

One Family Known Since New

A Jaguar XK120, which has been known to a Devon family since purchased new in 1953 is one of the start lots in the Charterhouse classic car auction on Sunday 12th February.

“Rarely do Jaguar XK120’s come up for auction, let alone a car which has been looked after by the same family for nearly 64 years,” commented Matthew Whitney. “And as a family car, the current custodian has known it literally all his life as he was collected from hospital in this iconic British sports car as a new born baby in 1961!”

The Jaguar XK120 roadster, finished in suede green, was sold new in 1953 by a garage in Buckfastleigh, Devon. It was here that the owner’s father, who worked at the garage as a mechanic, first set eyes on the car and fell in love with it. He continued to work on the car even after it was purchased by its second owner in 1956 as it was continually serviced at his garage. In 1959 the second owner decided it was time for a change took it back to the same garage which is when the father managed to buy the car.



1953 Jaguar XK120, one family known since new.



A keen racing driver, the proud owner took the car to compete on numerous race circuits and hill climbs. In 1966 he changed the engine from its original 3.4 litre to a 3.8 litre competition engine with a lightened fly wheel, a ported head and wide sump amongst other sporting modifications. This change transformed the car and it won a fastest hill climb of the day at the Wiscombe Hill Climb in the same year.

In the 1970's the XK120 was exhibited The Totnes Motor Museum. Finished in its original colour of suede green, which it was repainted in during the 1990's, it retains

its original matching green leather interior, it is now looking for a new family to take over its ownership and is estimated to sell for £60,000 - £65,000.

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for this specialist auction of classic and vintage cars being held in conjunction with The Great Western Classic Car Show at The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. They are also taking late entries for their auction of classic and vintage motorcycles on Sunday 5th February.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact **Matthew Whitney** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email items for valuation at **info@charterhouse-auction.com**