# BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

## NEWS

Local BEC Gatherings: Central Area

Please note that our monthly meeting in Wootton, Northampton has now switched to the 'Winter' schedule, which means mid-day on the second Sunday of each month (commencing Sunday 11th October).

The venue is The Yeoman Of England (31 High Street, postcode NN4 6LP) and it is held on the back of a general classic car meeting, so there is always a variety of interesting cars at the top end of the car park from 11:30 onwards.

As usual, we will revert to the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Spring.
NOTE: Attendance levels are variable and I am generally unable to make it to these Sunday gatherings, due to other committments, so if you are interested in joining us please make contact to confirm that there will be a Berkeley presence.

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

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Local BEC Gatherings: Southern Area

The Surrey 'chapter' of the BEC meet twelve times a year; on 'Drive-It-Day' Sunday in April and generally on the second Tuesday of each month (excluding January). The venue is The Saddler's Arms, Send Marsh, Woking (just off the A3 a few miles North of Guildford, postcode GU23 6JQ).

Attendance is variable, but there are normally at least half a dozen members chatting about Berkeleys (with wives/partners chatting about other apparently much more interesting things at an adjacent table!). There is even the occasional Berkeley or two in the car park during the Summer months!

Please contact the organiser Club President Mike Rounsville-Smith or regular attendee Dave Perrin ( *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* ) for further details. NOTE: Nigel Halliday is also a regular, so collection of BEC Spares items can be arranged if sufficient notice is given.

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Autumn Motorsport Festival (Brooklands Museum, Surrey), Sunday 11th October

Please note that no members expressed an interest in displaying their car at this event, so there will not be a BEC presence.

*Nigel Halliday*

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National MicroCar Rally Review Meeting, Sunday 25th October - Volunteer Required

As usual, the NMCR Administrators have invited all individuals and clubs who attended this year's rally to give feedback and guidance for next year's event. The meeting is being held at Pinxton Village Hall, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton, Derbyshire, NG16 6NA at 13:00. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available and the idea is to also discuss last year's NMCR stand at the NEC Classic Car show before moving onto this year's rally and then reviewing proposals for the 2016 event.

There is adequate off road parking at side/rear of the hall (which is located approximately 1 mile from Jn28 of the M1) and the doors will be open from 12:30. If you attended the 2015 NMCR and are willing/able to attend and report back to the club, please contact Dave Perrin ( *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* ) for more detailed directions and to let us know that you are going.
*Nigel Halliday*

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Classic Car Hill Climb, Prescott, Cheltenham, 14th/15th May 2016

This popular event is organised by the Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club and is open to all pre-1980s vehicles. There is a fantastic friendly atmosphere and up to five Berkeleys have been present in previous years. The May 2015 event was once again a huge success, being greatly enjoyed by all, and with an impressive £19,000 raised for charity.

Sunday 15th will be devoted to display and driving up the famous hill - passengers are allowed and, because the runs are un-timed, there is no need for crash helmets and other safety equipment, however, vehicles must be road legal (i.e. taxed and insured). 'Paddock' entry covers 2 runs up the hill, but additional runs are normally available for further donations. Designated display areas are provided for classic, vintage and special vehicles, and 'Static' display cars can also take part in gentle cavalcades up the hill. Spectators are also welcome on the Sunday.

Entries are already being accepted, but the 'Paddock' hill runs are limited to 200 cars. The suggested entry donations per car (including entry for all passengers and provision of the souvenir programme) are Paddock:£50, Static:£20 and Spectator:£15. For those wishing to make a weekend of it, a further £20 donation covers participation in an 80 mile tour of the Cotswolds on Saturday 14th, starting and finishing at Prescott.

See *http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=469745&ClubID=596* for further details (or just search for "Prescott 2016 Cleeve"). UK members will receive the application form pdf with this bulletin.
*Nigel Halliday*

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**WARNING: ROGUE BERKELEY BUYER**

Further to last month's warning about unscrupulous ex-member Edwin 'Ted' Hardy (e-Bay seller '126fiat126'), we have received definite confirmation that he is once again phoning around BEC members trying to buy our cars 'on the cheap' so that he can resell them at a profit on e-Bay. This time, he even had the cheek to ask whether our member would send him the latest membership list, as he was 'trying to contact someone'!



