

Bentley 8 Litre

In my children's early schooldays we knew a family with children of a similar age and a Bentley 8 Litre limousine. This kind of car was still affordable, if you did not mind 8 mpg. The back was big enough for a card table for the children's colouring books, crayons and toys, so they and the dogs would be locked in the back, while the parents travelled in the relative calm of the compartment that, in the car's heyday, would have been occupied by the chauffeur and a footman. They called it Ozymandias. Next to it my Daimler Dauphin was tiny.

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