



TEMPTATIONS

Russ Smith scours the auction catalogues and adverts in search of the stand-out cars on offer



▲ 1977 VAUXHALL FIRENZA MAGNUM 2300 COUPÉ

For sale at Bonhams, March 20, bonhams.com/cars

Why buy it? This is the very car in which Gerry Marshall and Peter Brock took second place at the Spa 24 Hours in 1977. More recently it has been properly restored - and driven for a *Classic Cars* feature in the December 2007 issue. **Price estimate** £80,000-£120,000



◆ 1935 RILEY 9HP MERLIN

For sale at DVCA, March 3, dvca.co.uk

Why buy it? A nicely mellowed car but with re-upholstered front seats adding comfort, and not many miles covered since the engine was rebuilt. The rest of the running gear was overhauled by a marque specialist. **Price estimate** £9500-£11,500



▲ 1968 MGC GT

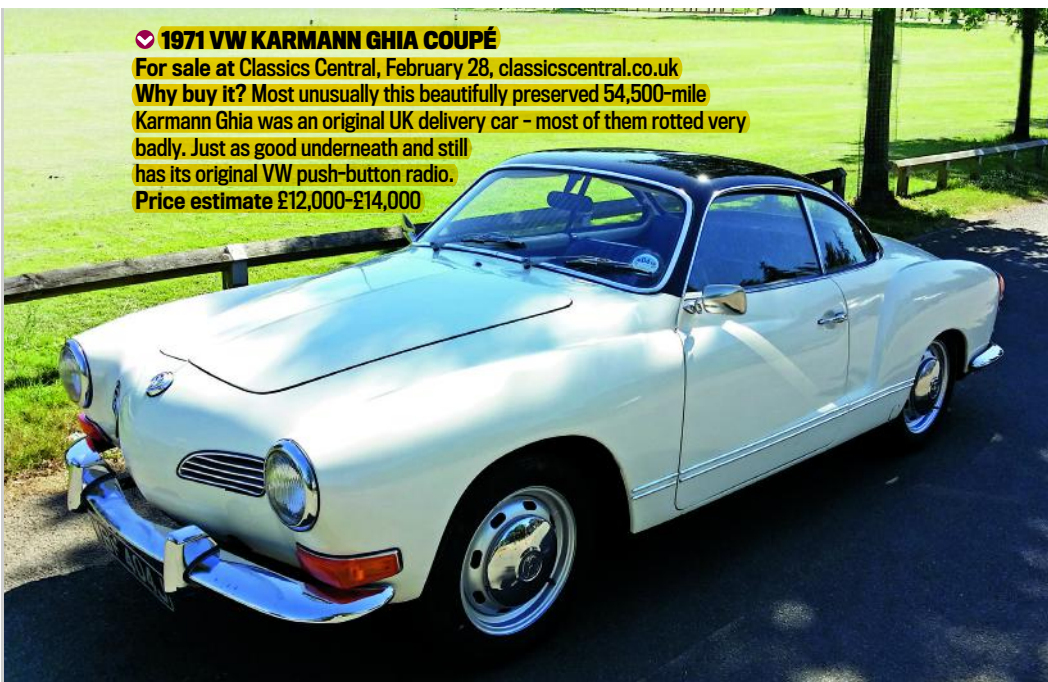
For sale at Clayton Classics, Coventry, claytonclassics.co.uk

Why buy it? Said to be superb both bodily and mechanically, it has been cared for long-term by one owner and has comprehensive history dating back 30 years. Expensive Dunlop knock-on alloys are a nice bonus. **Asking price** £18,995

♥ 1971 VW KARMANN GHIA COUPÉ

For sale at Classics Central, February 28, classicscentral.co.uk

Why buy it? Most unusually this beautifully preserved 54,500-mile Karmann Ghia was an original UK delivery car - most of them rotted very badly. Just as good underneath and still has its original VW push-button radio. **Price estimate** £12,000-£14,000



◆ 1958 BMW 600

For sale at Historics at Brooklands, March 12, historics.co.uk

Why buy it? A real rarity, this 'Isetta limousine' - it has the same front end as the bubble car - is described as being in very good order and was driven to the UK from Sweden by the current owner. **Price estimate** £18,000-£24,000