

JAN 2007

ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to everyone,

I hope all members had a very enjoyable Festive Season. I do not make any resolutions, as they only last a few days.

Last month, Helen and myself were not able to attend. However, my spies tell me that it was a good turnout and the mince pies went down a treat. Thanks to Jimmy for showing his short video on our trip to Finchingfield.

We are now holding our club nights on the first Tuesday of every month. I hope this will encourage some of our members back into the fold. The calendar of events is still to be confirmed. We have two events pending in January, which is a Sunday lunch at "The Eagle" (Geoff's local) at Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, on the 14th January, meet @ 2:30pm. This is to be confirmed. Also, a trip to the factory of Maxted - Page & Prill, on Sunday 28th January. I am awaiting confirmation.

Our Annual Dinner Dance has been arranged for 17th February 2007. We are looking to follow the same format as last year. The booking form is in this edition. The dinner dance is only 6 weeks away. So get those tickets booked for a great night out.

At the January meeting I will be talking about the National AGM.

See you there.

Colin.

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ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION TRIP TO BRUGGE

We all left from Thurrock Service Station at 7am, on Friday morning, 1st December, heading for Dover Ferry via the M2, which turned out to be a good ride down and straight into the ferry (good crossing). At Calais, Sue & Michael took us along the coast road, although a longer ride, it stopped us from being bored. We arrived at Brugge, late afternoon, the hotel was first class. After a little rest and a shower, we all went to dinner in the town. The food was great but a bit expensive (still what the hell, we were on holiday!!!!). Next morning, we all went



shopping, all doing our own thing. It was raining hard, so not many photographs taken. I hope the one's taken whet your appetite for the next trip (if we are lucky Sue). Saturday night we all had dinner in the hotel, again it was a great meal. I believe everyone enjoyed the week-



end away. Next morning, after a good breakfast and last minute shopping, we headed home. Once again thanks to Sue & Michael for a great weekend and a beautiful hotel.

James Clark

ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION SUNDAY LUNCH @ FINCHINGFIELD

Arriving at the beautiful village of Finchingfield at 2:15pm on Sunday 19th November we found the rest of the club members (27 in all) propping up the bar at The Fox pub, next door to the restaurant. It was nice to see some old faces - Steve, Carol, Tony & Ann - after a quick drink or two, we went next door to the restaurant for lunch. This was a two course carvery meal that was enjoyed by all (thanks to Geoff and Mary). We stayed until 5:30pm, then we all made our way home, some getting lost a little in the dark, but we all ended at our homes safely. I believe a good time was had by all as usual, which the photos prove.

James Clark





JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

FUTURE EVENTS :

REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS:

JAN '07

14th Sunday Lunch - "The Eagle"
A128 - Ongar Road, Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0AA
Contact Geoff on 01277 374030

28th Maxted-Page & Prill - Racing Engineers factory tour -
Halstead (<http://www.maxted-pageandprill.com>)

FEB '07

17th **ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION**
Annual Dinner Dance
Three course meal with coffee & mints
Live Cabaret & Disco 6:30pm for 7pm till late
Orsett Hall Hotel, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, Essex.
Contact G. Monk
"The Oaks" Days Lane, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, CM15 9SN

NATIONAL:

FEB '07:

24/25th The London International Classic Car Show
Alexander Palace, Wood Green, London, N22 7AY
Admission £10 in advance or £12 on the day.
Check out the web site @ http://www.classicshows.org/new_page_1.htm
Or telephone: (01484) 452002

APR '07

29th 9th Annual London to Brighton Run. Price £66, based on a driver and one passenger. For booking form, contact Sally at Kelsey Publishing:
Email: - sally@kelsey.co.uk or LtoB@kelsey.co.uk or call 01959 541 444.

MAY '07

11-17th Auvergne 7 Day Jaguar Tour & Show
Contact Suzanne at Kelsey Publishing: Email: - suzanne@kelsey.co.uk

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PLEASE SEND IT TO THE EDITOR AT doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk AND ALL FUTURE
NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU**

JAGUAR XJ-S 1975 -1981

The gestation period for new models, protracted enough already for Jaguar, grew even longer under British Leyland. The XJ-S was scarcely a replacement for the E-Type as it had been in its heyday, but it was a logical enough successor to the rather over-weight, somewhat ponderous E-Type of the 1970's. The basis for the car already existed in the platform of the short wheelbase XJ12. It was only necessary to reposition the rear bulkhead, provide a sleek fixed head coupe body and there was a new model. Jaguar had done it before with the XK120, an abbreviated version of the Mark V saloon chassis, so the XJ-S was based on the 108.8in wheelbase XJ6, shortened some 6.8in by moving the entire rear suspension forwards.

At the front, the integral chassis bracing for the engine mountings survived, along with a sub-frame carrying the brake and suspension. Everywhere there were insulated mountings to maintain the air of refinement for which Jaguar were becoming noted. Moulded sound-dampening panels were introduced, even the coiled



petrol feed pipe was enclosed in a foam tube, so that occupants would not hear the sound of fuel gushing through. It was perhaps just as well, it must have made a noise like a bath running out!!! The V12 cylinder engine had a voracious thirst.

