

A Nice Coincidence - from Dave Thacker

Earlier this year a friend told me of a Singer Gazelle Convertible for sale at Anglia Car Auctions, so I checked and found it to be my old car XDN 450. Here is a short background of my old classic:



I bought the Singer in 1970 and ran her as an everyday car. I fitted a Rapiet gearbox for the overdrive, which made her better for long journeys and in 1982 I bought a Hillman Minx and transferred the 1600cc engine into my Gazelle.

In 1992 I joined the Association of Singer Car Owners (ASCO). The Registrar in those days was Colin Davies who had a Convertible, registration 912 AOT. Then in 1993 I joined the Singer Owners' Club (SOC). My first rally was at Hatton Country Park and I got second prize, Bob Nutter got third and Peter Hart won first. We went to all the Singer National Days with our friends Graham and Enid Day with their Gazelle 132 JNN. A friend asked me if I would use my car to take her and her father to the church for her wedding at Risley Derbyshire. Her father was in his full Scottish dress and when my daughter got married I also drove her to the church.

One weekend we went to a rally in Somerset and met Bob Nutter and his wife Carole with their cars 790 KUO and 650 XME. (picture below).

I'm afraid the photographs are not quite up to modern digital camera quality, but they are genuine historical snap-shots from the history of my nice old Gazelle.

I ran XDN 450 for 33 years and had little trouble with her. Let's hope she finds a good home.

Dave.

