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1930 BENTLEY 4.5L MULLINER WEYMANN SALOON

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- One of just three surviving 4½ Litre four-door Weymann saloons by H.J. Mulliner, and one of 56 total produced
- A remarkable survivor, with original saloon body, characterful original owner-driver interior and all matching numbers save for the uprated Speed Six rear differential.
- Unrestored until comprehensive conservation and restoration in current ownership by W.T. Huckle, with reverential attention to detail
- Chassis PB3526 first delivered to Neil J.W.H. Murray-Usher, of Kirkcudbrightshire Scotland
- Offered in exceptional order, accompanied by a report by Bentley expert Dr Clare Hay

Exceptionally rare, we are honoured to offer one of the very few vintage Bentleys surviving with original saloon coachwork and interior. Described as “a remarkable survivor” by Bentley expert Dr Clare Hay, chassis PB3526 is one of just three remaining 4½ Litre four-door Weymann saloons by H.J. Mulliner, and one of 56 total produced.

Incredibly, this 4½ Litre saloon survived totally unrestored until the mid 2010s, in remarkably original condition with all its original trim and fabric – a reference car consulted by Clare Hay as far and away the most original Mulliner body, correct in virtually every detail. Increasingly distressed and requiring attention, the current owner made a loving and sensible decision to restore her, resulting in her glorious condition today.

The restoration by W.T. Huckle was completed showing a deep sense of responsibility to this important Bentley and nearly archaeological attention to detail. This included a comprehensive mechanical rebuild, painstaking preservation and reconstruction of the Weymann patent saloon body, and conservation of the original leather interior. No one with an appreciation of the restorer’s art could fail to be moved by the photos of these works.

Chassis PB3526 is a late 4½ carrying engine number KL3600 (a light crank engine with Elektron crankcase, sump and camchest), and a standard “C” type gearbox. She was bodied as a four-door four-light owner-driver saloon by H.J. Mulliner using Weymann construction – a type of lightweight body with patent-jointed wood frame covered in Rexine fabric. Survival of this coachwork is exceedingly uncommon and makes this example very special.

Registered SW3416, this Bentley 4½ was originally delivered to Neil J.W.H. Murray-Usher, of Kirkcudbrightshire Scotland. Educated at Eton and Oxford, he was a Justice of the Peace and a Lieutenant in the 7th Battalion, King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Likely laid up during the war, later owners included S.B. Sellick, Willie Dale, Tom Ryland and George Klepp.

Offered in top order and virtually unchanged since new, this important 4½ saloon will reward a new owner with a reference quality Bentley, ready for another ninety years of motoring.

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