BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

For many of our membership interested in the Berkeley's long and proud history in the arena of motor sport, surely the highlight of this month must be our member in the USA, Bob Dixon, entering his 492cc Excelsior Triple powered SE Sports into a competitive event at 'The Rocky Mountain Vintage Raceway, High Plains. Colorado'. This circuit is 5000ft above sea level so, as those of us who have Berkeley'd at these heights will know, not conducive to the healthy running of a two stroke unit! However, I think we can all congratulate Bob on his efforts, not only in this brave attempt, but also for carrying forward the great legacy of the late Jamie Pfeifer who many will recall campaigned his Berkeley B95 for many years in the USA, and I think I'm correct in stating that Jamie's Berkeley was the last on record as winning a race back in 2010. Well done Bob! I hope there will be a future BEC Magazine article on your exploits and about the car and its preparation.

Whilst staying on the subject of competitive motor sport I remind you that here in the UK our 'sporting man from Kent', BEC member Jeff Payne was, to the best of my knowledge, the last person in the UK to regularly compete competitively in his three wheeled T60. Jeff entered his Berkeley in MSA accredited events via his local car club by way of 'twelve car rallies' and auto solos (the modern phrase for what used to be called 'driving tests'). Unfortunately, Jeff's activities came to a drastic halt when it was brought to the attention of those concerned that three wheeled cars were not supposed to be in competition with those cars having the more common four road wheels! The former being regulated by the ACU (Auto Cycle Union) and the latter the MSA (Motor Sports Association) which was formerly the RAC and, as it subsequently transpired, 'never the two shall meet'!

Undeterred, Jeff set out to build himself a four wheeled Berkeley specifically to enter competitive events and, to his credit, this project has advanced to the point of the 'first start up' of his entirely composite Excelsior Triple engine made up from Talisman Twin bits! I personally, and I'm sure you would all, wish to give Jeff every encouragement to get back to competitive motor sport in his Berkeley, not only for his own benefit, but also to give others in our membership a little incentive to 'take the plunge' so to speak, as well.

Since the last Bulletin issue, I can report that I have at last attended my first Classic Car event of this year! On Sunday 23rd May I took my B65 on a short run over the border into 'Dane Law' to the Market Harborough Classic Car Meet. This is a regular event that takes place usually on the third Sunday of every month. Although in the midst of some of the worst weather we've experienced for May, it turned out to be in the main a nice sunny day. Although overcast at times, the rain held off until travelling back home mid-afternoon, whereby I did get caught in a short heavy downpour! The event was well attended with a

very eclectic range of vehicles. Member Mike Griffiths turned up in his B95, so that made the two of us and as usual the cars got plenty of attention.

The event is actually held North of Market Harborough on what they call an 'Innovation Centre', but to me looked more like a small industrial estate. As the businesses were all closed, being a Sunday, the car parking spaces are utilised for display vehicles. Social distancing was left to individual common sense, however I did notice that hardly anyone was wearing a mask. Portaloos were provided with adequate hand sanitising facilities provided. The whole event was stewarded by marshals.

Whilst on the subject of shows, take note of this issue's 'Events', as the ever popular 'Wingfield Classic Car and Commercial Show' date has just been announced. This is a smashing little show, the BEC presence there is usually good to strong. If you remember, some years ago we held our BEC AGM and Rally there. For those who are not familiar, Wingfield is a small village situated just behind Toddington, which in itself is directly behind the M1 Motorway Services just North of Luton. Wingfield can also be accessed via the A5 Watling Street at Hockley and Leighton Buzzard.

In last month's Issue, I mentioned the BEC AGM, or rather your concerns on the need to have one! I have to apologise for the fact that I have not had time to canvass the attitude of the Committee on this subject. I therefore propose to do so and report their recommendations in the next Issue.

Finally, I hope that all of whom attended events this Bank Holiday weekend had a trouble free and enjoyable experience.

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying.

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

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A message from the Magazine Editor

The next Magazine (issue 360) is coming along fine , it should be ready to go for proof reading on the 31st of this month with a planned distribution date of the end of June.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

A message from the Bulletin Compilers

We are now starting to see a welcome trickle of events coming in. Here are a few new recent ones. Although we often see them on the Berkeley Car Facebook group and other classic car pages, we must miss many good ones - do feel free to send in details of any events and shows you feel would be of interest to BEC members.

