BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

'Super September' has come and gone, the month of a thousand choices! Well, not quite, but the month where all 'show promoters' decided to take the safe option due to the C19 Pandemic and reschedule a whole summer's activities into!

From the BEC's point of view, I must say that our relatively small number of 'active members' who run and maintain their Berkeleys and who inevitably support events were somewhat 'spoilt for choice' on which events they decided to support. The inevitability of clashes of dates was obvious, but I have to say that once again, sensibility prevailed and we managed to cover the majority of shows with at least one Berkeley, if not sometimes more, being represented. To the best of my knowledge Berkeley attendance was to be seen at: The Cheshire Microcar Rally; The National Microcar Rally; Prescott Classic Hill Climb; Gamlingay Classic Vehicle Day; Kop Hill Classic Hill Climb; The Classic Rally Press Micro Marathon in both France and Spain; and Sywell Classic, Pistons & Props. There may have been more, so I do apologise if I've left anything, or anyone out. I think that congratulations are in order for a fantastic effort. Well done to all those who participated.

Just one comment on the National Micro Car Rally, sad to report that our member Martin Archer had a serious accident in his Berkeley three wheeler whilst out on one of the road runs. Apparently a car pulled out in front of him and he had to take diversionary action to avoid it. His T60 nearside wheel hit the kerb extremely hard thus turning the vehicle over and ejecting Martin out into the ditch. He received abrasions and bruising but thankfully is otherwise ok. Typical of Martin, he managed to affect emergency repairs to the damaged vehicle and drove it back to the campsite. We all wish Martin a speedy recovery and I'm sure we will be seeing his infamous T60 back in fine fettle next year.

My appeal for comments on whether 'BEC Central Chapter' would like a regular meet up venue, similar to that of the 'Southern Chapter' seem to have fallen on deaf ears, with not a single response! I can only assume from this that my outlined fourth option, 'not to bother at all' was the most popular!

If anyone has a change of heart and find themselves suffering from 'post rally season withdrawal symptoms' when winter sets in, please let me know, as it may be possible to arrange an impromptu meet up at 'The Greyhound' in Haversham near Milton Keynes if there is enough interest.

Finally, we can now look forward to 2022 and at last hold our long overdue AGM/Rally, C19 allowing. It is hoped that if things stay the way they are now that a date in early June, as was the one that had to be postponed, would be appropriate.

We, the Committee would like to thank you once again for supporting events this year in these trying times.

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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Southern Chapter News

An update to last month's Bulletin's good news: we can report that the renovation work to the Saddlers Arms as described in the previous issue has now been fully completed and the venue is open. Unfortunately, due to the current fuel delivery issues, it has been decided to postpone the projected October meet up until November. As usual, the meeting will now take place on the second Tuesday (9th November). As previously, please contact Mike before travelling to confirm details.

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

A message from the Magazine Editor

By the time you read this you may have received the latest autumn edition of the BEC quarterly magazine, which is with the printers as I write this. Any comments on it would be appreciated.

Which brings me to the next winter issue with a closing date of October 30th. This is the last magazine you will receive this year, which makes it the Christmas issue (yes already) so if you have a Christmas article involving your car or anything else Berkley related please send it to me at:

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

Regalia and clothing for Christmas

Taking into account the current worldwide situation with slow deliveries we suggest that any members thinking about ordering BEC clothing or regalia for Christmas presents do so in the near future to ensure delivery before Christmas. Full details of the range and current prices are available from the

Website: www.arktrading.com shop: clubsites: motor clubs: Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 24th September 2021.

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

This month shows a drop of one 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 203 plus 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 217 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 150 subscribing members
- Europe 26 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 27 subscribing members. (20 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes three New Members this month:

#2769 Richard Bulkley	SA322	Surrey	UK
#2770 Terry Williamson	T60	Treorchy	UK
#2771 David Webster	Looking for Hard Top car	Fife	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.

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

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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.

October 2021

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

Email: *contact@classicfestival.fr*

November 2021

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up Tuesday 9th November
Saddlers Arms, Send Marsh Road, Send Marsh, Woking GU23 6JQ
Please confirm details before travelling.
Mike Rounsville-Smith – President/Secretary **Tel:** *01932 560160*

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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 24th October** for inclusion in the October 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*

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*

Hard Top for T60

Hard Top for T60, complete with front and rear screens and new set of rubber screen surrounds. Price is £450, possibility of delivery at cost.
For further details please contact me.

Geoff Dabrowa **Tel:** *07751 288329*

BEC Silver Jubilee dish, Silver badge and 'one-off' model



Ex club member Peter Gill, who had an SA322, is looking to sell the following items: silver Jubilee dish and silver badge, price £10 and a 'one off' model (cost £30). Price is £15.00.

