# BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

## Chairman's Report

With the unfortunate and unavoidable delay of the June Bulletin edition being sent out, certain items in my last report had become irrelevant by the time you received it. At the time of writing, we were not aware of HM Government's plans with regard to the C19 crisis until their statement on June 19th. As you all know, in effect, the Government lifted most restrictions placed upon us, especially the ruling of the number of persons being allowed to meet inside. However, what did and still pertains in my report, was to the holding of the BEC AGM/Rally. It would be a near impossibility for us, your Committee, being able to arrange anything before October at the earliest, this being due to the fact that September is full every weekend and also double booked on at least two of those! It may be the case that the AGM will have to be postponed yet again for another year. We will of course keep you posted on the possibilities in future editions.

To exacerbate the situation even more, the organisers of Pistons & Props, Sywell have decided to move the date of their event from the weekend of the 18th-19th September to the weekend of the 25th-26th September. The first date would not have been so much of a problem as it clashed with the Goodwood Revival and it would be highly unlikely that any of the 'active' BEC members would be taking their cars to that event! However, the new date now clashes with Kop Hill Climb, more of a problem as one member previously committed to P&P Sywell has had to pull out due to him already being accepted for Kop Hill Climb.

With this in mind, I remind you that to have a BEC Club display at P&P, we need a minimum of five cars per day. We are now obviously down to four, so I take this opportunity to ask those who were committed to the previous date, to reaffirm if they can still make the rescheduled date and that any other members make it known to me if they also wish to attend.

You will note in 'Events' that the Gamlingay Classic Vehicles show is making a comeback now that the C19 restrictions have been lifted. Due to its close location to Biggleswade, Berkeleys have made their presence known there in the past. If you wish to display your car, you will need to book it in via the application form that can be downloaded (.pdf attached).

For those members attending Prescott Classic Hill Climb on Sunday 12th September, a reminder that the Bugatti Owners Club is now requiring you to hold the new 'Motor Sport UK' RS Clubman's Licence and you have most likely been informed of this by Winchcombe Rotarian Club, the organisers of the event. Anyone not in possession of the licence on the day will not be allowed to 'run the hill'; so firstly, do not forget to apply and secondly, do not forget to bring it with you on the day!

For those members not familiar with it, 'Motor Sport UK' is a new version of the old MSA (Motor Sports Association), which is an outsourced group of the RAC that controls all aspects of motorsport on four wheels in the UK on behalf of the FIA. As Jeff Payne notified us some time ago, having a car club membership card of which said club was affiliated to the old MSA, gave you right to compete in the lower echelons of motor sport. That right no longer applies and now anybody can apply direct to the new Motor Sport UK and get one regardless of affiliated club membership.

For any BEC members contemplating a mild competitive event, I would recommend that you get one. They are free of charge, last for one year, ending December of each year. They are valid for entry into the following forms of motor sport:

Autocross/Clubcross/Minicross/Autotest/Autosolo/Trials/Cross Country Road and Navigational Rallying (including 12 Car and Scatter).

To apply on line go to *www.motorsportuk.org* then click on Competitions Licence, then RS Clubman's Licence. The form is a simple questionnaire; fill it in and send, you will then get your licence sent back via the email you supplied. You can then print it off in the size most convenient to you.

On Sunday 18th July, four BEC members plus their cars turned out to support the show at Wingfield, South Beds. As predicted, there was a very high turnout of classic vehicles in attendance. The decision of the four attending to arrive early, so as to get a prime spot paid dividends and a good day was had by all. Ken Wright, the organiser, has asked me to pass on thanks to all those Berkeleteers who made the effort to bring their cars. I will update you on how much money was raised at a later date, as Ken has not received the total count as yet due to most of the charity workers being pinged for C19!

It would seem that 'Classic Stony' 29th August, will be our next gathering. I am told that registration for the Market Square is now full, but the car parks and street parking are available on a 'first come, first served' basis. So if you fancy bringing your car along we'll see you there!

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

*Geoff (Bill) Toyer*

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## NEWS

**A message from the Magazine Editor**

The next magazine is being compiled as I write this bulletin item. I only have articles with a few remaining items that members sent in from the backlog I received, however I am running out of articles, so please send in any articles about your car that may be of interest to other car owners. They don't have to be long articles just a few lines describing what a picture may show.

If I don't receive any new articles I shall raid the BEC archives for more content, so if you want something new in the magazine, please send it in with pictures to *thebecmag@gmail.com*.

*Terry Scott* *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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**Update: Membership Secretary Report**

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 23rd July 2021.

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

Subscribing members now total 209 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 223 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 151 subscribing members
- Europe 27 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 31 subscribing members. (23 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes just one New Member this month:

#2767 Christian Velay T60 Neris les Bains France

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.

The cost of the reprinted Magazines is £1 per copy plus postage. Payment is to The BEC by cheque or PayPal.

