BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

This month I think you will all agree that congratulations are befitting on 'our sporting member from Kent', Mr Jeff Payne, for not only entering his recently finished project SE 500 Sports into a competitive 'Motor Sports UK' officially recognised event by way of an 'Autosolo', held at Ashford, in Kent on the 4th of November, but also for coming 2nd in his class! In addition, by the time you read this report, Jeff will have completed his second event by entering another Autosolo on Nov 28th at Brands Hatch, of which we wish him equal success.

It was originally the view of both Charles Panter and the car's designer, Laurie Bond that the best way to promote the sale of their new product and also in getting it known to a wider public audience was by way of promoting the marque in all aspects of motor sport, which was accomplished admirably.

Both myself and others feel that this concept still holds true to this day, if however only to continue to promote the marque amongst the Classic Vehicle and Motorsport fraternity. Jeff now joins the ranks of Bob Dixon in the USA as an inspiration to other Berkeley owners to 'go competitive'!

For those members unfamiliar with the nomenclature, 'Autosolo' and 'Autotest' are the names now used to describe what used to be called just 'Driving Tests' back in the day. They are now the lowest entry-level grade to competitive motorsport in the UK. 'Autosolo' is subservient to 'Autotest' by way of there being no reversing involved, plus a few other minor differences. Both are timed events against the clock, with penalties for hitting any markers, missing entirely, or getting an element in the wrong sequence. The car used has to be Taxed and MOT tested, or roadworthy, if exempt. No special safety equipment is needed, not even a crash helmet and the car has to be driven to an event, not trailered. An MSA UK 'R S Clubman Licence' is required; these are free of charge and last one calendar year.

Other good news in this issue is that the BEC Southern Chapter has re-established its monthly meet ups. The first since the pandemic took place on the 9th of November (see 'News' and 'Events' sections for further information).

Next year's calendar seems to be filling up nicely, with Prescott Classic Hill Climb thankfully reverting back to its pre-pandemic month of May. However, it has become apparent that we already have a clash of dates next September by way of Pistons & Props, Sywell and Kop Hill Climb, Princes Risborough !

It is also hoped that we hold our long overdue BEC AGM/Rally next year. A date similar to the last one set for early June this year that had to be cancelled is envisaged. Further updates will be announced in future Bulletin issues.

Finally, this will be the last Bulletin you'll receive prior to the December Holiday Season, so it only leaves me, on behalf of your Committee, to wish you all happy Yuletide greetings!

Keep safe, keep happy and most of all, keep Berkeleying !

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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NEWS

Message from Graham Higgs

I would like to thank all of you very much for

your wonderful support during the recent

tragic loss of my wife

JACQUELINE

who was laid to rest in the

Westmiill Woodlands Burial Ground

Watchfield, Nr Swindon

on 3rd November 2021

Your cards, your phone calls and to those able to attend the funeral meant so very much to me.
THANK YOU

A collection was made for

St. Richards Hospice, Worcester

where Jacqueline spent her last days

receiving very kind care and attention.

St Richards Hospice has confirmed the sum

raised was £484.75 and was gratefully received.

It will go towards the continuation of the

wonderful care which they provide.

Thank you all again.
Graham Higgs.

Southern Chapter BEC Monthly Meet Up Report

The above met up on Tuesday 9th November at The Saddlers Arms. There were six members present; alas, two couples had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances. However, a convivial night was had by all; most were thankful that the meeting was able to re-commence and only too pleased to get back to talking Berkeley once more!

Looking forward, December's meeting, Tuesday 14th December will be the last before Christmas. It has been confirmed that the pub will be doing a Christmas Menu (see below). For those requiring it, please note, the pub requires that you pre-order by Monday 6th December and pay a £10.00 deposit.

Members are requested to do this directly, not through Mike, or the BEC. This can be done either by telephone on 01483 224209, or by email at www.saddlersarms.co.uk Please also state that you're with the BEC to be guaranteed being seated together. Mike insists that 'party hats' be the order of the day, performing 'bow ties', optional!

