

# June 23<sup>rd</sup> Sale Sets New Auction Record For A Triumph Tr6



Around 1,000 people turned up at Brightwells of Leominster to see over 100 classic cars come under the auctioneer's hammer on a baking hot June afternoon that also saw England playing Slovenia in their ill-fated attempt at World Cup glory. Despite the clash of fixtures, sportscars proved more of a draw than sportsmen and an impressive 73% of vehicles had found new owners by the end of the day.

"It was unfortunate that the auction turned out to be on the same day as the England game and we definitely had a slightly smaller crowd than usual, but the people who did come were serious bidders and the clash of events does not appear to have affected the outcome of the sale," said Brightwells' classic car expert, James Dennison. "We sold 83 out of 114 vehicles entered and achieved some exceptional prices along the way. As we find in every sale, there is still plenty of demand out there for top quality cars and people are prepared to pay strong money for excellent examples."

A case in point was the price achieved for a beautifully restored 1969 Triumph TR6 which made £18,900 – way above its pre-sale estimate and a new auction record for the model by a considerable margin. Top price of the day went to a lovely 1973 Ferrari Dino 246GT which made £77,000 despite having a relatively high mileage of 91,000. This was closely followed by an outstanding 1954 Jaguar XK120 Roadster which made a very strong £69,300 – proving that there is no slowing in the steady price rise that the XK range has been enjoying in recent years.

A pair of desirable pre-war tourers also attracted much interest, a well-sorted 1933 Alvis Firefly Tourer eventually going for £30,250 while a nicely restored 1949 Allard L-Type Tourer also did well to realize £29,900, both comfortably exceeding their pre-sale estimates. The widely publicized 1962 Rover Talago P6 Prototype also performed extremely well, more than doubling its estimate to finish on £20,350.

European interest was notably down compared to previous sales, perhaps reflecting the turmoil currently affecting the Euro-zone with the financial problems in Greece, Spain and elsewhere. Nevertheless over half-a-dozen cars did head off to the Continent including a very rare 1983 De Tomaso Longchamps GTS Spider at £26,600 a 1995 Lancia Delta Integrale Evo 2 at £16,700 and a 1937 Austin Seven Cambridge Special at £10,550. There was also much foreign interest in the 1934 British Salmson S4C Sports but it finally fell to a private UK buyer for an estimate-busting £14,950.

Bargains were hard to spot but the 1978 Ferrari Dino 308 GT4 with a poor paint job but just 29,000 miles on the clock looked a good buy at £11,100 as did the year 2000 Maserati 3200GT at £9,450 and the 1956 Mercedes 190SL Roadster at £21,750 – the latter somewhat scruffy inside but otherwise very sound and usable.

"Overall we were delighted with the results which show that the classic car market is still performing strongly compared with other areas of the economy," said James Dennison. "Having a nice car in the garage is clearly still seen as a more enjoyable prospect than having money mouldering in a bank account and values appear to be holding up well."

**Brightwells' next sale is on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and entries are now being accepted.**

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