



# THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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### *From the Library:*

Bulletins 1951 Vol. 10-01 to 10-03 are uploaded in the News/Bulletin/1950-59 section which you can find [here](#).

### *YouTube*



[Bluebird](#)



[1927 World Land Speed Record](#)

Please click the link not the thumbnail

# Sponsor News

## Bonhams

30 May 2020

Live & Online Motoring Auction

Of special interest to Club members, and offered at NO RESERVE, is a fine selection including a 1934 Talbot AV105 Three Position Drophead Coupé (estimate £70,000 – 90,000), a 1935 Bentley 3 ½ Litre Pillarless Coupé (estimate £50,000 – 70,000) and a 1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom I (estimate £30,000 – 40,000).



The aforementioned Talbot is one of just two 105s produced on the long wheelbase chassis and is described by its vendor as being in 'very good condition' having had a full restoration some years ago.

The paint has a good charm, but does have some imperfection, while the hood is reported to be very good and the interior, featuring pale brown hide, is described as being beautifully finished. The engine is reported to have been re-built when the restoration was carried out and it is said to start readily and pull strongly. Ideal for long distance touring events this 105 is offered with a good history file.

For the enthusiastic competitor, a 1927 Frazer Nash Bolougne Super Sport (estimate £140,000 – 180,000) with in-period competition history to boot including the 1929 Tourist Trophy also features in Saturday's auction. Described by the vendor as being in 'top condition', with a 'marvelous patina'. More recent competition history and expenditure over the years make this is an important part of 'Nash history and should delight any lover of 'true' British sporting cars.

The full catalogue can be viewed online: [www.bonhams.com/26113](http://www.bonhams.com/26113)

Limited, by appointment only, viewings can be made by contacting Bonhams directly:

Tel: 01869 229477

Email: [mph@bonhams.com](mailto:mph@bonhams.com)

Scheduled live interactive video condition reports are also available upon request by visiting: <https://bonhamspreview.delegatelive.com/auctions/26113/>



## Club news

### Facebook Live 'Pub' Quiz

We will be hosting another on Friday 29th May, compered by the man whose idea it was originally, Matt Shepherd. You can send suggested questions to [tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk) or direct to Matt.

Visit our [Facebook page here](#)

The answers to 'Lurking in Ferg's workshop' from 14th May are - from top left:

- Fuel pipe bender
- Rubber insulation sleeve expander
- Hyatt bearing
- Clamp for setting chisel at the correct angle for sharpening on an oil stone

More photos will appear in our Monthly Newsletter with answers posted here shortly after.



The VSCC Messaging Service is now live and helping to keep club members in touch with each other, by sending messages through the web site.

This service allows you to search for members by name or by location. However, a search by county will only find those members who have chosen to display their location.

Please do log in and check [your details](#) are correct and up to date.



## Club news



Currently Motorsport UK have suspended all permits until 30th June but have very recently released guidance on how to get motorsport restarted. There are many and varied opinions among the members who have been in contact. Your committee have discussed this at length and the headlines from the recent President's message are below:

- *Both Prescott meetings will be cancelled as competitive events.*
- *Track days will replace both, on their original dates.*
- *Mallory Park subject to expressions of interest from competitors, other formats will be considered if insufficient entries expected.*
- *Loton Park to run as normal, subject to government, owners and MSUK guidelines.*
- *Shelsley and Castle Combe to be the subject of decisions by their respective organisers.*
- *Welsh Trial cancelled.*

Please find below a expression of interest forms for those of you that would like to enter a track day at Prescott and to gauge interest in a race meeting at Mallory:

[Prescott Track Days](#)

[Mallory Park](#)

In breaking news today, the Midland Automobile Club have announced their first event will be 25 and 26 July with details of the rescheduled dates to be announced later.

### LOUIS LATOUR

Club sponsors Louis Latour have invited the Club to join them on their stand at the rescheduled Game Fair at Ragley Hall on 18-20 September. They are asking us to provide four cars each day and the plan is that there will be two tickets for each car, and maybe another couple for helpers manning the stand. It is not finalised but we have suggested that we would probably prefer to have different cars each day.

We would need the cars there at 8.00am and not leaving before about 6.00pm (7.30pm on Friday). You can find more details at [www.thegamefair.org](http://www.thegamefair.org)

If you fancy getting in with the huntin', shootin' and fishin' set but without committing yourselves at this stage, please let Ian Ferguson ([ian.ferguson@vscc.co.uk](mailto:ian.ferguson@vscc.co.uk)) know which day(s) you think you can attend, and we'll start a list.



## Table top rallies

Perfect for keeping the grey matter ticking over, your Rally Sub-committee is offering a series of table top rallies. If you have a young (or old) potential navigator in your family, this is a really good way of getting some experience from the comfort of home. There are no scores or prizes, but the correct route for each will be published so you can check how you did.

The second rally is a return to the area used in Kentish rallies of the 1990s organised by Annabel Jones. The latest rally is [here](#).

The team would love to hear from you with any feedback so we can pitch these correctly, find out how many of you are doing them and answer questions. Please use the forum to comment or ask a question or you can send an email to [annabel@vscc.co.uk](mailto:annabel@vscc.co.uk) (Annabel Jones, the chair of the Sub-committee).

## VSCC Bulletin PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We need your photographs: those selected by you, but most importantly, these must only be those taken by you when you were in charge of your camera.

Tell us what we are looking at  
Tell us your name and where you took the picture  
Tell us anything that helps us understand what we are looking at

We want you to send about three or four pictures taken in the last five years or so, but with the selected theme of cars indoors – in a garage – in a workshop – in store – in a showroom but with the interest in the details that go with maintenance, development, fettling, repair and rebuilds, etc.