## SPARES

UPDATE: SA322/SE328/early-SE492 Windscreens

Further to updates in the July and August BEC bulletins, Glenn Roberts has advised that Pilkington Classics are expecting the batch of new 'windshields' to arrive in the USA during December.

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Nametab Engineering

In recent years, Berkeley owners have been very fortunate to be able to take advantage of the specialist services offered by Nametab Engineering, in particular their caged needle roller big end conversion which has become the preferred means of rebuilding Excelsior Twin and Triple crankshafts. Sadly, faced with the loss of his existing premises and the excessive costs of relocation, we have to advise that Simon has reluctantly decided to close down the business.

As you may already be aware, Nametab grew out of Simon's interest in competition Villiers two stroke motorcycle and kart engines and they remained the main stay of his day to day work, but his entire Villiers stock and tooling has now been sold to general Villiers specialists Villiers Services of Brierley Hill, Birmingham.

However, Simon has confirmed that the Excelsior side of Nametab was not part of the deal and, having spoken to him, we are hopeful that once everything has settled down he will be able to resume helping fellow Berkeley owners and, of course, the BEC. He has promised to keep us advised as his plans begin to crystallise, so watch this space!

In the meantime, rest assured that any existing Berkeley/Excelsior work will be completed over the coming weeks as promised.

*Nigel Halliday*

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## EVENTS

2015 Events Listing

October 11th: Autumn Motorsport Festival, Brooklands, Surrey, KT13 0QN / 0SL(car park).
See August bulletin. *www.brooklandsmuseum.com*

2016 Events Listing

May 14th/15th: Prescott Hill Climb, Cheltenham. See above. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

May 20th-22nd: **BEC Rally & AGM**, Copt Oak Memorial Hall, Leicester.
See July bulletin for advance details.

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## MARKETPLACE

**For Sale: T60** (Advert spotted in the 'November' issue of Classic MotorCycle magazine)
Original car for restoration (matching numbers). £2,000. Tel: 01371-850657 (Essex).

## For Sale: T60

The restoration of my 1928 Douglas motorcycle is proving to be much more costly than envisaged, so I have reluctantly decided to sell my T60. It is a bench seat model with just over 31,000 miles on the clock (believed genuine) and first registered in February 1960. No tonneau cover, sidescreens or soft top, but the hood frame is present.

It hasn't been on the road in recent years (the last MoT was 2009), but during that time I have spent many hours working on it, including fitting new interior. Most of the control cables have also been replaced (throttle, choke, clutch and hand brake primary). The photos below were taken a few days ago, before I'd finished fitting the new headlamp covers.

Have been doing cosmetic repairs to surface crazing, etc., so the bodywork is now in need of a respray (the existing paint is orange, with the rework touched up using red oxide primer).











The engine runs well (the previous owner said he'd fitted new pistons and seals) and everything seems to be working fine apart from the brakes, which require a basic overhaul - no leaks at master cylinder or wheel cylinders, but pedal movement is not getting through to the shoes.

£2,500. Please note that I will be on holiday from 5th to 12th of October
Contact: Patrick Howell (Warwickshire),
Tel: 01789-773801, E-mail: *hotfoothowell@hotmail.com* .

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**Wanted: T60 Rear Number Plate Lamp**

Does anyone have a spare rear number plate lamp unit? I am told that it is a quite basic item consisting of a clear perspex plate carrying a metal bracket with clip-in bulb holder.

Contact: Glen Johnston, e-mail: *7donjon@gmail.com* .

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**For Sale/Wanted**

NOTE: If you wish to place an advertisement or news item in the BEC Bulletin, please contact Dave Perrin ( *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* ).

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'BerkeleyCarOwners' Facebook page: *https://www.facebook.com/groups/berkeleycarowners/*

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