BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

The coming of September sees us entering our busiest month, not only with ourselves, but with the Classic Vehicle fraternity in general. Whichever events you, the membership, have elected to attend we, your Committee, wish you to have both a safe and enjoyable time.

As you are reading this, some of us will have just returned from attending 'Classic Stony 2021' on the Bank Holiday Sunday, a good precursor to the busy September schedule and a 'shakedown' for seeing that your Berkeley is in fine fettle to cope!

Sywell Classic Pistons & Props

I am pleased to report that we have managed to achieve the minimum requirement of five cars per day for us to qualify to have a BEC Club Stand at the event. I thank those of who have committed already and invite those undecided to contact me asap after reading this if you wish to be added to the list.

Although the BEC has received initial acceptance, I still have until 8th September to submit the funds and final list of attendees. Registration is now done on line by myself and I will submit individual attendees, along with your emails and, consequently, your passes will be sent direct to the email address supplied for you to download and print yourselves. Just a reminder that there is a £5.00 administration fee, of which I initially pay and you can reimburse me on the day. For that you get free entry both days to the show for yourself and one passenger. If you do not have internet or downloading facilities, I can have your passes sent to my own email address and then print them off and post then to you. Please note, if you wish to camp you will have to apply independently from the BEC by going to 'Live Promotions' own website.

Pistons & Props over the last five years has been the most prestigious show that the BEC has been fortunate to attend. In doing so it has raised the public profile of not only the club, but also the Berkeley car, immensely. Our display always receives massive interest, both from the visiting public and the attending classic vehicle movement. The C19 Pandemic dealt a bitter blow to these kinds of shows, although we were lucky in 2020 to be able to attend in the brief respite from the lockdown last year. We can only hope that events such as these and our own Club's ability to attend them will continue.

You will note that in the 'News' section there is definitely some good news for once! This concerns the BEC Southern Chapter monthly meetings whereby our President/Secretary gives a report on the progress being made toward reinstatement.

Whilst on the subject of area meetings, as many of you may know, BEC Central Chapter, although the most active by way of its members turning out with their cars and supporting shows, has for a number of years had no specific meet up venue. The decision to move the meeting from Northampton further south to the MK Bucks region bore no fruit in being able to find a publican, or any other landowner willing to offer car park and facilities to us! However, I have heard via 'The Silverstone Social Classic Vehicle Club' that there may be the possibility of using 'The Greyhound' in the village of 'Haversham'. This is a little North West of where we would wish to be, but I am told that the Landlord is himself a classic car owner and has no objection to groups meeting there. I of course have not approached him as yet as I would prefer to wait until I have gauged an opinion from those members living in the general area.

So please tell me your thoughts on the subject. I need to know things like: Would you like a fixed regular monthly meet? Would you like to only meet up in the 'off season' (Winter), or all year? Would you only like to meet up on impromptu occasions by pre-arranged email coordination? Or, as we meet up regularly with our cars during the summer months at shows, is there any need to bother at all?

As many of you are already aware, our long term Bulletin Compilers, Mel and Ian have regrettably had to stand down from the position and we take this opportunity to thank them both for their past efforts in regularly getting the monthly Bulletin to you. Lorraine and myself (well to be more precise, Lorraine) has had to stand in at short notice to fill the void. Could you please make sure that all future correspondence goes to her at *lorrainecourse@gmail.com* and not to Mel and Ian. Also, please take note of the last copy date, which is printed in each Bulletin issue under 'Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.' In doing so, it makes the task of compiling and getting the current issue to you on time a whole lot easier!

Finally, as I have stated in previous reports, I am unable to attend the NMCR this year due to double booking. However, I can assure you there will be Berkeleys present along with our Membership Secretary and most likely other Committee Members as well.

For those who are contemplating going, 'a little bird' tells me that there may be something unique, historic and very interesting on display at this year's event, so keep your eyes open, you may be surprised!

Wherever you are, keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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Surrey Chapter News

Dear Members

Some good news at last! Zena and myself recently paid a visit to our Surrey Section meeting pub 'The Saddlers Arms' to find out the latest situation.

The pub has reopened since April this year under new ownership, who have been making improvements to the inside such as redecoration, cleaner toilets and are in the process of replacing the kitchen equipment. The new owner, who is a very nice lady called Carol, is only too pleased to have our club meeting there as we did before, on the second Tuesday of every month.

It was suggested that the month of October would be a good time to start our meetings, as the kitchen would be up and running by then and also depending on the Covid situation.

So watch this space for a further date.

Mike Rounsville-Smith – President/Secretary

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A message from the Magazine Editor

The autumn BEC Magazine issue 361 has been compiled and is with Dave Perrin for checking prior to publication and distribution, so you should receive it late September. I hope you enjoy it.

I have searched my emails etc for content for issue 361 and, apart from the odd article, I really have run out of content without reprinting articles from 10 or so years ago, so if you thinking of writing an article now is the time to get stuck in.

The closing date for the BEC magazine issue 362 is October 30th.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 26th August 2021.

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

This month shows a 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 204 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 218 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 149 subscribing members
- Europe 26 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 29 subscribing members. (23 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes two New Members this month:

#2766 Colin Watt	T60	Oldham	UK (apologies omitted last month)
#2768 Erwin Guerrero	SE 328	Washington	USA

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.

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

NOTE: Membership Details

Please contact Geoff (*BECMembership@googlemail.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.

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 - 12:30pm, 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*



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 26th September** for inclusion in the September 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*



Berkeley SE328 for sale







Here is my Berkeley SE328 for sale.

I've done quite a bit of restorative work on the car but unfortunately I'm not getting the time to complete the restoration.