Entries to [bulletin.photocomp@vscc.co.uk](mailto:bulletin.photocomp@vscc.co.uk)

## Classified Adverts

Despite our best efforts to keep business as usual, there have been a few adverts that were missed from our monthly newsletters. These are still all on our site [here](#) but a selection are also republished below:

### **1929 Riley 9 MKIV Tourer Special**

A nice comfortable car to drive, the engine starts easily and runs with a good oil pressure, the 4 speed manual gearbox is very smooth to operate. The sliding driver's seat can accommodate very long legs and the hood is easy and quick to erect. Originally a Saloon it was converted to a Tourer over 68 years ago. MOT to 17th October 2020. Offers considered around £17,650.

Peter Gibson Phone: 0115 931 4362 Email: gibson838@btinternet.com

### **1933 Alvis Firefly 4 seat tourer**

Having owned this car for 57 years it is time for a younger owner . Totally rebuilt in 1993 with a Cross and Ellis replica body in aluminium it has covered less than 19000 miles since. A 1500 cc 4 cylinder engine, oil pressure at 50 is 40 psi . Totally reliable pre selector box is fitted . Paintwork is mostly excellent , chrome as new .5 deep treaded tyres , stainless steel exhaust fitted. Hood, cover and tonneau still virtually perfect.. Buff Log book with some history. ORIGINAL engine and all the spares you'll ever need except a chassis are included in the asking price of £ 35000

Hamish Grant Phone: 01460234034 Email: hgrant43@btinternet.com

### **Lagonda**

New cylinder blocks M45, LG in stock, immediate dispatch.

Geoff Harris Phone: 01189344140 Email: geoff@geoff\_harris.co.uk

### **Austin 7 starter kit**

SHORTENED CHASSIS.

2 post vintage engines.

3 speed box.

2 front axles one with stub axles fitted.

2 front and 2 rear springs.

CWP plus shafts.

Banjo and torque tube.

Back plates.

4wheels for rebuild no tyres.

Rad shell.

2 R47 shells.

Possible buff log book. £950

Alastair Hunt Phone: 07768 352966 Email: ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

From the STD Register :  
1000HP Fund

Those of you who take *The Automobile* may have already read the article about the fundraising efforts being made. Please see the fundraising appeal below.

Objective.

To help raise funds in order that the restoration of the engines from the 1000HP Sunbeam land speed record breaking car can be completed so that the car can run under its own power.

The fund will raise money for a specific item and once that target has been achieved a decision will be made on whether or not the fund continues. If it continues a new item will be nominated and the fund will try and achieve that target and so on.

Target number 1.

Raise £6000 to enable the National Motor Museum to have the dismantling of engine number 2 and the reconstruction of engine number 1 filmed so that there is a documented record of how these engines are assembled. The target date for handing over the money to the NMM will be June 23rd 2020 at the STD National event.

Background.

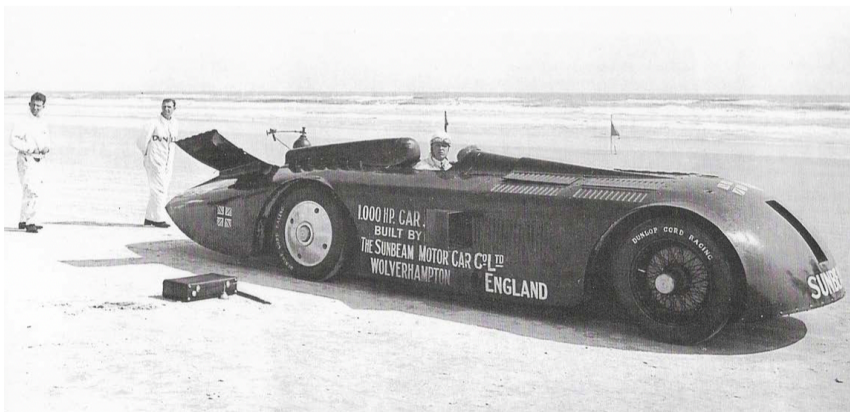
The car was the first car to exceed 200mph when Sir Henry Segrave broke the land speed record at Daytona Beach in Florida on March 26th 1927 achieving an average speed of 203.792 mph. The car has two Sunbeam 22.5 litre V12 Sunbeam Matabele aero engines rated at 450HP at 2000rpm. The engines were positioned in line, with the driver sitting between the two. The engines are referred to as the rear and front engines.

The National Motor Museum have had the car in their collection since 1958 and endeavour to ensure all of the engines in their care are turned over and kept in the best possible condition. Part of this process is to survey the mechanical well-being of vehicles they know are not capable of running. The 1000HP Sunbeam is one such vehicle.

In 2016 Doug Hill the Museum's Chief Engineer embarked on a project to restore these two engines with the aim of getting the car to move under its own power once again, which can be achieved with just one of the engines working.

The STD Register already has a history of assisting the NMM with the sourcing of spare parts for the restoration of the 350HP Sunbeam and by holding an event at Beaulieu to raise funds to help towards the cars restoration costs. As THE club for pre war Sunbeams it is very much in the Register's interests to see this wonderful car driven again under its own power.

Therefore I would ask that STD members and others rise to this challenge and make a donation to the STD 1000HP fund.



Donations can be made by cheque or bank transfer:

Please send your cheques made payable to the STD Register to: Dudley Smith, The Ridge, 15E Copse Hill, Wimbledon, London, SW20 0NB marked 1000HP fund.

By bank Transfer: STD Register.  
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