BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Well, I hope that you've all had time to recover from the shock of the only known surviving prototype 'Berkeley Bandit' selling at auction for a massive £28,000.00! I mused over the fact that for that money you could have bought at least three 'proper Berkeleys', maybe more? All built under the original Laurie Bond influenced design! Nuff said, I hope the new owner is pleased with his purchase.

Wheelnuts, Stroud, Gloucestershire, was, in effect, our first BEC event of this season. A very big thanks to those members who turned out for this show. We had 12 entries registered, alas we also had three DNSs on the day! Nine cars turned out, with 13 BEC members present. I hope you will read more and see pictures about the day in the BEC Quarterly Magazine report, but I'll mention here, just two 'epic journeys'. That of Ian and Mel Danaford for bringing their B95 all the way from the IOW, via a detour to Somerset. Ian having to change a head gasket at the actual show before the return home journey!

Secondly, Our outgoing Membership Secretary Geoff Dabrowa, for driving his little SA322 all the way from East Anglia and back, a huge mileage for a Berkeley not reputed to be one of the most reliable models produced by the company. It heartens me to think that we have in our club members who have the 'mettle' to battle against all odds to carry out a commitment.

Sadly, as of this time of writing, neither I nor any other Committee member has received any enquiries for the filling of the position of 'BEC Membership Secretary'. We now are entering June, the month which our current Secretary vacates the position. I would ask anyone of you with the necessary skills to do the job to consider taking it on, or at least enquiring as to what the job involves, before we move into a crisis situation.

I mentioned in the last Bulletin issue that we had a suitable venue for holding the two year overdue BEC AGM/Rally. Alas, your Committee has found it impossible to come to a consensus on an actual date this year that will fit in with both venue availability, give one month's statutory notice and obtain individual Committee members' availability. It is now therefore proposed that the AGM/Rally be yet again postponed to next year, the date being the same as it would have been this year had not the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations not have impinged.

On a lighter note, new member, Nick Lowings has yet again updated us on 'The Most Dangerous Car Colours', Silver Grey being the worst! If anybody is interested further, I suggest you read the report Nick has sent in at www.rd.com/article/car-color-accidents-risk/

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

NEWS

BEC Central Chapter

BEC Central Chapter will be making the most of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festival by meeting up (with Cars) at two events: Saturday 4th June Nether Heyford Fete and Sunday 5th June Stony Stratford Classic Vehicles Meet. For the latter, we have managed to get four Berkeleys on the Market Square prime positions; however, if you wish to turn up 'on the day' you can, but you will be allocated to either the car parks, or the High Street.

If you wish to attend Nether Heyford Fete on the Saturday, please let the Chairman know asap and we'll see if we can get you in.

BEC Southern Chapter

Mike Rounsville-Smith (BEC President) reports that nine persons attended the May meeting. It was however moved from the regular second Tuesday evening to the third Tuesday evening due to unforeseen circumstances. This goes to show you all that it is always best to check with Mike or Dave Perrin that the meeting will be proceeding prior to travelling.

The next meeting will be returning to the regular second Tuesday, please check in 'Events' for details.

A message from the Magazine Editor

Our next magazine is being compiled at this time and will hopefully be with Dave for proof-reading, publication, etc in time to meet our publication and distribution dates.

Lack of content is still an issue. Can I ask members to email me at thebecmag@gmail.com to advise me as to what type of articles they would like to see in their magazine so at least I can compile items on subjects you want see. Please note it has to be relevant to the car and its activities and cannot be items for sale, time/date related articles as these types of items are contained within the Bulletin which you receive monthly.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 22nd May 2022.

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

We have two New Members this month and one re-joined resulting in an increase in current Membership this month.

Subscribing members now total 202 with 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 216 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 147 subscribing members
- Europe 25 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 30 subscribing members (25 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes two New Members this month.

#2779 Amand Huneau SA322 Lauzerville France

#2880 James Robbins T60 Westbury UK

We welcome back after a few years lapse:

#2604 Michael Gabriel SE328 Hollywood USA

As noted last month, I'm afraid I am not now able to offer the service of reprinting old Magazines and Newsletters/Bulletins because of printing issues.

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.

As I stated last month, that after close on eight years I will be giving up the position of Membership Secretary at the end of June.

If you feel you would like to perhaps do a bit to help with the workings of Your Club as I have done please do contact me (or any Committee Member) as I would like to pass on any help that I can, it is a very rewarding position, being in contact with our Members all over the world and maintaining a rolling Membership database.

Happy Berkeleying

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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Assistance from the outgoing Membership Secretary can be given to the new incumbent, if required.

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Interested members, please contact:

Chairman G W Toyer, Under Secretary Dave Perrin,

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



Classic Festivals

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

Contact: *www.classicfestivals.co.uk*

June 2022

BEC AGM/Rally

As in the Chairman's Report, it has proved impossible for your Committee to reach a decision on a suitable alternative date for this year. We therefore have no other option than to postpone the event until 2023.

The date will be as agreed at the last AGM we held in 2019. Please make a note in your diaries now! We would hope to use the same venue as was proposed for this year, however, if this is unavailable, we will find another. We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

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/?*

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up: Tuesday 14th June 2022

The monthly BEC Southern Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 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

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.



