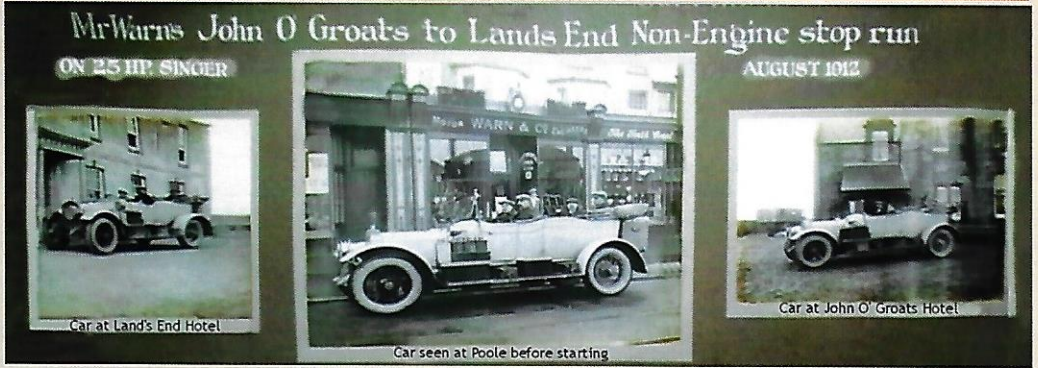


End to End Singer Centennial - mainly from Heidi Clapp's Blogspot.

In August 1912, William Warn drove his 25hp Singer from John O'Groats to Land's End without stopping the engine. In August 2012, his great grandchildren, Heidi, Craig and Frank, with Heidi's husband David and Oliver the dog, recreated this as closely possible in a 1907 Singer 12/14 hp, owned and driven by Ian North, but starting at Land's End.



MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 2012 - Photo Shoot in Poole. We had a fantastic morning taking AT1907 from Corfe Castle, over the chain ferry at Studland and onto the Wimborne Road in Poole, where my great grandfather had his motor engineering business, and where the middle photo was taken before his 1912 trip. His shop is now the Towngate Gallery and Art Shop, who had kindly agreed to let us use their forecourt, the frontage being still similar to that in the original picture. And here we are, ready to create our 2012 version of that photo.

We were honoured to be met

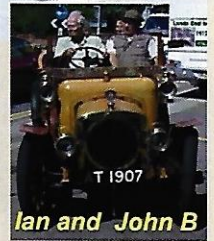


John Bramwell's 10/26 and the Team.

by Annabel Levaux, George Singer's great great grand-daughter. Also by Barry Paine, who helped get this whole project off the ground, and by John Bramwell, who joined us in his 1925 Singer 10/26. Magnificent!



Annabel.



Ian and John B

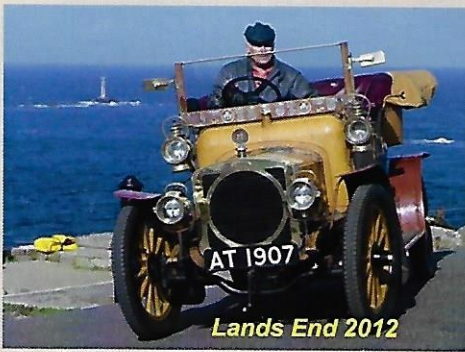
WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2012 - Day 1 - Land's End to Cheriton Bishop.

The day started at Lands End at just after 9am. First we reconstructed the photo of 1912 outside the hotel, before moving the car so Ian could be taken with the lighthouse in the background - double verification that we were indeed at Land's End!

Kevitt and Sue Payne had come from Padstow to see us in their 1935 Singer Le



The Happy Group



Lands End 2012

Mans Longtail, and after a happy group photo, and with two of William Warn's great grandchildren and David on board, and Ian at the wheel, we set off for the open road.

