BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

As we are entering the fourth month of lockdown there would appear to be 'some light at the end of the tunnel' breaking through by way of easing restrictions on large assemblies. Silverstone Social Club has just announced that their postponed March event at Turweston Aerodrome will now take place on Sunday 26th July (see Events for details). Although this may appear to be a step in the right direction, I feel that individual members must decide and take responsibility for themselves and their own health as to whether they wish to attend, or not.

Also, Ken Wright, the organiser of the Wingfield Car Show (near Toddington) has been in touch to let us know that the event is now scheduled to go ahead on 23rd August. The event raises money for a local hospice and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. For more details see events and the attached flyer.

As you are all aware, this year's NMCR is still scheduled to take place this coming September, subject the Government restrictions at that time. However, we have just received notice from Grant Kearney that unless bookings pick up the event may have to be cancelled on the grounds of financial viability. As with the previous Turweston and Wingfield events, the BEC Committee, in light of the C19 pandemic feels that it cannot either recommend, or urge attendance, it will be each individual's own responsibility to take account of their own personal circumstances and decide accordingly

As you may or may not know, the Monte Carlo Classic Rally 2021 had already been cancelled prior to the Covid 19 pandemic breakout. This was hard to ascertain why, the official stance being that the organisers thought it best to take a year out due to dwindling entries from the multi-start locations across Europe. However, in the 2020 event it had been reported that there was some 'friction' from officials at some of the European checkpoints and passage controls by way of prejudice toward those running in the Classique section. It must be remembered that the two rallies run side by side, the 'Historique' being the 'full on' rally, with the 'Classique' being a less committed road tour, very similar to the ones organised by Malcolm McKay and Classic Rally Press. Both rallies use the same, if not all, checkpoints and passage controls and it was noted by various Classique entrants that some officials simply refused to stamp their route cards, or at least not until all the Historique entrants had been done first. This had the effect of making up an awful lot of unnecessary lost time for the Classique entrants by way of an over prolonged halt and subsequent wait. My own personal viewpoint is that maybe the organisers also thought that by cancelling the Classique section, there may be an increased registration in the Historique, which had also suffered from diminishing numbers this year.

Anyway, by way of general complaint, the organisers have now suggested an entirely different format for the 2021 Classique (details attached). The Scottish start has gone; in its place

Banbury has been selected, with the run straight down to Dover for the ferry crossing to Europe and several overnights including Valance. Some are included in the cost, whilst others are not. Whilst making a very attractive winter road tour, in my opinion, definitely not 'The Full Monte!' excuse the pun! See the attached Monte press release with this bulletin for more information.

As you all are aware, many things have been going on behind the lockdown curtain and most of you were able to put in a little extra time working on your cars. Other members have been employing their time tackling some of the supply issues that regularly dog our hobby, the most recent and long standing being the drying up of Siba contact breaker availability, this coupled with no 'ready to fit' EI replacement being available, thus making the situation worse. Our long term member and prolific Berkeley restorer, Neil Barber, having taken the initiative to contact a manufacturer of similar replacement EI systems for motorcycle engines, has had some prototypes made up for both the twin cylinder and triple cylinder Excelsior engines. Neil has entrusted trials on both systems to member Graham Higgs, the man who can and does. Initial reports, especially on the twin cylinder engine (some half dozen sets already produced and purchased), look promising and the pricing will be very competitive, so I'm told. Similar tests on the triple system are at present ongoing.

A full report, including photographs, on spec, detail and availability will be made by our Technical Editor in conjunction with our Spares Officer in a future edition, when tests and alterations have been fully completed and significant road mileage testing can be done. Until that time the BEC cannot fully endorse this product.

I think a big thank you is due to both Neil and Graham for their efforts!

Keep safe and well and keep Berkeleying!

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

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NEWS

News from the organisers of The Silverstone Classic Event



The last few months have been really difficult for everyone everywhere and, as most of you will be aware, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's Silverstone Classic last month; all those who had bought tickets have now been contacted regarding next steps and their ticket options.