Wingfield Classic Car & Vehicle Show: Sunday 17th July 2022

Located on the 'Tebworth Road', near Toddington LU7 9QH.

Cracking little show that usually attracts a few Berkeleys from BEC Central Chapter, so please let the Chairman know, if you intend going.

£4.00 per car, 'turn up on the day!'. All proceeds go to The Keech Hospice.

We would advise you get there early, as in past years it can get a bit packed!

Contact: Ken Wright **Tel:** *07813 758401*

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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June 2023

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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 19th June** for inclusion in the June 2022 Bulletin.

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For sale: 1960 Berkeley T60 with Mini-conversion nick-named 'Bugs'



Owned by myself since 2015 and attended various BEC club events since then, so fairly well known to the club.

998cc Mini engine professionally rebuilt 2016. Hood and sidescreens in good order and has a full tonneau cover. Some spares.

Not driven much lately due to various niggles (fuel feed issues, etc) and being stored some distance from my home (stored in Hatch End, Middx) but is driveable and technically 'on the road'.

Asking £4,500.

Further details & photos available.











Contact: *Charlie Jeffreys*

Tel: *07751 939349*

Email: *charlie-surely@hotmail.com*

For Sale

As spotted on Facebook Marketplace, a very rare fully restored 328cc Excelsior Talisman 'S9' motorcycle from 1960, located in Chorley, Lancashire. £3,950

https://www.facebook.com/commerce/listing/722735278912553/?media_id=0&ref=shareattachment



It is described as an 'oily rag' machine with 'characterful' patina.

Starts and runs well (full engine rebuild by previous owner and log of work completed). Twin carb model with Miller alternator electrics. Has V5 (original Dorset registration number) and comes with owners handbook, sales brochure and other literature. Can deliver at cost.

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SPARES

New supplies in stock:

#2063: Silentbloc bush for Centre Track Rod. £22.00 each plus £3.50p p&p UK





#2030: Silentbloc bush for TR Gearbox Change Linkage. £7.00 each plus £1.10 p&p UK.

NOTE: Bush will need to be cut or turned down to the correct length for rod linkage eye.

B 95/105 Starter Motors

These are of Lucas manufacture, but are of the unusual reverse rotation type and are similar to those used on period Jowett Javelins. Later in the 1960s the Triumph front wheel drive 1300/1500 models also used reverse rotation starter motors, but with a narrower 4.5 inch mounting plate, however, swapping starter motor front mounting plates may work.

We have recently come across another specialist Phoenix Marine Services (Mr Ray Wild) of Daventry, Northants, who has starters for sale and offers a rebuild service: Tel: 07900 265426. At present he also has a Bendix 'witches hat' cover for sale, which is most likely for a Triumph rather than a Berkeley, but may be capable of adaptation.

BEC Regalia, Clothing, Badges

Ready for the rally season? Don't forget the extensive range of quality BEC clothing available by mail order from Ark Trading.

Many items in different colours (other colours available on request), etc. Please see the PDFs received with this bulletin and/or go to their website (*https://www.arktrading.com*) and select Club Sites: Motor Clubs: Berkeley Enthusiasts Club on the drop down menu.



Berkeley Enthusiasts Club Regalia (May '22)

ITEM	COLOUR				SIZE									£ ea.	QTY	£
Polo Shirt (Ladies)	Black	Burgundy	Grey	Navy	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	17.94		
Polo Shirt (Mens)	Black	Burgundy	Grey	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	-	-	-	17.94		
Sweatshirt	Black	Burgundy	Grey	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	-	-	21.38		
T-Shirt	Black	Burgundy	Grey	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	-	-	13.14		
Rugby Shirt	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	-	-	26.39		
Hooded Sweatshirt	Black	Burgundy	Grey	Navy	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	-	23.94		
Fleece Jacket	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	-	28.74		
Softshell Jacket (Waterproof)	Black	-	Grey	Navy	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	-	53.82		
Fleece Gilet	Black	-	-	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	-	-	25.02		
Coverall (Regular)	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	-	-	-	36.68		
Coverall (Tall)	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	-	S	M	L	XL	XXL	-	-	-	36.68		
Baseball Cap	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	ONE SIZE FITS ALL									12.60		
Beanie Hat	Black	Burgundy	-	Navy	ONE SIZE FITS ALL									11.94		
BEC Cloth Badge	-				-									9.54		
BEC Sticker (50mm)	-				-									0.60		
BEC Sticker (70mm)	-				-									0.60		
BEC Sticker (93mm)	-				-									0.60		
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All items available direct from:

Ark Trading (Unit 6 Britannia Business Park, Quarry Wood, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7NT, United Kingdom)
Web: www.arktrading.com (SHOP: Club Sites: Motor Clubs: Berkeley Enthusiasts Club)
Tel: 01732-742569 (09:00 to 17:30 Monday - Friday)
e-mail: sales@arktrading.com

Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

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Webmaster: Peter Smyth

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'Welcome to Berkeley Cars': *www.pearsy.co.uk*