Bank Transfer also if copy of the transaction can be 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 payment method then 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*

**NOTE: Membership Details**

Please contact Geoff (*BECMembership @goglemail.com*) in order to update club records and ensure that you continue to receive BEC bulletins and publications when changing e-mail address, moving house, etc.

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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.**

## August 2021

Loxwood Microcar Rally. Friday 6th – Sunday 8th August

The bi-annual rally not to miss! Open to all with a large camping field and a village hall to boot for entertainment, which should (if previous events are to go by), provide lots of silly games and one of Les's infamous quizzes! Nice road run on the Saturday is assured.
Please note that there are no shower facilities in the hall. Gates open from 12 noon on Friday.
Venue address: Loxwood Village Hall, Guildford Road (B2133), Loxwood RH14 0SF

**Website:** *www.loxwoodvillagehall.org.uk*

'Specials Day', Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire. Sunday 8th August 10.00am

An event principally for 1950s and 1960s specials and kit cars, but Berkeleys also welcome. A good day out for the family with interesting cars.

**Website:** *www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk*

Classic Motor Show, Breamore House, Hampshire SP6 2DF 15th August, 2021 10am-4pm

Advance tickets for private exhibitors and clubs - £4 per vehicle (including all passengers). Gates open from 8am for vehicle exhibitors. Limited exhibitor tickets will also be available before 10am on the day (£5). Book online at:

**Website:** *www.classicmotorevents.com*

Vienna Classic Days 21st-22nd August

Do you want to be part of the event? Maybe for free? All you have to do is take part in the contest and keep your fingers crossed!

**Website:** *www.viennaclassicdays.com*

13th Cheshire Microcar Rally Friday 27th - Monday 30th August

A long weekend event open to all microcars. Held over the August Bank Holiday, electric hook-ups and extra nights available, book early to avoid disappointment. Gates open from 12.00 on the Friday.
Venue Address: Sycamore Farm Caravan Site, Chelford Road, Soss Moss, Nether Alderley, Cheshire SK10 4TU.

**Contact:** Andrea 01625 860893, *andreasteggel@aol.com*

The Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival Sunday 29th August 9.30am-16.00pm (Milton Keynes) Rescheduled from 4th July

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:** *www.classicstony.co.uk*

## 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 & Three Wheelers 5th September
Annual meet up of microcars in Gratibus, Northern France.

**Contact:** Herve on 0686444389 (France) for details

National Microcar Rally 8th-13th September
To be held at Wem in Shropshire.

**Website:** *www.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*

'Classics At Prescott', Winchcombe Rotory Fundraiser Sunday 12th September
Hill runs now fully subscribed'. 'Orchard Classic Car Parking' still available.
Contact: Steve Wilkinson, Winchcombe Rotary **Email:** *wrcprescott@gmail.com*

The Gamlingay Show Saturday 18th September
Open to owners of Vintage/Classic Cars, Lorries, Buses, Tractors and Motorcyles. Held in the grounds of Gamlingay Village Primary School, Sandy, Bedfordshire (SG19 3HD). Free entry for all drivers and passengers of display vehicles. Entry forms to be returned by 31st August.
Vehicle arrival: 11.00am - 12:30, Gates Open: 1:00pm.
**Email:** *gamshow@fastmail.com* **Website:** *www.thegamlingayshow.co.uk*

Goodwood Revival 18th-19th September
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*

Sywell Classic - Pistons & Props 25th-26th September (Rescheduled from 18th-19th September)
Classic vehicle displays, vintage and classic traders, family entertainment and aerial displays. Great fun for all the family!

**Website:** *www.sywellcassic.com*

Kop Hill Climb 25th-26th September
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*

## October 2021

Nogaro Classic Festival 9th-10th October
J-80 Avant la 8ème édition. Déjà 400 voitures inscrites.

**Email:** *contact@classicfestival.fr*

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## 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 send any items before **Sunday 22nd August** for inclusion in the August 2021 bulletin.

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## MARKETPLACE

### Wanted in Australia

3 Speed HJR5 gearbox complete or components/spares to enable me to complete the restoration of my Sports SE 328.
**Contact:** David McBride (Rosebud, Victoria, near Melbourne, Australia).

**Email:** *mcbrideautoupholstery@gmail.com*

### T60/4 in Holland

See June 2021 Bulletin

**Email:** *s.c.j.bouwmeester@hva.nl*

**Wanted in USA**

Two push button dashboard mounted electrical switches (for the Starter and Horn) to enable the restoration of my Sports SE 328 to full original specification. I am looking for the switches with concave ivory/cream coloured plastic centres with the squarish edge polished alloy bezel, as originally manufactured by SWF/PMG-Thorpe/Britax.

**Contact:** Erwin Gue (Everett, Seattle, WA, USA)

**Email:** *pikaguam95@gmail*




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