Mel and Ian Danaford *m.danaford@gmail.com*

Sizewell Vintage and Classic Car Show
Sunday 27th June



Classic Stony - Rescheduled from June 6th



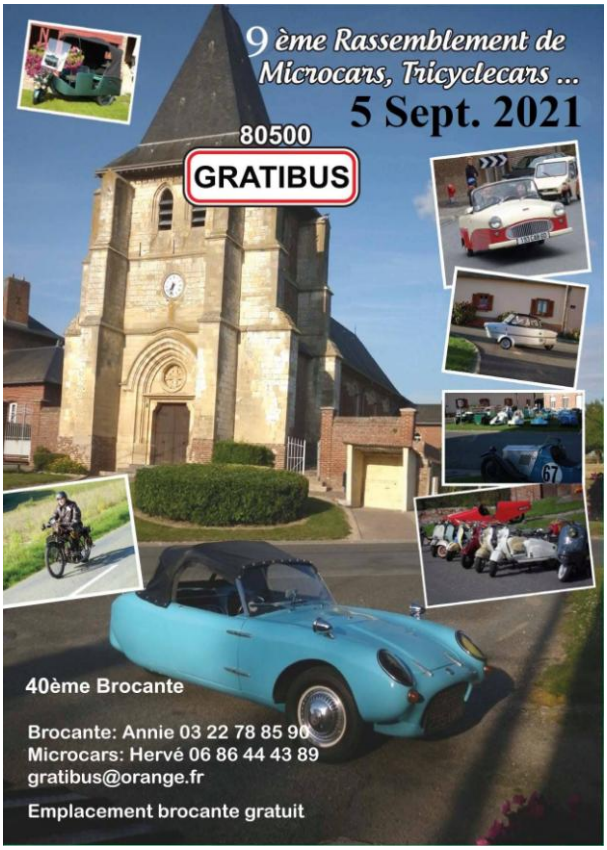
The Plough Inn Wingfield - Event by Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Leighton Buzzard

Sunday, 16th July 2017 from 12:00 -17:00pm

Price: free · Duration: 5 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Set in the lovely village of Wingfield, This will be our 5th year and still growing steadily. Last year about 250 cars turned up and supported us. It was a lovely day and a great time was had by all. Look forward to seeing you all again this year.There will be Hot dogs & burgers, Tea & coffee (all at a reasonable price) selection of side stalls, the poppy appeal, Lilly's cupcakes and a raffle on site. The Plough Inn will also be open and as well as the usual drinks, they will also be selling, Real ales, guest ales and ciders. Proceeds from the day go to the Keech Hospice Care... A brilliant charity.



Up and running again ! Berkeleys most welcome. Fingers crossed for travel restrictions to be lifted!

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SPARES

Spares Update

Spares - Back in stock

Excelsior Talisman engine gaskets sets for 328cc engines £14.00 plus £1.50 P&P UK

Also available gasket sets for 492cc engines –Contact BEC Spares



Amal Monobloc 376 Carburettor gasket sets –Most of the gaskets needed to overhaul one 376 carb £1.50 plus £1.00 P&P UK.



Shortly back in stock.

MB 1095 Stepped wheel stud. These studs were fitted from approx. late 1957/ 1958 onwards to cars with the two later type thicker wheels. The smaller end of the stud mounts into the cast iron hub whilst the larger diameter end is used to locate the wheels and the tapered wheel nuts. £ Price to be advised plus £1.50 P&P UK.

Re manufacturing Parts

If any member anywhere in the world (within reason) is considering having parts remanufactured for their Berkeley restoration because they cannot obtain the parts from the BEC Spares service or other specialists or find them second-hand, will they please advise the BEC Spares Officer Nigel Halliday or Technical Editor Dave Perrin.

There are three reasons for this: -

1.The BEC has a lot of information about Berkeley components and some technical drawings in its records which may assist.

2.BEC Spares is always interested in manufacturing batches of components as we have a very good idea of the demand for any particular part. We are happy to part fund any batches in conjunction with the member getting or researching the parts he wishes to remanufacture.

3. If a batch is manufactured the economies of scale usually come into play which makes it cheaper for everybody. In certain circumstances the BEC would be prepared to pay 100% of the cost or preparing CAD Plans and programs for machining or fabrication stamping out/ metal cutting processes.

At present the above situation is very appropriate for chassis and body metalwork whether it be steel or aluminium components etc and across all Berkeley models from ‘Sports’ SA 322/ SE 328 through to T60s. A number of restorations are currently stalled as members need metal punt and sub frame assemblies, engine cradles etc.
Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 26th May 2021.

