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Bonhams R-R and Bentley Sale - 17th June 2006 - Preview



1956 Bentley S1 Continental Coupé Coachwork by HJ Mulliner
Estimate: £50,000 - 60,000

As is customary, Bonhams will hold an auction at the annual RREC meeting at Kelmarsh Hall, Northants. It's not exclusively a Rolls-Royce Sale, in fact one of the most attractive entries is this 1956 Bentley S1 Continental Coupé, with Coachwork by HJ Mulliner, estimated at £50,000 - 60,000.

With R-Type Continental values moving ever-skywards, there's also been a distinct increase in prices of the 'S' series coupés that replaced the 'R' in 1955. A nicer car many say, with just as elegant lines and greater practicality too. The example shown here had been owned for some 40 years by Colonel, Lord Langford, during which time it had been maintained at Crewe. The Property of a Deceased Estate, the dark green car with paler green leather (nicely patinated from the catalogue photos) looks an attractive buy.

R-Type enthusiasts will be interested in the **1953 Coupé with Coachwork by ED Abbott**, estimated at £45,000 - 50,000. The catalogue description will explain it in fuller detail, but precis-ing frantically it's an elegant coupé built as part of a short series by respected coachbuilders Abbot having many features of the ultra-desirable Mulliner-bodied cars such as shorter radiator shell and matrix, 12/41 rear diff and special 120 mph speedo. There's also a standard **1954 Bentley R-Type Saloon**, £18,000 - 22,000, and it's older brother, the **1948 Bentley MkVI 4½-Litre Saloon** at £15,000 - 20,000.

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£45,000 - 50,000

1974 Bentley T-Series
Saloon
Estimate: £1,000 - 2,000

Of the examples of **Rolls-Royce**, a significant proportion are pre-war cars, such as the **1935 20/25 Limousine**, £25,000 - 30,000, the **1936 Phantom III Limousine**, £34,000 - 38,000, the **1928 40/50hp Phantom I Regent Convertible Coupé**, £65,000 - 85,000, and the **1935 20/25hp Enclosed Limousine Landaulette**, £35,000 - 40,000.

We always like a bargain, and two cars – one from either camp – spring to mind. There's the **1969 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow Coupé** at just £7,000 - 9,000, or why not really take the plunge and bid on the **1974 Bentley T-Series Saloon** for £1,000 - 2,000? , a car that looks reasonable in the catalogue but is described as being 'not roadworthy due to many factors...' Bonhams (the killjoys) then list a litany of mechanical work needed under the rather attractive two-tone grey bodywork.



1969 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow Coupé

Estimate: £7,000 - 9,000

Prior to the motor car sale some 350-odd pieces of automobilia will be auctioned, including **The Motoring Library of the Late Brian Crookall.**

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