New safety regulations were pending, ensuring that the new XJ-S had crumple zones fore and aft and the fuel tanks were no longer contained in the rear wings like the XJ6 but in a safer tank forward of the deep boot. Safety rules looked likely to outlaw open cars. The entire world industry thought so and shelved open-car plans wholesale. Accordingly, an open XJ-S did not look like an option. The regulations were rescinded in 1974, but by then the design was frozen and an open-topped version dropped.

The XJ-S body shape arrived at by Jaguar's own aerodynamicist Malcolm Sayer was controversial. It was the first Jaguar on which Sir William Lyons's astute word was not final and perhaps the first which failed to win almost universal acclaim. It deferred to fashion on a number of counts including the concave rear window and rectangular headlamps. It had the old SS Jaguar proportions of a large engine compartment and small, low roofed cabin, yet it somehow never made the grade as beautiful.

The XJ-S was announced with a V12 engine. There was a choice of manual gearshift or a Borg-Warner Model 12 automatic which most customers went for. The XJ-S was never going to be a sports car in the style of the 'E' Type, although it had some sporting pretensions such as a Powr-Lok limited slip diff., as standard. Californian cars' exhaust re-circulation reduced the power outputs to 244bhp.

BODY: Coupe 2 door; 2 + 2 seats; weight 1750 kg. **ENGINE:** 12 cylinders in 60 deg V; front, 5343cc; compr 9:1; 285 bhp @ 5757 rpm; **ENGINE STRUCTURE:** one ohc per bank; 2-valves per cylinder; aluminium alloy cylinder heads; 7 bearing crankshaft; D-jetonic ind fuel injection; water cooled. **TRANSMISSION:** rear wheel drive; synchromesh gearbox, (1977) automatic 3-speed Borg-Warner, hypoid bevel final drive, limited-slip differential 3.54:1. **CHASSIS DETAIL:** Steel monocoque; front suspension with trailing wishbones & coil springs, telescopic dampers, anti-roll bar; rear subframe mounted independent, hubs located by drive shafts & lower transverse links, twin coil/springs damper units, anti-roll bar; servo-assisted ventilated disc brakes, inboard at rear; 20 Imp gall; 205/70VR tyres, 6" rims. **DIMENSIONS:** Wheelbase 259cm (102in); front track 149cm (58.6"); rear track 149cm (58.6"); ground clearance 14cm (5.5"); turning circle 11.5m (37.7 ft); length 488cm (192.3in); width 179cm (70.6in); height 121cm (47.8in). **PERFORMANCE:** Maximum speed 150mph 24.9mph @ 1000rpm; acceleration 0- 60mph 6.8 secs; average fuel consumption 10.8 - 21.4mpg (manual); 11.4 - 19.8mpg (automatic).

WEB SITE CORNER:


This area of the newsletter is for Jaguar related web sites that may be of interest to our members. If you have any suggestions or know of good Jaguar sites, please e-mail the editor. Those found to date are:
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www.justjagsuk.com www.xkengineering.com www.jaguarautomobilia.com www.jagspares.co.uk
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and of course our very own www.jecessexthameside.co.uk

If you haven't seen it yet, check out: www.jecessexthameside.co.uk - our new web site put together by our own Ian Antrobus. An excellent job too!!!.....almost as good as the newsletter. Ed!



Welcome to the Essex Thameside Jaguar Region web site.

News Just In: The Mince Pies went down very well at club night, and the members that went to Bruges thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Pictures etc to follow shortly.

<p>We are a friendly bunch with a wide range of interests and models of vehicles. We are a car club with a very active social calendar, from shows to weekend trips and rally's both here and overseas.</p> <p>We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm; bank holidays - the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Orsett Hall Hotel, where we have the use of our own hall and bar. If you fancy a chat or would just like to pop down to one of our meetings then please feel free - we would be delighted to meet you there. If you would like more information then please contact our Chairman - Colin on 01708 476126 or send him an e-mail.</p> <p>A map of where you can find us is included below:</p> <p>ORSETT HALL HOTEL</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Club night Orsett hall hotel 4th Dec• Maxted Page & Pili Racing Engineers Factory Tour Jan 07 - TBD• Annual Dinner Dance - 3 Course meal, Live Cabaret etc Feb 17th. Its a great evening to bring all of your friends and family. 
<p>If you would like to join our club, for only ten pounds per annum you can participate in all of our activities, receive a monthly regional newsletter, and get to meet a great bunch of Guys & Girls.</p> <p>If you wish to find out more or how to join then please contact Helen Field on 01708 476126 or send us an email at joining@jecessexthameside.co.uk</p> <p>If you have any questions, queries or queries then please contact one of our members for more information.</p>	

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Essex Thameside Region

Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 17th February 2007

*3 Course Meal with Coffee & Mints
Live Cabaret & Disco*

£25 Per Head

*Dancing 'till Late
Arrive 6:30pm for 7:00pm*

To be held in the Whitmore Suite
Orsett Hall Hotel
Prince Charles Avenue
Orsett. Essex

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