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

Subscribing members now total 211 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 225 total membership, this a leap in total Membership helped by the welcome return of four back into the fold.

- United Kingdom 150 subscribing members
- Europe 26 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 35 subscribing members. (26 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes two New Members this month:

#2763	Eric Durmon	SE328 x2	China Spring	Texas	USA
#2764	Andreas Gomoll	SE492		Berlin	Germany

We welcome back:

#2657	Michael Clough	T60	Oldham	Lancs	UK
#2501	David Campbell	SE328	Barking	Essex	UK
#1971	Paul Evans	T60 x2	Brighton	E.Sussex	UK
#1492	Malcolm Proud	B105	Ryton	Tyne & Wear	UK

Currently 14 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.

As I reported previously, I am now able to reprint Magazines from the past, I have recently scanned and printed for some Members copies going back to 2008.

The cost of the reprinted Magazines is £1 per copy plus postage. 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.

On a different note, Membership Renewals, The Club does offer the facility of Bank Transfers but as The Club does not have "online" Banking, I have to request that if you choose Bank Transfer as a method of payment PLEASE do send me a "COPY" and not just advise me you have done the Transfer. This causes extra work to ratify the transaction. Thank you.

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

June 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

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/

Sizewell Vintage and Classic Car Show Sunday 27th June 11am -4pm (Suffolk)

Sizewell Sports and Social Club

We are excited to announce our yearly annual event will be on Sunday 27th June from 11am. We will be welcoming any classic, vintage or of interest vehicle with no entry fee. We will have live entertainment, BBQ, Bar, Craft stalls & More. There will be a £1 entry for the public. For any more information please contact us via our Facebook page.

Website : *www.facebook.com/events/sizewell-sports-social-club/sizewell-vintage-classic-vehicle-show/1963106323838197/*

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, Supercars and much more.

POSTPONED

Website : *www.thefestivalofmotoring.co.uk*

The Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival Sunday 4th July 9.30 am to 4pm (Milton Keynes)

Now known as 'Classic Stony', has grown in stature over the years and now attracts an incredibly varied display of vehicles from concourse to 'well used'.

Run in partnership with Stony Stratford Business Association, as part of 'Stony Live week', this is an informal gathering of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles. The Market Square stage will host Live music throughout the day.

Spectators are free but the event is run in aid of Willen Hospice so there will be opportunities to donate to this incredibly worthy cause.

Website: *https://classicstony.co.uk/*

The Plough Inn Wingfield Classic Car Show - Sunday, 16th July 2017 from 12:00 -17:00pm

(Leighton Buzzard)

Refreshements, hot dogs etc. The Plough Inn will also be open. Proceeds from the day go to the Keech Hospice Care... A brilliant charity.

See website for pub details **Website :** *theploughinn.com/*

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/*

Gratibus 9th Meet up of Microcars and Three Wheelers 5th September

Annual meet up of microcars in Gratibus Northern France

Contact Herve On 0686444389 (France) for details

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*

MARKETPLACE

Seen on EBay - BERKELEY T 60, MICRO CAR, THREE WHEELER. 1960

May px or swap anything classic, project etc.

Reluctant sale of my Berkeley T60, renovated last year, great starter, runs drives and stops, and looks lovely. Some history with the car, as far as I remember the engine is still on standard bores, all the gears are fine including reverse, although they are an acquired taste! She always starts even after not being used, the ammeter doesn't show charge but it does charge, excellent owners club with good spares scheme, viewing welcome, in East Yorkshire, payment by cleared bank transfer, any questions please ask."

eBay item number: #**334000766573**

Dave Stork









Wanted - Column Gear Change Selector Parts

I am looking for some original Berkeley floor or column gear change selector components in the UK - Namely:

- Gear rod cover MB111/8
- Gear lever knob MB1047/3
- Compression spring MB313
- Gear lever bracket MB1166/15 or Gearchange assembly MB1166
- Adjusting sleeve MB1054
- Gear lever MB1166/9
- Shackle pin MB1166/13
- Gearchange tie rod forward MB1166/5
- Gearchange tie rod rear MB1166/5
- Gear lever hub MB1166/2
- Gearbox drop arm MB1166/2

It's a long list, but even if you only have one part it would be helplful..
the part numbers come from the T60 part of the parts BEC MANUAL pages 7 and 8
but I am sure they will fit an SE 328.
Thanks, Terry

Contact: *terryscott.ams@gmail.com*

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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 20th June** for inclusion in the June 2021 bulletin.

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