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Chairman's Report

With this issue we have seen the changing of the clocks from British Summer Time back to GMT and the nights are drawing in, driving most of us from using our cars on the road and into our workshops to get out the spanners for the inevitable on-going winter maintenance. After a marked initial drop in temperature, of late we've experienced a couple of mild days, with the distinct rise in temperature being sufficient to give me the opportunity to do some long overdue fibreglassing. I hope those of you undertaking restorations will use the coming months productively to forward your efforts and to get your car mobile for next year's rally season.

Our club's profile was recently enhanced. Firstly, by the appearance of Alex Ferrada's B95 on the National MicroCar Rally stand at the NEC Classic Car Show (11th to 13th November) - well done Alex! Secondly, by the appearance of Neil Barber's SE328 in 'The Lost Lotus' TV programme covering the restoration of a famous Lotus Elite. Screened last Sunday evening on UK Channel 4, it quite correctly (if not totally conclusively) gave reference to the Berkeley having preceded Colin Chapman's efforts, in being the first production fibreglass monocoque car. I will leave those members who viewed the programme to reach their own conclusions as to the 'integrity' of the scriptwriters, directors and two presenters' portrayal of our marque! I personally feel that reference to the late Laurie Bond should also have been included.

Keep Berkeleying!

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

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NEWS

Vintage Stoney, Milton Keynes, Sunday 1st Jan 2017

Vintage and later Veteran & Classic vehicles will be on display at this New Year's Day event in Stony Stratford (postcode MK11 1BE); the organisers expect there to be a great number of vintage cars and bikes, a smattering of commercial vehicles, an original running veteran steam car and even a vintage boat!

The event runs from 10:30 to around 14:00, with an awards presentation at 12:30. There will also be 'One Minutes Noise' at midday, when all those present celebrate the New Year and honour the memory of record breakers Donald & Malcolm Campbell with what the organisers describe as 'a cacophony of engines' (this being the 50th anniversary of Donald's death on Coniston Water whilst attempting to beat the World Water Speed Record).

Entry is free for visitors and drivers/passengers, but a £5 donation to the Willen Hospice is suggested (£3,730 was raised this year). Free 'bacon butties' for occupants of the first 100

vintage vehicles, but food and drink will be available throughout from food stalls and the surrounding pubs and restaurants. See website *www.VintageStony.co.uk* for further details.
Alex Ferrada

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Classic & Retro Festival, Gloucester City Centre, Saturday 26th Aug 2017

Gloucester City Council are inviting owners of Classic & Historic Vehicles to rake part in their 'retro showcase'. The historic city centre streets will be themed around the music, fashion, films, events and food from different eras, with shops and businesses 'joining in the fun'.

Please contact Geoff Dabrowa (*BECmembership@googlemail.com*) if you wish to exhibit your Berkeley at this event.

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BEC Spares Service

Apologies: Due to holidays there will be no BEC Spares Service during the last week of November and first week of December.

Suspension Bushes

We now have fresh stock of MB159/1 Front Wishbone Silentbloc Bushes. It is fortunate that we are still able to obtain these imperial sized bushes and we always buy in bulk to get the best price, but unfortunately there has been a substantial price increase this time. You need eight bushes to overhaul a front end and the new price is £14.00 each plus Post & Packing.
Nigel Halliday

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2017 Events Listing

Jan 1st: Vintage Stony, Stoney Stratford, Milton Keynes. See above. *www.VintageStony.co.uk*

May 13th/14th: Ingliston Revival, Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh.
See October bulletin. *www.Ingliston.co.uk/Revival*

May 13th/14th: Prescott Hill Climb, Cheltenham.
See October bulletin. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

July 7th - 9th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.
See September bulletin. *www.bristolmicrocarclub.com*

Aug 26th: Classic & Retro Festival, Gloucester City Centre. See above.

Sept 23rd/24th: Pistons & Props, Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire, NN6 0BN.
http://www.sywellclassic.co.uk

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For Sale: T60 VBK 102

Original registration with V5C. Rolling restoration project converted to Suzuki GS400 engine by previous owner (unit construction 36bhp DOHC 4-stroke twin with integral 6-speed sequential gearbox). Was actively used by me for a while, but the last MoT expired in 1995 and although I've done quite alot of work on it, over the years other projects have somehow taken priority - have now come to the reluctant conclusion that I will probably never get around to finishing this or a few other projects, so am having a clearout.





Has windscreen, hood frame and soft top, plus aluminium sidescreens and comes with a few spares, including 13" Mountney steering wheel and replacement stainless steel central top hat section. Please phone or e-mail for further details (additional photos available). £1,000.

Mike Dunn (Northampton), Mob: 07505-898008 or e-mail: *thunderfingers905@ntlworld.com* .

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For Sale: T60 Bodyshell 554 JKN

Has old style green logbook and matching chassis plate, so original registration number should be retrievable once it is restored. Rear of punt has separated from front, but repairable (or buy a new replacement from CaSCU in Norfolk).





Includes original seats (in need of repair), engine cradle, driveshafts, hubs/drums, 3 wheels (plus a rusty spare), front & rear suspension, trackrods, pedal assembly, master cylinder (x3) and much of the original engine bay steelwork, but no engine/gearbox or differential.

Comes with spare front section and LH door, plus a widened rear section which could easily be returned to standard. Please e-mail or phone for more photos. £500.00.

Mike Dunn (Northampton), Mob: 07505-898008 or e-mail: *thunderfingers905@ntlworld.com* .

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Wanted: Pistons

Does anyone have a pair of new old stock (or good used) +60 Hepolite pistons for my Excelsior 328 engine? The bores are currently on +40 and looking a little tired, but the cylinders have been tuned, so I'd like to get them rebored rather than fit different cylinders.

Contact: Roy Puttock, e-mail: *sales@heritagelocksmiths.co.uk* .

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NOTE: Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

If you wish to place a News Item or an Advertisement in the BEC Bulletin, or have any queries about an item or advertisment that has already appeared, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

Please DO NOT contact Geoff Dabrowa, as he only e-mails the bulletin to you.

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'Berkeley-USA' Yahoo Group: *https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Berkeley-USA/info*

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