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Bonhams at the Goodwood Revival, 17 September 2010 - Preview

Ex-Jim Clark, Trevor Taylor, Dan Gurney, Sir John Whitmore, 1963 Ford Lotus Cortina - £110,000 - 130,000

Bidders at the Bonhams Revival sale like to be presented with cars eminently suited to the South Downs circuit. In addition to the catalogue-topping 1953 Jaguar C-type, there's a superb exworks Lotus Cortina, '166 RUR', a car driven by many 'greats' including Jim Clark and Dan Gurney.

To **Gurney** and **Clark's** names you can add that of **'Gentleman' Jack Sears**, **Trevor Taylor** and **Sir John Whitmore**. As an enduring image, a three-wheeling **Lotus Cortina** of the 1960s is right up there with **SWBs** on the **Tour de France** and **GT40s** at **Le Mans**. This particular car has been prepared at quite considerable (all documented in the catalogue description) expense and looks very much 'ready to run' in next year's **Revival** meeting. Estimate: £110,000 - 130,000.

The **Jaguar C-type's** estimate (£800,000 - 1,000,000) reflects the fact that this particular car has many – but not all – original components, and is lacking a period-specification **C-type** straight-six. The reason for this was a serious accident on the **1953 Mille Miglia** which led to the car remaining unrestored in France until the early 1980s – by which time many parts had been stripped and sold on.

That said, the car has an **FIA Fiche d'Identité** and as described in the catalogue is "within its class, a potentially highly-competitive Historic sports-racing car of uncontested lineage and with now well-understood, well-established and substantiated continuous history."



1966 Lola T70 Mk2 Spyder - £290,000 - 340,000

1953 Jaguar C-type, Chassis no. XKC 016 -£800,000 - 1,000,000

Other enticing historic racing entries include the **1954 Le Mans 24 Hours**, **1954 Kieft 1500** (£130,000 - 180,000), the **ex-works** (**Seigle-Morris**, **Mäkinen**, **Hopkirk**, **Morley twins**) **1962 Austin-Healey 3000 MkII Rally Car '67 ARX'** for £70,000 - 100,000, and the **1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Competition Coupé** – a tow-car-busting barrel of fun for £30,000 - 35,000.

Away from the track, the sale includes many entries of interest to the **Classic Driver** reader. The **Aston Martin** marque is represented by seven cars, including a very early **(1959) DB4** for £140,000 - 180,000, a 'barn find' **1952 DB2 Saloon** (£60,000 - 70,000) and a 'wedge', the **1979 Lagonda Series 2**, reasonably priced at £15,000 - 20,000.



1952 Aston Martin DB2 Saloon - £60,000 -

1972 Ferrari 365GTB/4 'Daytona' - £165,000 - 185.000

On the Jaguar front, we like the Old English White/red leather 1953 Jaguar XK120 Roadster, originally

LHD and green/green so estimated accordingly at £45,000 - 55,000. There's also a Primrose/black leather **1965 E-type S1 4.2-Litre Roadster** for £50,000 - 60,000.

Moving back in time, the catalogue lists a racy **1931 Lagonda 2-litre Supercharged Low Chassis** (£100,000 - 120,000), a **1930 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GT 4th/5th Series Tourer** (£100,000 - 130,000) and an ex-Le Mans finisher (6th overall in 1934), the **1934 Riley Works Team Ulster Imp**. The latter is estimated at £300,000 - 400,000: a cracking pre-War British sports car.



As far as Italian entries go, the *Blu Sera*/blue leather **1972 Ferrari 365GTB/4 'Daytona'** would look nice in my garage for £165,000 - 185,000, and who can resist an **Alfa Romeo** of the immediate post-War period? The **1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Super Sport Cabriolet** is estimated at £170,000 - 200,000 and surely represents a chance to buy one of these hugely elegant cars before prices rise inexorably.

Finally, we like to pick a couple of entries that catch the 'spirit of the Revival'. This year, I propose the **1937** Ford **V8 Model 78 Deluxe 'Woodie' Station Wagon** (£50,000 - 70,000 - just the machine for taking the boys to a pub post-ops in 1940) or the Peter Sellers-era, **1965 Ferrari 330GT 2+2** for £40,000 - 45,000 - just don't let **Inspector 'Nosey' Parker** catch you in it when recce-ing a job.

Prior to the motor cars, Bonhams will sell over 200 items of **automobilia** and children's cars including a **2/3** scale recreation of a **1955 'long-nose' D-type Jaguar** estimated at £10,000 - 12,000.

The **2010 Bonhams Revival** auction will take place at **Goodwood Circuit** on Friday, 17 September. Automobilia will start at 14:30 with motor cars commencing at 17:00.

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