2021 Dates

Looking positively ahead to 2021, we're pleased to announce that our provisional dates for next year are ***30th July – 1st August.*** *As usual, these will remain provisional until the dates for the*

British Grand Prix are ratified by the FIA (usually at the start of December) but be sure to pop the dates in your diary and we hope that this helps with your planning for now.

We hope that you'll be able to join us next year for our postponed 30th anniversary party as well as a series of other deferred celebrations… plus some brand new ones; it'll be an incredible event. We're also looking at the ways in which we can pay a fitting tribute to the inspiring key workers who have supported us all through this very difficult period, too. More on that soon.

Tickets for next year's event will be available in the Autumn.
In the meantime, if you're missing your motorsport fix, don't forget that you can keep in touch via our social media channels where we'll be providing some escapism and entertainment with epic moments from past Classic events (follow the links below), plus we'll provide you with some highlights of our favourite moments via email – we'd love to hear from you with details of what yours have been, too.

Weathering the COVID19 storm
The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on us all; the events industry has been particularly hard hit.

As a small independent events company passionate about what we do, Goose Live Events has been hugely challenged financially by the need to cancel our flagship event, the Silverstone Classic, in 2020. With 10 months' work already done by the team in preparation for the Classic prior to its cancellation and costs incurred for an event that isn't now happening, coupled with the fact that we have no income attributable to the 2020 event, COVID-19 has set us back by 10 years or so.

We will survive it, but we'd really appreciate your help.
We understand that many of you may be in a similar situation, but for those of you who may be feeling particularly charitable or are in a position to help, we'd really appreciate it if you could consider supporting us.

We have set-up a crowdfunding page where support for the Classic can be pledged. If you are in a position to support the event and would like to make a donation, please click ***here*** *(or see the website).*

All those supporting us in this way will be automatically entered into a ***Golden Ticket Prize Draw*** *and in with the chance of winning a range of fantastic prizes. Any support you feel able to provide would be hugely appreciated...and in recognition of the fact that our charity partner, Alzheimer's Research UK, is expecting a drop in support by as much as 45% as a result of COVID-19, we will donate 10% of any funds received in this way to their very important cause.*

Thank you to all of you who took the time to write us personal messages or comment so positively on our social media channels when we had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's event at the end of last month. We feel incredibly lucky that the Classic has such strong and loyal support and we really appreciate your understanding at such a difficult time. We hope to welcome you to next year's Silverstone Classic on Friday 30th July through to Sunday August 1st 2021. Until then, stay safe.

Nick Wigley (CEO of Silverstone Classic organiser, Goose Live Events)

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SPARES

Spares Update

Spares.
Back in stock – Siba Dynastart carbon brushes
Set of four £28.00
Plus £1.20 post & packing UK



Back in stock soon – Brake Shoes front and rear for all models.

Help Wanted --- later T60 Door lock latches
The later T60s were fitted with fairly simple door locks which sat in a recessed moulding in the inner face of the inner door skin . The lock was covered with a simple alloy sheet pop riveted over the lock to give a smooth inside face –important as your shoulders rub on this point . The lock was operated by a simple lever fabricated out of steel bar which projected into the door pocket. The lever had a plastic garden hose like sleeve pushed over it to act as a hand grip. The lock's tongue in turn latched into a latch striker plate on the B post of the body. The striker plate is made out a cast alloy (possibly Mazak) and measures approx. 50mm wide and 38mm between two mounting holes. In the centre of the striker plate there is a raised pivoting ramp which also engages with the lock tongue and acts as a double safety latch in the event that the tongue disengages with the main striker plate. The striker plate is illustrated below.





The BEC has never been able to establish the source of these striker plates as we do not think they are from the usual Wilmot Breeden auto ironmongery. In the meantime, we have a member Peter Bassett in Kent looking for a pair -See Wanted advert range ---Does any BEC

member recognise them or what 1950s car they may have also been fitted to?

Tailpiece

Oh, to have been here 60 years ago this summer –looking in the showroom window at B95 and B105 Sportscars !!--- The current buildings on the site of Mantles Henlow Camp garage / showroom .



Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 22nd June 2020. The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of May 2020 and beyond.

With the addition of several "expired" Members renewing their Membership and new Members joining the numbers have jumped up from last month. It is great to see more new members join the Club this month.

The Club currently has a grand total of 211 Members.

- United Kingdom 140 subscribing members
- Europe 21 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 33 subscribing members. (26 members in USA)

Subscribing members total 194 plus 17 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 211 total membership.

We welcome three new members this month:

#2742	Roberto Tampieri	SE328	Forli	Italy
#2743	William Dean	T60	Welling	Kent UK
#2744	Steve Spencer	T60	Coventry	Warks UK

Please can you keep me updated with changes of address and email addresses etc, if you have moved in the past 12 months – 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 will gladly print and post it to you each month, eleven UK members currently receive their Bulletins by post.

My stock of Club Magazines is somewhat diminished, this means New Members at present will only receive Two (#357 and #358) I have therefore started scanning my copies of previous issues.

Available now to be emailed to anyone is, #356 Winter 2018. If you would like it (or any other recent years copy) please contact me.

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

July 2020

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

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

CANCELLED

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*

Silverstone Social Season Opener (Take 2) - Sunday 26th July 10.30 - 14.00

Social meet up at Turweston Aerodrome, Northants NN13 5YD. £3 entry.

Website: *www.facebook.com/silverstonesocialccm/*

Silverstone Classics 31st July - 2nd August

CANCELLED

Track events and static classic car club displays.

Website: *www.silverstoneclassic.com/*

August 2020

Wingfield Car Show Sunday 23rd August - from 12 Noon

Classic and Prestige Car day. Exhibitors £3, other visitors £1. All show cars please be there by 11 am. All proceeds to local charities.

Ample parking, refreshments available. Near Toddington, LU7 9QH.

Contact: Ken Wright **Tel:** 07813 758401 or 07940 095982

'Bubblecar' and Scooter Event - Bourgogne -28th - 30th August - **Rescheduled to 26th-28th August 2021**

POSTPONED

A multi-micro car 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

CANCELLED

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/*
'Classics at Prescott' Open Hill Climb Event 19th-20th September
Rescheduled from May - Saturday road run , and Sunday Hill Climb event and static display.

Email: *Wrcprescott@gmail.com* **Website**: *www.classicsatprescott.com/*

Events for next year 2021

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

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MARKETPLACE

Wanted - T60 Hood

Hood wanted for T60 new or secondhand or anything I could use for a pattern. In a previous life I used to make mini convertibles and I made the hoods as well so I still have all the gear to make them.
Contact: Keith Crabb **Tel:** 03330146008 **Email:** *keithcrabb666@yahoo.com*

Wanted - Anzani Engine Cradle

Sports Anzani 322cc engine cradle wanted
Contact: John Brimson . (Herts) **Tel**: 01707-658236 **Email**: *marciajohn@btinternet.com.*

Wanted - Anzani Engine, Clutch or Gearbox Parts

Any Anzani 322cc engine, clutch or gearbox parts or any information leading to them. Contact John Brimson as above.

Wanted - Door Lock Striker Plates

Late 1960 T60 door locks striker plates required to complete my restoration.
Contact: Peter Bassett (Kent) **Tel**: 01304-363886 **Email**: *petedbassett@yahoo.com*

For Sale - 1960 Berkeley T60 Project *(Seen on Berkeley Car Owners Facebook Page)*

Comes with new BEC internal metalwork, but engine bay metalwork also requires attention and a few parts are missing (e.g. seats, sidescreens, lights, a few switches, etc).
No V5C, but the BEC is aware of this car and it has been inspected - new age related registration can be applied for by new owner once restoration nears completion. Easy project
Collection from Devon or can deliver.
Contact : Anthony Heather £1695
https://www.facebook.com/groups/950689934973969/permalink/3090182851024656/?sale_post_id=3090182851024656








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 **Monday 20th July** for inclusion in the July 2020 bulletin.

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