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Barons Sale 3rd August 2004 Sandown Park, Esher

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An air of continental style and glamour will be present at Barons' next Esher sale as featured lots include two early 1960s Alfa Romeo sports cars and this very attractive 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280SE Convertible.

Examples of these cars are favourites with the great and the glamorous (Hugh Grant drove a similar car in 'Bridget Jones'), and in the 1960s were right up there with equivalent Ferraris, Rolls-Royce and Aston Martins. The straight-six engine in this example is a smoother alternative to the top-of-the-range 3.5 litre V8 (and may well be more economical), and the car is believed to have benefited from a great deal of work including a new hood, chrome and repaint. It's estimated at £28,000 - 33,000.

The **1964 Alfa Romeo Giulia SS**, £19,000 - 21,000, is one of those cars that you just know are going to be worth more in years to come. This Indigo Blue coupé is said to have been the 1965 London Motor Show car, supplied to Alfa Romeo GB on the 29th May 1964. The car is also well known among Alfa aficionados and has been campaigned in the Classic Malts and Rallye des Alps by its well-known owner. It's offered complete with FIVA identity card.

Another Alfa is the very pretty LHD **1960 Giulietta Spider**, at £15,000 - 17,000. The car offered here comes complete with an extensive history file which includes a list of previous owners back to the original owners and USA importers (Hoffman Motor Car Co. New York), while letters from Alfa Romeo confirm that this is a matching-numbers car. For those looking for the classic 'Graduate' car there's also a nice, Alfa Red 1969 1600 Spider Duetto for £5,500 - 7,500.

Not only do Barons have the **280SE Mercedes Convertible**, they also have a **1965 220SE**. Finished in Silver metallic with black leather interior this also looks impressive, and at £15,000 - 20,000 represents a considerable saving over the later model.

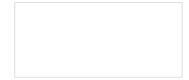
For British classic car enthusiasts there are several Jaguars, and the **XK150 FHC SE**s is worthy of mention. A 1959 car, the Sherwood Green with Beige interior coupe has been the subject of a £117,000 restoration by a well known XK specialist. It's also offered complete with the original radio (converted to FM), original fitted luggage, all bills, photographs, a Heritage Certificate and an old log book that goes back to 1968. The history of the car extends to 3 large files. It's estimated at £18,500 - 21,000.

On the more modern front Barons can be relied upon to provide some fun, quality cars at good prices. Examples? How about the **1995 Porsche 928 GTS S4** for £12,000 - 14,000, or the **1996 Jaguar XJ12 SWB** for £4,500 - 6,000? In Jade Green metallic with Parchment leather interior, it certainly looks good in the photos.



Remember Barons are now able to offer pre-auction viewing on the Monday preceding their sales. This extra viewing period will run from 3pm to 7-30pm on the Monday and will be in addition to the 9am to 1-30pm currently offered on the sale day. Sales commence 1-30pm.

Barons are accepting entries for the August 3rd sale right up to the last minute. To view the latest lotlist, with car details and estimates, in colour in the Classic Driver Car Database please **CLICK HERE**



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