any member is interested, please let Nigel Halliday, the BEC Spares Officer know asap.



Mystery steel cover

BEC Spares was recently donated some ‘surplus to requirements’ spares by a member. Amongst the box was a fabricated galvanised sheet steel cover shield. Initially we felt it was not a Berkeley part but on second thoughts we now think we have seen one before maybe fitted to another micro car.

Does anybody recognise it?





Regaining a lost registration or an Age-related registration application to the DVLA – an update

We are pleased to advise that these two specialist services offered by the DVLA to the UK classic car owners and clubs now appear to be up and running again post Covid lockdown. The BEC has submitted six applications since January 2022 for restored Berkeleys and all have been turned round in approximately three weeks – and all were successful in regaining the registrations for their owners!

Please remember that the BEC offers a free advice service on the dating and registration of any Berkeley across the world for paid up members. This service is free for BEC members but a service charge is chargeable for non-members. In particular we have a very close to 100% success rate with the UK DVLA applications over the past 30 years. With regard to worldwide service we have recently provided letters to the registration authorities in Belgium and France to assist members in registering their Berkeleys, both original and conversions.

Contact Nigel Halliday, the BEC Vehicle Registrar for further advice.

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Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

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