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[Barons at Sandown Exhibition Centre, Esher, Surrey 29th July 2003 - Preview](#)



Barons Sale at Sandown Park, Surrey next weeks features what may be a significant Lotus Elan, for not only is it an S4 SE version, it is a drophead and also bears a plaque in the engine bay, which states that the car was modified by BRM for F1 driver Mike Spence. Estimated at £8 - 12,000 the car will need researching properly but, if verified, would be an important example of the marque.

Another highlight of Barons' next Sandown sale is an **Alvis Speed Twenty SC Tourer** that has the 2762cc six-cylinder engine offering a higher top speed and more torque than the standard car. This is an extremely rare Speed Twenty, being the only known example to be bodied by John Charles and Co is estimated at £24,000 - 28,000.



Also in the sale from the Southampton-based auction house is a **1989 Ferrari Mondial Convertible** finished in the classic Rosso Corsa/Crema colour combination. At £24,000 - 27,000 the car has only covered 23,000 kms from new and looks just the part for some sunny European touring - or even British touring as we write this preview in unseasonably good weather.

Ferrari's big rival Porsche is represented by, amongst others, a 'California' **1964 Porsche 356C** at £9,000 - 11,000. Ironically painted in bright red, the LHD car is believed to have covered a genuine 65,000 miles in its 39 year life and appears an attractive example.

Barons are particularly pleased to offer a rare **1938 Lanchester 40hp Landaulette 14/6**. Believed to be one of only two examples built and the only example to survive, the vendor states that the car is completely original, is equipped with the desirable six cylinder engine mated to a pre-selector gearbox and having covered only 57,000 miles in 65 years. Estimate £8,000 - 10,000.

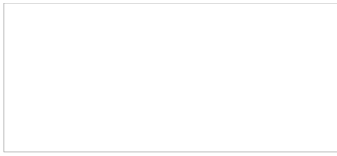
Various **Mercedes** are also included. A LHD **1963 300 Coupé** at £8,500 - 10,500, a **1985 280 SL**, £9,500 - 12,000 and a **1983 280SL** at £6,500 - 9,000 amongst others. These together with Jaguars, MGs and a couple of Rolls-Royce make the auction a good place to find a classic at reasonable money.

The sale is at the Sandown Park Exhibition Complex, which is located within easy reach of the M25, Heathrow & Gatwick Airports and has a huge free car park.

Viewing is from 10.00 am. Sales commence 1.30pm Tuesday 29th July.

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