

## Kingston Maurward College Open Day - from Mike Hyman

Barry with his HRD and Rory & Marilyn with their Gazelle were already there when we arrived with Selwyn at what seemed an unearthly hour - the organisers didn't want us driving around once the gates were opened to the public (over an hour later!) We were joined by John & Monica Bramwell in their 'Twelve' and Brian Riches in his Vogue,



plus two very rare sightings - first, the only 'on the road' 1935 Beardsmore London Taxi in the world - the only other one is in pieces in the USA - and a Bond Bug!

The cars made an attractive display, and there was a steady flow of visitors, many of whom had never heard of Singer cars, but were never-the-less interested to learn of the link between Kingston Maurward and George Singer, the plaque on the garden wall of the Old Manor House where the Singer family lived, which was in sight of where we were parked, and our efforts to strengthen the relationship through the George Singer Memorial Fund (GSMF), which helps to provide less well off students with the purchase of books and other essentials for their studies.



Unfortunately the threatened rain arrived in the late afternoon, but cleared in time for our short presentation ceremony of a cheque for over £400 from the GSMF, to Wendy Cunningham, Executive Assistant to the College's Principal and Chief Executive. We also discussed the

possibility of one of the College craftsmen producing a suitable Singer related wrought iron objet d'art for the College grounds, with an explanatory plaque, which Wendy agreed to look into. We look forward to hearing from her.

**Mike.**