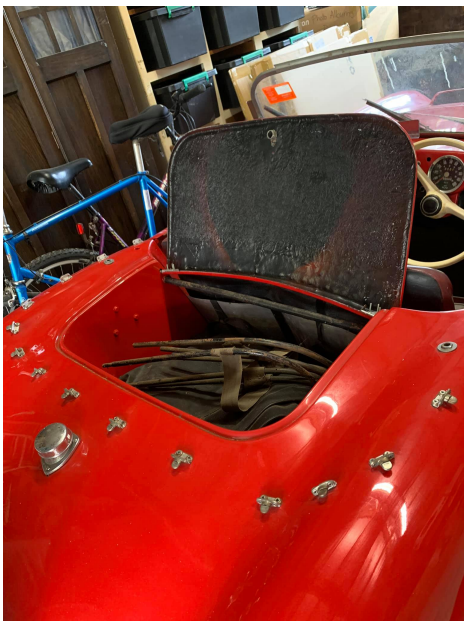
Peter Gill **Email:** *peterggill@sky.com*
Mobile: 07990 640608

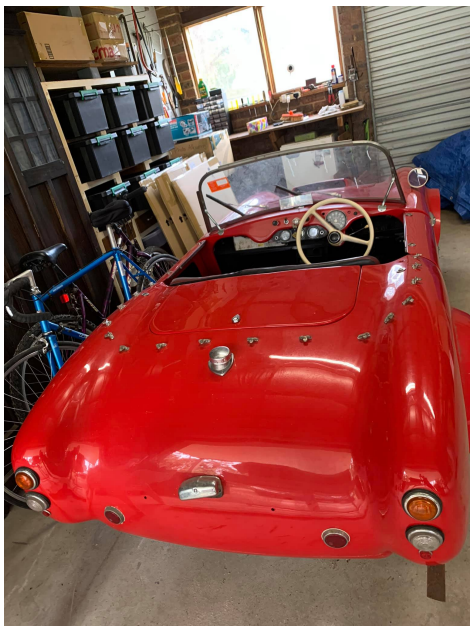


For sale in Australia

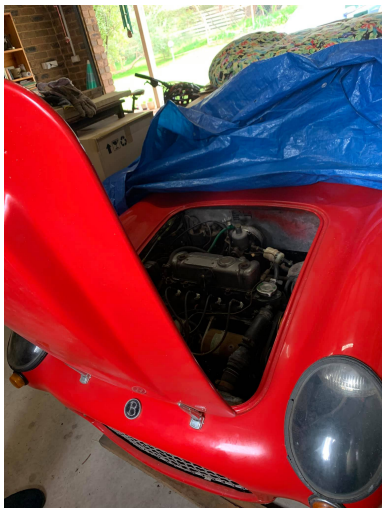
A 1958 ‘Sports’ Type SE 328 converted to Mini power. Good condition, red complete with seat, hood frames etc. Converted in excess of 30 years ago and unused for the last 20 years but has been kept in good condition. Needs recommissioning. Located on Philip Island near Melbourne. One of only 16 SE 328s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









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

T60/4 in Holland

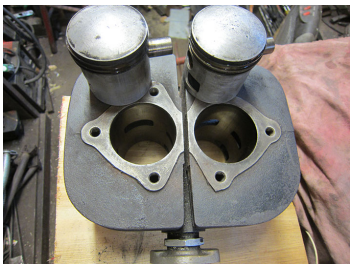
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Email: *s.c.j.bouwmeester@hva.nl*

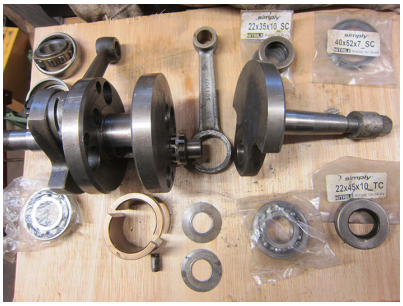
Berkeley/British Anzani 322cc parts



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

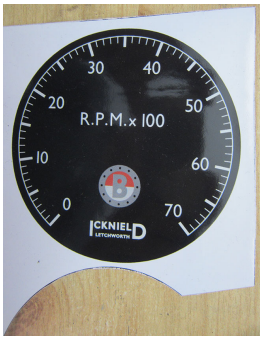


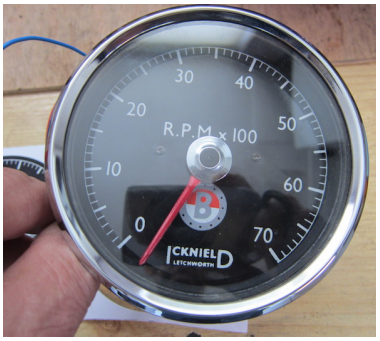
Crankshaft with both rods, middle bronze bush, good threads and key ways, clutch side pressed off showing big ends need attention. Several new and secondhand roller bearings and ball bearings, oil seals and shims.
£250



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

BEC Spares

Delays: I apologise for the continued slow service from BEC Spares. Personal family events, work and holidays have meant that I have been less at home in recent months and obtaining stocks of parts from suppliers is still difficult post lockdown. I hope the service will improve at the end of the year.

Berkeley Paint Colours

BEC Spares is regularly asked the question what were the original colour references for the factory paint colours. Unfortunately we have never found any official references from the factory or dealers or the UK period paint guides. However, over the years the BEC and its members have pieced together odd references that indicate that most of the ex-factory colours were selected from the then BS (British Standard) paint colour ranges of the time. The BS 381C is usually the range used in transport but the larger BS 4800 range is also a useful range to look at. All BS colours are still available from paint supply specialists.

One has to bear in mind that the range of paint colours in 1956 to 1960 was much more limited than today and the RAL colour system was not used in the UK in those times. Some of the Berkely colours overlap with other more common sports cars colours of the era, ie Old English White (an off-white slightly creamy colour) was also used on MGs and Primrose yellow.

If you wish to be sure of a colour match then you need to locate a section of unbleached/ discoloured paint on your car often under the rear parcel cover or in the rear footwell or the perimeter edges/flanges of the door and take the panel or sample to a paint specialist with a photospectrometer .

Nigel Halliday BEC Spares Officer and Vehicle Registrar

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