



## Chateau Impney (161)

Wed, 7th Dec 2016, Chateau Impney

### Lot 39

**Estimate:** £34000 - £38000 + Fees

**1973 Jaguar E-Type V12 Coupe**

**Registration No:** UEC413M

**Chassis No:** 1S51878BW

**Mot Expiry:** May 2017

- In long term storage prior to current ownership

- Over £13,000 spent since 2008 on engine, cooling system, etc.

- Regularly used on the London to Brighton Run

'The turbine-like smoothness with which the engine provides a sustained shove in the back is almost uncanny, the more so when one accelerates hard in top gear without even a gearchange to interrupt one's headlong dash into the distance' - Autocar, July 5, 1973

By 1971, Jaguar's jaw-dropping E-Type had been in production for a decade. Despite continual improvements, new emissions legislation in the all-important American market threatened to strangle the big cat's performance. Jaguar responded by giving its revered sports car fresh claws in the shape of a 5343cc V12 developed from the stillborn XJ13 Le Mans project. The new engine was both effortlessly powerful and eerily refined. With some 272bhp and 304 lb ft of torque on tap, the Series III version once again had 150mph in its sights. A revised wheelbase yielded better cabin space which, together with wider tracks front and rear, new anti-dive front suspension and fatter tyres, gave improved road holding. Imbued with a more muscular stance thanks to its flared wheelarches, re-profiled wings and larger grille, it also benefited from vented disc brakes and a restyled interior.

The vendor believes this sparkling Coupe languished in lengthy storage before his purchase in 2007 and its history is limited to the log book and MOT of the time. Since then he has lavished over £13,000 on the Jaguar, mainly to the benefit of its V12 engine and cooling system. He currently considers the 2+2 bodywork, paintwork, Biscuit-coloured leather interior trim, 5.3-litre engine and automatic transmission as all being in 'excellent' order. It has regularly completed the London to Brighton classic run, but his children have now outgrown the rear seats, so it's time to find a new keeper for the E-Type, that currently displays an unwarranted 89,238 miles. 'UEC 413M' is MOT'd to May 5 2017.