

1919 Singer Ten Sold at Bonhams - around July 2016



The Sales blurb tells us that Singer 10hp debuted at *The Cycle & Motor Cycle Show* in November 1912. Because it weighed less than 7cwt and was under 1,100cc in capacity (actually 1,096cc), the 10hp Singer was classed as a 'Cyclecar', hence the choice of venue. But unlike the majority of contemporary 'cyclecars', which were flimsy affairs of limited practicality, the new baby Singer was a proper light car and thus a development of immense significance. Produced for more than a decade, the Ten was a huge commercial success for Singer, and is regarded as a landmark model in the history of the British motor industry.

This example comes with a letter from Rootes (Singer's owners) dated October 1968 and addressed to a previous owner, Mr E W Osgood of Oxhey, Hertfordshire. This letter reveals that 'C4413' is a 1919 model, though the registration dates from circa 1910/1911; registered on 1st January 1919, it would have been produced towards the end of 1918. At around this time (1968) Mr Osgood sold the car to a Mr C Walters, who kept it until 2000 when it passed to one Trevor Cornelius. Kingsley Curtis, its next owner, purchased the Singer at auction in April 2005. Used sparingly, the car was last MoT'd in 2006 and has been garage stored since then. It sold for £7,475 (incl premium).

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Aunty Says: What great little car! It would appear that some lucky punter got an absolute bargain, due perhaps to the car being sold at an auction for the wrong type of Vintage vehicle, which may therefore not have been attended by the right sort of clientele.

Mike tells me he's had this item in his 'for publication' tray for some time awaiting a suitable slot, and now seemed a good time to include it, as, hopefully, it's new owner will not be subjecting it to another ten years of garage storage, and there is a chance it will be seen at a show somewhere this year - let's hope so.

Best wishes, **Aunty.**