BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

## Chairman's Report

Well, that's it! Pistons & Props, Sywell in effect marked the end of the 2022 rally season, which leaves us looking forward to next year, casting our thoughts on the BEC AGM and Rally, the second week of June. Also note in 'Events' that Prescott Classic Hill Climb is now accepting enrolments for May 2023. The BEC has supported this event regularly over the years. The iconic track and settings are idyllic, so if you wish to test your mettle and your Berkeley, we suggest you enrol early as the Paddock places for the hill climbs fill up quickly.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the membership, especially those new to the Club, that at this Bulletin's conception, now some ten years ago, it was by a majority Committee decision that it would only be sent out electronically and not by hard copy. The reason for this was mainly due to printing and postage costs in addition to those incurred for sending out the BEC quarterly magazine.

Your Committee was, and still is, aware that there will be a very small percentage of our members who have not got an email address by which to receive the Bulletin and therefore the information contained in it. Please note that in your new Membership Secretary's Report we are asking for people who are willing to volunteer to a buddy up system in support of members who do not have an email address, or friends and family who are able to accept their individual copy. It is assumed that such volunteers would be able to download no more than an additional copy and could either pass this on or post it in receipt of stamps from the recipient.

You will also note in this month's edition a slight change in layout of your Bulletin by way of omission of the BEC header on each subsequent page. This decision was taken to help reduce ink usage for those wishing to print copies.

Finally, the 2022 NEC Classic Car Show in November will yet again contain a stand by the NMCR. We are proud to announce that in keeping with previous years a Berkeley presence has been arranged. See 'Events' for dates.

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

*Geoff (Bill) Toyer*

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## A message from the Magazine Editor

By the time you read this, your magazine issue 365 will have been posted and some of you may have received your copy. I managed to make it a 20 page magazine this time and I hope you enjoy it.

If by some strange twist of bad filing by myself I haven't printed an article you sent me then please tell me and I shall try to correct that in the next magazine. Don't forget to finish that article you keep meaning to start for the mag, just a couple of pictures and a few words is all I need.

So having compiled magazine 365 I am now assembling the content for the next mag, which again is minimal at this time. The closing date for articles in the next mag is October 30th, please don't miss it.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

## BEC Central Chapter

Since our last report Central Chapter members supported the NMCR near Ripon. Congratulations to our member Mick Griffiths for being awarded the furthest mileage travelled (219 miles). Unfortunately Mick has not been in the best of health since this event and as such had to miss BHS Exhibition and Pistons & Props events. I know you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Our Chairman supported Biggleswade Historical Society's Event by taking his B65 Sports, which attracted a lot of attention from passers by, inducing them to enter the hall and view the display (see letter of thanks below).

*On behalf of everyone at Biggleswade History Society, thank you very much for coming to our small exhibition. As you are aware your car attracted much attention and enticed some folk through the door. Overall, we were happy with the day although the numbers could have been better, however, we learn from our mistakes. The main item will be to have hot drinks available for our volunteers!*

*I know you had a good conversation with Geraldine, our archivist, on Berkley information in the archives, but if there is anything we can do to help your members, do please contact us through our website.*

*It was lovely meeting you and, hopefully, our societies can help each other in the future.*

*Kind regards*

*Jennifer*

Finally, the highlight of this year, Pistons & Props, Sywell where the secret of what was hiding under the covers was revealed. To those members who supported this event, a big thanks goes out to you, as I think we all agreed that it was one of the best in the many years our Club has supported it. Hopefully a full report with pictures will appear in the next available BEC Quarterly Magazine.

## BEC Southern Chapter

Please see 'Events' for possible changes to the November meeting. The October meeting remains essentially the same and will be held on Tuesday 11 October at 7.15pm.

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## Membership Secretary Report

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your understanding during the transition of me taking over as Membership Secretary and to everyone who has replied my emails relating to membership renewal. Apologies if you have needed to help me clarify your membership status, rest assured that I have been working hard to ensure we hold accurate information on our database of all members.

I'm discovering the most challenging aspect of this is the response rate to membership renewal reminders. I am working on a solution to help give everyone more advance notification of renewals, so this should help moving forward. However, this relies on members having an email address, as it's not possible to post out membership renewal reminders.

There are only a very small number of members who do not have an email. Perhaps a solution would be to nominate a family member who does have email or another BEC member who can support with replying and helping renewals.

I do understand that not all members have computer access or are familiar with emails, however as the monthly Bulletin is emailed out to members, anyone who can support another member who lacks computer access please feel free to contact me so we could have some volunteers who could buddy up with these members and help them out and support the Club with this.

Finally it was great to attend the Southern Chapter meeting on 13th September. It was great to meet other members and put faces to names, talk about Berkeleys and meet some partners. I will try my best to attend again in the near future.

Thanks again for everyone's support; again any feedback please feel free to email me so I can improve things.

**Membership update:**

Welcome to new BEC members!

Thomas Milne from Aberdeen who has acquired a T60 from a previous BEC Member.

Saiki Wada from Japan has re-joined the BEC. Saiki has a fabulous T60.

United Kingdom 153 Subscribing members

Europe 25 Subscribing members

Rest of the World 29 Subscribing members

Happy Berkeleying

*Bob Wilkins*

**Proposed Worldwide 'Virtual' Berkeley Symposium 2022**

See 'Events' for further details.