THE SADDLERS ARMS
CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MENU
2 courses £22.50
3 courses £26.50

STARTERS

Roasted Red Pepper & Tomato Soup (V) (VE) (NGCI)
Served with basil oil and a crusty roll

Prawn Cocktail
Served with bread & butter

Ardennes Pate
Served with toasted sourdough & spiced pear chutney

MAINS

Festive Roast Turkey (NGCI)
Pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, parsnips, fresh vegetables, cranberry sauce & rich gravy

Spanish style Hake
With onions, peppers, courgettes, chorizo, salad & crusty bread

Beef Bourguignon
with dauphinoise potato & seasonal vegetables

Mushroom, Brie & Cranberry Wellington (V)
served with mash & seasonal vegetables

Mushroom Wellington (VE)
Served with mash & seasonal vegetables

DESSERT

Traditional Christmas Pudding
With cream or custard

Affogato with Frangelico (V) (NGCI)
Vanilla ice-cream, espresso coffee & Frangelico liqueur

Lemon Posset
With homemade shortbread

Yarde Farm Blood Orange Sorbet (VE)

Shimmering Chocolate Yule Log (V)
With cream or vanilla ice-cream

Cheese & Biscuits
Mature Cheddar, Stilton & Somerset Brie with a spiced Pear Chutney

A £10 deposit per person is required at time of booking
Please provide your party's pre-order in advance
Menu available 1st-23rd December
This menu is not available Sunday lunch times
V vegetarian
VE vegan
NGCI no gluten containing ingredients

A message from the Magazine Editor

Issue 362 of the BEC magazine is with Dave for proofreading plus a few tweaks and should be with you in December in time for a good read over Christmas. It's a bumper 20-page edition which, if you keep the articles coming, we may be able to continue with. I do need the articles please, just a few words and a couple of pictures is all it takes.

Happy Christmas to you all and keep safe wherever you are in the world.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 25th November 2021.

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

This month shows another small drop in current Membership, some not renewing as they have sold or are in process of selling their car, or some just not yet renewed.

Subscribing members now total 199 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 213 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 149 subscribing members
- Europe 24 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 27 subscribing members (18 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes one New Member this month:

#2774 George Moore Berkeley B95 Grantham, Lincs UK

Currently 15 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.

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.

Happy Berkeleying

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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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.

December 2021

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up Tuesday 14th December

The monthly BEC Surrey area meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th December 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 organiser Mike Rounsville-Smith before you leave home and travel a long distance, just in case lockdown measures are put back in place. Please order Christmas menu if required by Monday 6th December (see News for further details).

Mike Rounsville-Smith – President/Secretary **Tel:** *01932 560160*

Brackley Classic Car Show on the Market Place: Monday 27th December from 9.30am to 13.30pm
Brackley Town Hall

January 2022

Classics at Stony: New Year's Day 1st January 2022

May 2022

Wheel Nuts 2022: 1st May 2022

Put it in your Diary now! May 1st 2022 Bank Holiday weekend. St Roses School, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

We owe it to the late Dave Rich to get more than 10 Berkeleys there. Let's make a weekend of it. Great campsite nearby in Minchinhampton. Save the date!

Classics at Prescott 2022: 14th and 15th May 2022

Road Tour available on Saturday 14th May. Sunday 15th May: Hill Runs and Paddock Display. Please note there are only 200 places available for the hill runs so if you intend to participate please book early.

Contact: *classicsatprescott.com*

Classic Wheels: 22nd May 2022
Rutland Showground.

Contact: *info@livepromotions.co.uk*

June 2022

Proposed BEC AGM and Rally. Date and location to be confirmed.

Sandringham Pageant of Motoring: 5th June 2022
Sandringham Estate, Sandringham. New event! This will be part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and space will be limited.

Website and further details coming soon

Baston Car and Bike Show: 10th July 2022
Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne.

Contact: *info@livepromotions.co.uk*

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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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 send any items before **Sunday 19th December** for inclusion in the December 2021 Bulletin.

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Another satisfied customer!

Recently joined member from Lincolnshire, Mr George Moore, having placed an ad in last month's issue expressing his interest in acquiring a B95/B105, is happy to report that he received an almost instant response from member Malcolm Thomas that has subsequently led to George purchasing Malcolm's car and is very happy with it!

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MARKETPLACE

For sale: Berkeley T60

1960 Berkeley T60. Colour red, stainless steel floor, new hood, seats, tyres and wiring loom.

A lot of money has been spent on this car. Good running order £6000.