After about an hour, Ian thought it was time to stop for a cuppa. A quick look under the bonnet told us the fan pulley ball bearings had decided to roll out over the road as we travelled. We got some replacements from a bike shop! This sort of re-created the breakdown suffered on the 1912 north-bound run, when the 25hp Singer conked out due to a fuel pipe breakage, which is

why the non-engine-stop run was on the return journey. Anyway, Steve looks serious as he dons his work overalls and sets-to to make the repairs. Job done and off we go again for a few miles to a lunch stop on the lay-by just past Bodmin.



Four-up on the Open Road

Here we were joined by Simon Bishop in his Mazda and Mike (?) with his gleaming black Citroen Traction.



By 5pm we have reached the campsite near Cheriton Bishop with no further mishaps. All feeling very chuffed that this remarkable old car (and it's mechanic and drivers) has passed the first 115 miles with flying colours!

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST 2012 - Day 2 - Cheriton Bishop to Steeple Ashton.

During our lunch stop, at a lay-by somewhere just after Honiton, we were joined by Robert Lovegrove with his lovely 1934 Singer Nine Sports 4-seater. Robert had also brought a SINGER banner in case there was any doubt!



After lunch, people continued to toot and

wave as we made good time, whilst I ensured the oil was regularly pumped round the engine.

Then Steve had a sudden thought about the potential need for petrol, so we pulled into a filling station, where we were met by Bob and Elaine Browning with their 1953 Roadster 4ADT. It was then only a shortish run to the campsite at Steeple Ashton and a well-earned rest for all.



FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST 2012 - Day 3 - Steeple Ashton to Coventry.

Ian gives the children at the campsite a quick ride before setting off on the dot of 9 am,

heading towards Chippenham, Malmesbury and beyond. Much of the road today is single lane, so we make our presence felt on other traffic. A few spots of rain threaten to spoil the party, but just by Kemble Airfield we spy two other beautiful Singers in a lay-by, and pull in to find Cyril Verey with his Singer 9 Sports 1933 and Nick Warren with his Singer 1935 Le Mans 4-seater Longtail.



*Nick's 1935 LM
& Cyril's 1933 Sports*

On through picturesque Moreton-on-Marsh, onto the B4455 Fosse Way, and that miracle 1907 glided and chugged its way up the steep inclines without a backward glance. And now here we are at the end of the day in Meridan, the very centre of Britain!

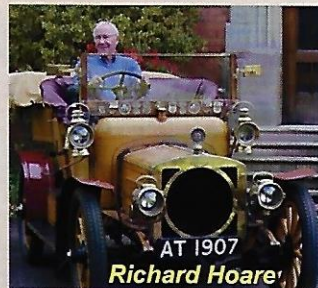
SATURDAY, 25 AUGUST 2012 - Day 4 - Coventry to Selby.

Our first stop of the morning was at George Singer's home at Coundon Court, now a school.



*Heidi,
Adam,
David,
Craig.*

Barry Paine had come to meet us in his Singer Gazelle at the campsite before we left, and followed our wagon-train. And what a delight met us in this leafy glade that is Coundon Court. Jackie and John Coleman had come along with their Singer Senior 1927 2-seater with 'dickie'. John Taylor was also there with his 1926 Singer 10/26, which was 86 years old this very day. We were also greeted by Richard Hoare, previous Head



Richard Hoare

of English at the school and an avid George Singer historian.

We left Coundon Court, following the A46 until it met the A1, and by the time we had parked up by a fishing lake in a campsite in Balne, AT 1907 had done over 130 miles in the day.



The Group outside Coundon Court

SUNDAY, 26 AUGUST 2012 - Day 5 - Selby to Durham.

A slightly later start this morning and were on our way with more substantial clothing. Ian had on his leather cap with ear muffs. Fantastic morning's drive up the A19. Steve and Gill's daughters, Sarah and Katy, with son-in-law Richard, arrived with a jerry can so that we can be sure of having enough fuel to get to John O'Groats once we are past Inverness. Sarah and Katy were keen for a ride so they joined us for a few miles.