

Simon's Snaps No 102- from Simon Bishop



A classic 1920s snap this month, and helpfully on the back is written 'Shap - September 1927'. The car is of course a 10/26. At first I thought this was a 1927 model renamed the 10/26 (Senior) that year, no doubt as a big brother to the Junior which had been announced in November 1926, as in this picture it looks like semi-elliptic springs are fitted to the front, but on close examination I am sure what can be seen are the shock absorbers, not the front springs. The 1927 model would also be fitted with Artillery wheels, black painted lamps and a rear mounted petrol tank, which is not the case here, as the scuttle fuel filler can clearly be seen.



From the addition of shock absorbers - or rebound dampers as Singer liked to call them - I am sure we have a 1926 model 10/26. The spare tyre looks new, but the car appears to have lost its original Singer petrol can, which are now so sought after on e-Bay, so perhaps its not so new. But it has gained an additional tool box on the running board.

I am pleased to report that a search on the web has revealed the Greyhound at Shap is still very much in business, and this scene has changed very little - except the hotel looks much better with the plastering removed to expose the old stone walls.

Simon.