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Historics at Brooklands Auction, 2 June 2010 - Preview

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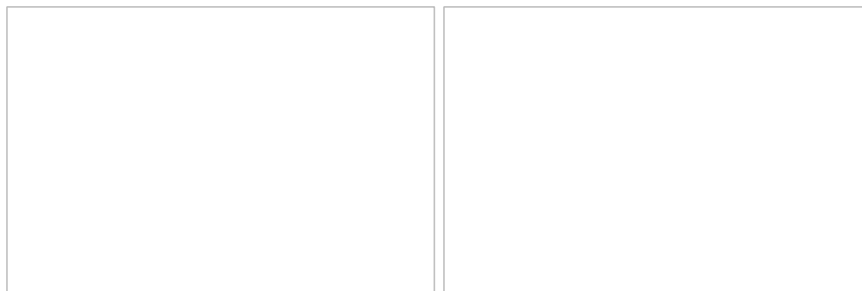
1930 Bentley 4½-litre Supercharged Vanden Plas Open Tourer by Harrisons - £580,000 - 660,000

A new company, Historics at Brooklands, will hold its first-ever sale on June 2. The 64-car entry includes a broad range of classics from Aston Martin, Jaguar, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Mercedes and Ferrari.

Prime real estate in the 'stockbroker belt', the famous Brooklands track is now mainly a complex of modern business parks. Many original buildings exist, however, and under the careful guidance of the **Brooklands Museum Trust** the site is a flourishing one. The new sale is being held in conjunction with the **Trust** and will also be the 'starting gun' for the following weekend's [Brooklands Double Twelve event](#).

Given the location, let's start with a quintessential Brooklands marque: **Bentley**. Seven cars are catalogued and the **1930 Bentley 4½-litre Supercharged Vanden Plas Open Tourer by Harrisons** (£580,000 - 660,000) stands out. A veteran of the **Japanese Mille Miglia** and the **Le Mans Classic Japan**, the pugnacious lines of a 'blower' are recognisable worldwide.

Another interesting **Bentley** is the **1935 3½-litre Saloon by Freestone & Webb**. For £75,000 - £90,000 you not only get a well-proportioned, Derby-built sporting saloon, you also become the owner of the illustrious **Freestone & Webb** name. You get 'more than you bargained for' in the very best sense of the expression.



1968 Ford Escort AVO Rally - £40,000 - 50,000

**1989 Aston Martin V8 Zagato Volante -
£50,000 - 60,000**

More modern, Crewe-built cars include the in-vogue **1999 Continental R Mulliner** (£38,000 - 46,000) and a stylish Caribbean Blue **1973 TI** for a reasonable £7000 - 10,000.

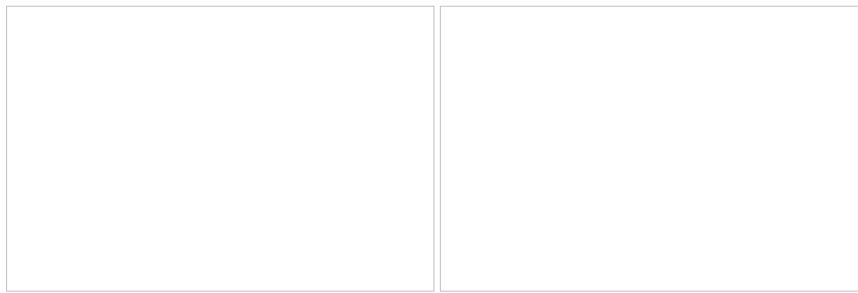
The **Rolls-Royce** marque is represented by four cars (two pre-, two post-War) and if the **T1** escapes you there's always the equally stylish, black/tan **1973 Shadow I Series 1** (£6000 - 10,000). Gold, or white? At Brooklands? No thank you.

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1972 Ferrari 'Dino' 246 GTS - £55,000 - 70,000

Moving away from British thoroughbreds (we'll return to **Aston Martin** and **Jaguar** later), the sale includes four **Ferraris** (such as the **1972 Dino 246 GTS** for £55,000 - 70,000) and a couple of **Porsches**. The **1963 356 B 1600S Cabriolet** would make summer motoring a pleasure for £50,000 - 60,000, while we've always had a hankering for an early, 'rubber-bumper' 911; how about the **1976 3-litre Carrera**, a 'light restoration project' for £7000 - 10,000?

Swiftly retracting my remark about gold-painted cars, I think the left-hand-drive **1970 Mercedes-Benz 300SEL 6.3** can carry the 1970s colour scheme off. £18,000 - 25,000 is the estimate for the German road-burner, originally registered in Italy. There's also a black/red leather, RHD **1959 190 SL** for £25,000 - 32,000 and a **2005 CLK DTM** (£165,000 - 205,000) among the eight **Mercedes** in the sale.



