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Coys at Ascot, 14 May 2011: Preview

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1967 Iso Grifo - Ex-Mike Hailwood and Beatles 'Magical Mystery Tour': £140,000 - 170,000

A dazzling entry - in its original shade of *Giallo Limone* - heads Coys' forthcoming Ascot sale. It's a 1967 Iso Grifo, once owned by the charismatic British motorcycle and car racer Mike Hailwood.

And not only that, the car had already made an appearance in the Beatles film 'Magical Mystery Tour', and has been restored by its current German owner to what Coys describe as "arguably one of the finest Grifos in existence". Estimate: £140,000 - 170,000.

Elsewhere in the 60-car catalogue, the Richmond-based auctioneer has assembled a quality catalogue with a particular emphasis on entries from the classic British marques; Austin-Healey, MG, Jaguar, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Lagonda and Aston Martin.

And Frazer Nash, with the ex-Briggs Cunningham, 1953 Sebring 12 Hours entry, 1952 Targa Florio, estimated at £250,000 - 300,000. With this car, a collector wishing to participate in events just about anywhere in the world has an 'off the shelf' entry.

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1933 MG K3 Mille Miglia Works Spec by Peter Gregory: 'Refer Dept'

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1971 Mercedes-Benz 280 SE 3.5 Cabriolet RHD, one of 68: £110,000 - 130,000

Early Austin-Healeys have increased in value recently. The four-cylinder 100s, in particular, have excellent in-period racing credentials and produce enjoyable, lusty performance. Two, 'M' specification 100/4s are to be offered on 14 May, the 1955 car estimated at £50,000 - 60,000 and the 1956 version at £40,000 - 50,000. There's also a 1958 100/6 BN6 Two Seater for £16,000 - 19,000 and a £27,000 - 30,000, 1960 3000 MK 1 BT7.

From Jaguar come 10 entries (including a D-type replica by Realm Engineering for £17,000 - 25,000) and the top-seller must be the matching numbers, 1962 E-type 3.8 Litre Series 1 Roadster (£70,000 - 80,000). This car, finished in the classic bright red with black leather, has covered only 3000 miles since a restoration and engine rebuild in 2000.

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1934 Lagonda 16/80 Factory T7 Open Tourer: £45,000 - 50,000

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1934 Hotchkiss 617 Cabriolet BLN 194: £8000 - 12,000

We always have a soft spot for XK120 FHCs and the Opalescent Blue 1953 example, for £45,000 - 50,000, does look rather good.

On the Aston front, the catalogue includes two very reasonably estimated Virage coupés (a 1991 for £12,000 - 15,000 and a 1990, the very first chassis delivered, for £15,000 - 20,000) and a silver, 1986 V8 Volante at £60,000 - 70,000.

Other British cars of note include the 1950 Bristol 401 (£28,000 - 35,000), the 1933 MG K3 Mille Miglia Works Spec recreation by Peter Gregory ('Refer Dept') and the quirky, very 'of the day' 1951 Healey Abbott Drophead Coupé restoration project for £7000 - 10,000.

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1952 Frazer Nash Targa Florio - Ex-Briggs Cunningham, 1953 Sebring: £250,000 - 300,000

Looking beyond these shores, the 1972 Ferrari Dino 246 GT (£85,000 - 100,000) is a rarity painted, as it is, in Rosso Dino, a distinctive 'orangey' red. The original (non-modified, note) LHD 1995 Porsche 993 RS Clubsport (£75,000 - 85,000) will attract interest worldwide, and the super-rare in RHD (just 68) 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280 SE 3.5 Cabriolet, at £110,000 - 130,000, is finished in THE colour - light blue metallic.

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1953 Jaguar XK120 Fixed Head Coupé: £45,000 - 50,000

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1957 Mercedes-Benz 220S Cabriolet: £55,000 - 60,000

There's also a 1964 Mercedes-Benz 220 SEB Coupé (£15,000 - 20,000) which could provide well-engineered, economical fun transport and a competition-prepped 1972 Lancia Fulvia Sport Zagato for £11,000 - 13,000. Another semi-race entry is the 1964 Mini Cooper S Mk I £20,000 - 24,000, a road car but carrying the grille-mounted spots and leather bonnet straps of the works rally cars.

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1986 Aston Martin V8 Volante: £60,000 - 70,000

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