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**Classic Festivals**

We have received a full itinerary of Show dates for 2022: Essex, Suffolk, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Cambridge.

**Contact:** *www.classicfestivals.co.uk*

**October 2022**

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up: Tuesday 11th October 2022

The monthly BEC Southern social gathering will be on Tuesday 11th October from 7.15 pm at 'The Saddlers Arms', Send Marsh, Surrey, GU23 6JQ (just off the A3 a few miles north of Guildford). Please note that due to the reduced kitchen hours and dwindling food options, the November gathering will probably be at an alternative nearby venue and on a different day of the week, but the details have yet to be finalised. A full update will be included in the October Bulletin.

You may care to contact Mike before you leave home and travel a long distance.

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

Newcomers planning to attend, please contact Dave Perrin for details, maps, whereabouts we sit in the pub, etc.

**Email:** *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* **Tel**: *02392 250880*

## November 2022

NEC Birmingham: Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 11th-13th November 2022

**Contact:** *ecclassicmotorshow.com*

Proposed Worldwide 'Virtual' Berkeley Symposium 2022

The BEC has been offered the use of a commercial account (with no time limits) on a virtual conference platform site such as 'Zoom' or 'Teams'. This would enable the BEC to host an evening when any BEC members throughout the world could sign in and participate in a live discussion and/or lecture/slideshow about any Berkeley topic. They could also participate in a live video chat to the other members on the call and some of the BEC officers and committee.

The idea is in the early stages of planning but we are considering the symposium to take place at approximately 8pm or 9pm UK/GMT time on a Saturday evening, which would allow members in the USA and Canada to join in during their afternoon or lunchtime (west coast) and for our Australian and New Zealand members to join in at early Sunday morning their time. We are provisionally thinking of a late November or early December 2022 date but more details will be issued in the next bulletin.

## January 2023

Monte Carlo Historique: 25 January 2023

As referred to in Chairman's Report and News (June Bulletin). For further information see attached PDF (June Bulletin). More news and updates to follow.

## May 2023

Classics at Prescott 2023: 13th-14th May 2023

Registrations are now open for this event. Saturday road tour £25 donation. Statics £20 donation. Paddock hill runs £65 donation (two runs). Conditions of entry: cars should be 25 years or more old, cars must be road legal and drivers hold a current driving licence. In addition, anyone involved in the Hill Climb runs must hold a current MSA Clubman's licence.

## June 2023

BEC AGM/Rally: the date will be as agreed at the last AGM we held in 2019, the second week in June. Please make a note in your diaries now!



## 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 23rd October** for inclusion in the October 2022 Bulletin.

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**BEC Regalia, Clothing, Badges**

Don't forget the extensive range of quality BEC clothing available by mail order from Ark Trading.

Many items in different colours (additional colours available on request), etc.

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## For Sale

### Albion Gearbox Spares

I have recently disposed of the sole remaining, 1902 Warwick veteran car which had been fitted with two Albion gearboxes coupled as the drive train. I was advised at the NEC Classic Car Show by members on your stand that similar Albion gearboxes were used in Berkeley Cars.

During the course of my ownership, I collected a number of spares, specifically several gearboxes and also had a new improved mainshaft machined.

Having let 2 gear boxes go with the other spares for the car, I still have a number of gearboxes, a second new mainshaft, clutch and other spares to dispose of.

I have been contemplating advertising them for sale on ebay but thought it might be worthwhile contacting you to see if any members might be interested in obtaining them from me.

**Email:** *ianbrough1@btinternet.com*

**Tel:** *07917 568560*

## T60 Hardtop

Modified to fit onto the standard three-wheeler windscreen. Note: rear window and rubber missing. See photographs.





£100 offers invited.

**Contact:** George Moore *01780 410169*

## Wanted

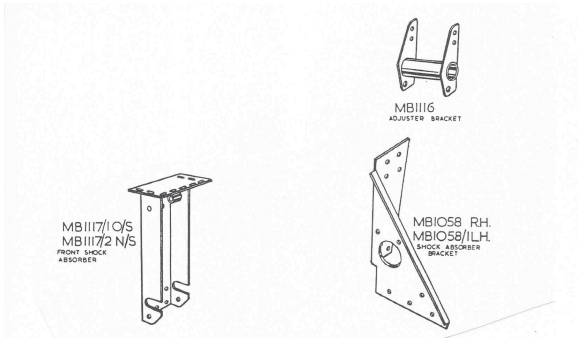
A pair of cylinder barrels for an Excelsior 328cc engine. Standard bore, or up to .015 inch oversize. Bore condition unimportant, as wish to bore out to .020 inch.

**Contact:** *Bob Wilkins* *box200@yahoo.com*

## Still wanted

Some parts desperately to complete the restoration of my 1958 'Sports' Type SE 492. The car has been the subject of a previous 1960s plan to convert the front suspension, drive chain and engine to alternative power so it is missing a lot of the front-end metalwork.

Can anybody sell me the following parts?




I am also still looking for a 'Sports' SE 492/B 95/B 105 Windscreen frame and glass - I can offer other windscreen frames and glass for trade.

Please assist me if you can.

Colin Baker, West Midlands **Tel:** *07719 816652*

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