Contact: *Fred Massey*
Membership number 651 on **Tel:** *01746 712512 or* **Mobile:** *07532164206*

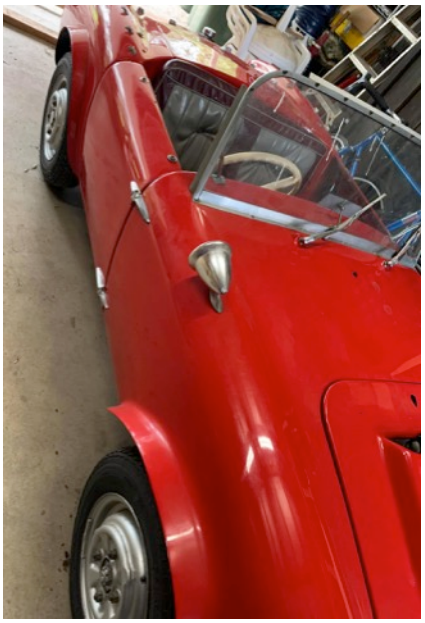
Wanted

Desperately needed: an original Hepolite 58mm dia +20 thou piston for an Excelsior 328cc engine rebuild. Hepolite Part No. 13610. New or good second-hand would be acceptable.

Please contact USA BEC member Erwin Guerro (5601 Fleming Street, Everett, WA 98203 USA) **Email:** *pikaguam95@gmail.com*

For sale in Australia

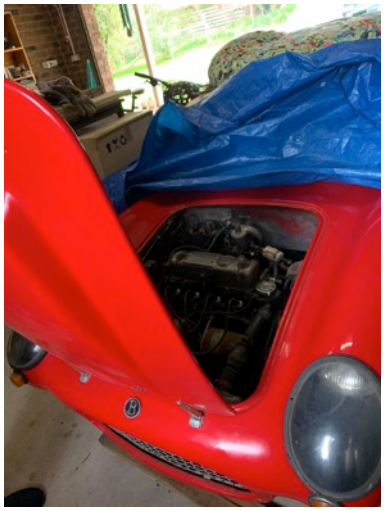
A 1958 ‘Sports’ Type SE 328 converted to Mini power. Good condition, red complete with seat, hood frames etc. Converted in excess of 30 years ago and unused for the last 20 years but has been kept in good condition. Needs recommissioning. Located on Philip Island near Melbourne. One of only 16 SE 328s exported to Australia originally.









Contact Jan Cox via Facebook Berkeley Owners page posted on 25th September 2021

T60 for sale

A restoration project T60.

Engine, transmission, windscreen and complete interior missing.

I have the V5 in my name.

£550 ovno

For any more information please contact:

Chris Elliott on **Tel:** *07974 258585*





Free to a good home to a Club Member

I am a Berkeley club member (2726) restoring a T60. When I got all the bits for the car it came with a new floor/punt and rear section. As I want to keep the car original, I have restored the original floor and rear section. I now have the surplus new floor and rear section that I have tried unsuccessfully to sell and now before scrapping it would like to offer the two parts 'Free to a good home' to a club member.

The floor section would require repositioning of the two ribs by about 1" if using standard metalwork.

Duncan Mitchell
Email: *dunc128@gmail.com*







Used T60 hardtop

A bit scruffy, no rear window fitted. Origins unknown except I got it with my Mini-converted T60 known to some as 'Bugs'.

It has a front rail riveted on with holes to locate on the soft top T60 screen top fasteners. A dark mark visible in the photos near the roof centre is an odd paint splodge, not a dent.

For collection from Hatch End, HA5 4PA. Asking £100 or suitable offers.

Contact Charlie **Tel:** 07751 939349









SPARES

Spares Update

The following items are back in stock:

Brake master cylinder MB 107/19 Complete assembly



These are brand new Girling TRW supplied brake master cylinders which fit all models of Berkeley cars. They come complete with an original style alloy cap. The push rod is of the threaded variety so you will need to swap your old stirrup trunnion push rod over from your old master cylinder or make up another stirrup bracket to connect up to your brake pedal.

Price is £80.00p plus £3.50 P&P UK overseas rate upon request.

Rear brake hoses MB 339/71. 12 ½" long



Brand new hoses to suit the rear axle of all models of Berkely (except the Foursome). This delivery of hoses is from a new supplier as Girling/TRW have ceased manufacture and we have been able to negotiate a bulk order at an advantageous price. This hose also features the shorter solid metal ends so are better suited for the tight clearance on the T60 swinging axle hub. (Remember that you may need a banjo union adaptor and copper washers to achieve the best full clearance hose connection on a T60.)

Price is £10.00p plus £1.35 P&P UK.

Headlamp covers MB 358 -See October BEC Bulletin



These are now supplied straight from the forming mould so have their flat perimeter flash still in position – this allows for safer posting but will involve the restore/fitter with a little more cutting off and trimming to do.

Price is £ 18.00 each plus £ 3.35 P&P UK.

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