The pictures of the bodywork don't do it justice but it is completely honest and nothing is 'covered up'.

It had at some time in its life been painted but it was in a bad state being almost matt and badly crazed and it's been completely removed by meticulously scraping and sanding off. Fortunately there were no fractures in the fibre glass body and after many hours has been painstakingly restored to a very good finish by carefully repairing any blemishes and only requires a final finishing to make ready for spraying.

The engine has been completely stripped and has had new seals and piston rings replaced. An electronic ignition unit has been fitted on to the original housing which has been left in tact so could be put back to it's original set up with points if required (there is a brand new set that comes with the car). The engine bay has been cleaned out and prepared making it look very tidy and ready to install the engine.

I'd say that most of what's needed to put the car back into working condition is there, it just needs someone with some talent and time to bring it back to life. The main things I can think of that it will need will be two seats, gear linkage to connect the column change to the gearbox and possibly a front grill and maybe a few bits and pieces.

New purpose made hinges for the 'slanted' doors and hinges and catches for the bonnet come with the car. There is, amongst other things a new wiring loom and a very hard to

find siba voltage regulator. There is also an old hood that could be used a pattern for a new one.







The asking price for the car is £2950.00. Please feel free to email: djc2080@gmail.com or ring on *07931 778336* with any questions and I'll do my best to answer.

For Sale

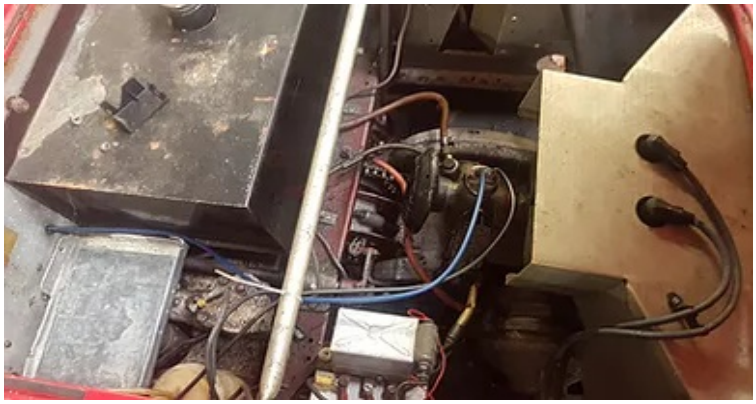
1956 'Sports' Anzani SA 322 UYJ 804

This car is for sale at MG specialist Barrie Carter of Mosterton, near Crewkerne, Yeovil, Dorset, UK.

The car was restored approximately 30 years ago and has been in a private collection since. It is running, but needs some fettling to return it to full glory. £6,995

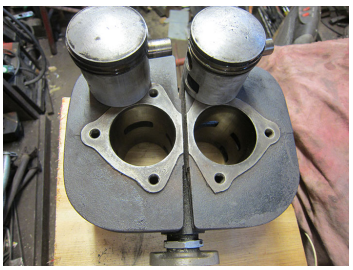
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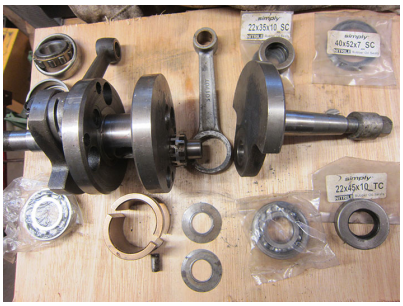
Berkeley/British Anzani 322cc parts





322cc 'BMC' Cylinder Block (10 thou oversize) plus pair of matching +10 pistons (one of which was new old stock and has only done test miles in this block).

Comes with Alloy Compression Plate (may not have been with it originally) and useable Alloy Head Gasket.
£300

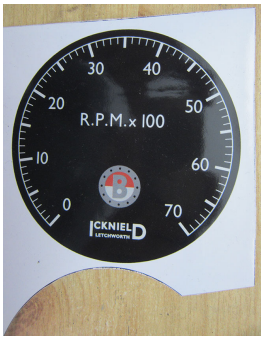


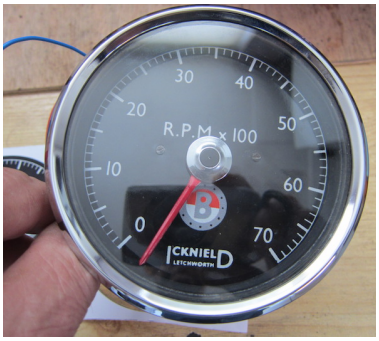
Crankshaft with both rods, middle bronze bush, good threads and key ways, clutch side pressed off showing big ends need attention. Several new and secondhand roller bearings and ball bearings, oil seals and shims.
£250



Two ring piston rings set 60mm 10 thou over. New old stock. (Note: are a different thickness to the three ring piston).
£40

VERY HEAVY - best collected, you might even find other bits hiding in my shed if you do.





ICKNIELD Rev counter face, a copy, not screen printed but on vinyl with self adhesive back.

As I used to make Smiths electronic rev counter 'look' original. Can post.
£5

See pictures, won't split further, no offers, thank you.

Graham Higgs

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SPARES

Back in stock

Hydraulic brake hoses for front brakes (all models) Part No. MB 339/10



These are the original Girling/TRW manufactured flexible hoses to fit the front brakes (approximately 14" long).

Price is £15.00p each plus £1.50 P&P

Rear hoses also available for four and three wheelers.

Out of Stock

Unfortunately, we are now out of stock of the clear plastic outer headlamp covers. We do not expect delivery for another few months.

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