1964 MGB Ex-Works Competition Roadster - £90,000 - 130,000

1976 Porsche 911 3-Litre Carrera - £7000 - 10,000

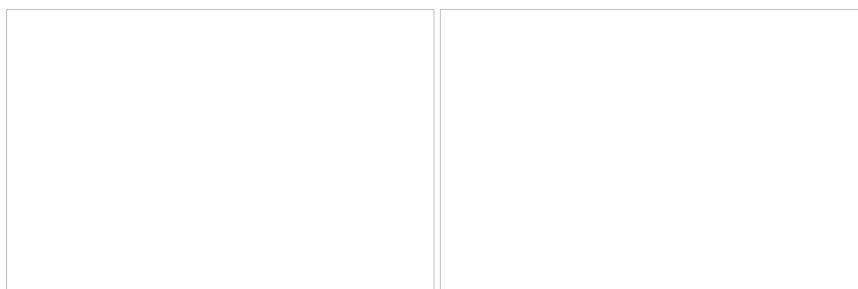


1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 Mk1 3-litre Saloon - £65,000 - 85,000

1954 Jaguar XK120 Drophead Coupé - £50,000 - 60,000

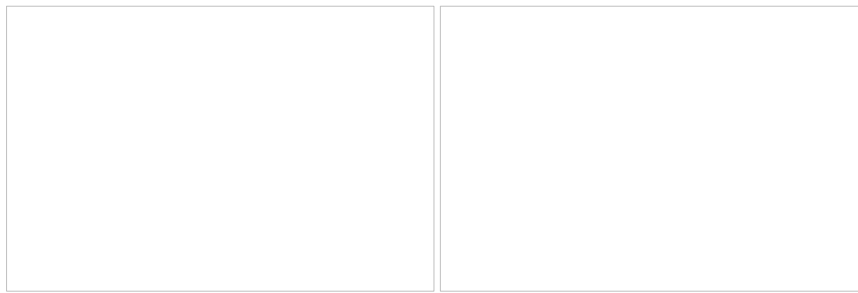
On the ‘fun’ front, the rally-prepared **1965 Renault 8 Gordini** (£18,000 - 25,000) makes a nice alternative to a **Cooper S** while, also from a competition angle, the catalogue includes ‘**BRX 854B**’, the **ex-Works 1964 MGB**. A veteran of the **1964 Spa-Sofia-Liège** and **1965 RAC** rallies in factory ownership, the car competed at the last **Le Mans Classic** (2008) and would make a fine **Goodwood Revival/Tour Auto** entry at £90,000 - 130,000.

Looking at the five **Aston Martins** entered, headlining **1955 DB2/4 Mark 1 Drophead Coupé** (£110,000 - 130,000) apart, the **1989 V8 Zagato Volante**, for £50,000 - 60,000, represents a lot of bespoke car for the money. And, by the way, this very car was advertised in 1989 - with just 500 miles on the clock - in the *Sunday Times* motoring section for £500,000. Although there's no record of it having sold at this price.



1981 Aston Martin V8 Vantage - £25,000 - 35,000

1973 Bentley TI - £7000 - 10,000



1973 BMW 3.0 CSL - £8000 - 15,000

1969 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL 'Pagoda' LHD -
£30,000 - 35,000

The **Jaguar** boxes are well and truly ticked with examples of **XK**, **E-type** (straight-six and V12), **Mk 2** and even an **XJ220** in the catalogue. Compared with **Astons**, early **E-types** look increasingly good value. Their prices have certainly risen, but the immaculate Carmen Red/ Black leather **1962 SI 3.8 Roadster**, at £70,000 - 80,000, is at least £250k shy of an equivalent **DB6 Volante**.

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1962 Jaguar E-Type SI 3.8 Series 1 Roadster - £70,000 - 80,000

Finishing off with an affordable, 'Classic Driver' car, take a look at the **1973 BMW 3.0 CSL**. Yes, it will need further re-commissioning but, at £8000 - 15,000, you could be the owner of what was a near-equivalent to the **Carrera RS** at the time, both on the track and in the showroom.

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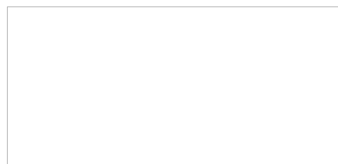
1935 Bentley 3½-litre Saloon by Freestone & Webb - £75,000 - £90,000

Prior to the motor cars, **Historics at Brooklands** will sell a selection of automobilia including a set of **five 7x14 Campagnola alloy wheels suitable for Ferrari 275 GTB/275 GTS/330 GTC/365 GTC** (complete with **Michelin XWXs**) estimated at £2200 - 3300 and a collection of **Gamy-Montaut hand-coloured pochoir lithographs**.

The **Wednesday, June 2 sale** will be held at the **Brooklands Museum**, Weybridge. Sale times: **Automobilia** 17:00; **Cars** 19:00. **Viewings**: 31 May - 2 June, 10:00 - 18:00. Admission by catalogue (£20) only, admits two. The auction will be located in a marquee on the lawn behind the **Campbell sheds**. Entrance is via **Mercedes-Benz World**, where parking is available.

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