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# ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Hi to all you Essex Thamesiders,

If you haven't already, it will soon be time to get those cats out of hibernation and ready for spring and summer use. My Series 3 saw the light of day after being laid up for many months. And as always they need a bit of TLC to sort out those niggly problems that have occurred during winter. I found that I had no offside main beam. A dodgy earth I thought.

This was fine. However, once the main beam was sorted, the offside dipped went. More fun and games pursued and when all fuses, headlamp module and relay checked the only conclusion was a broken, wire somewhere in the loom.

This was remedied by running a separate feed that picked up the live connection from the dipped near side lamp from the relay and running alongside the existing loom and connect up with the other headlight. Success, all working fine, for now anyway. The next job is to replace the headlining, not one for me and I have the car booked in for the work to commence shortly.

If any of you have a similar story to tell or just something of interest, then why not submit an article to our editor for publication.

Our first show is an old favourite Automobilia Day at Battlesbridge. See our events list for further details. We also have some new events this year, which include two new shows, Essex TR day at Ingatestone Hall and 'Cars on the Common' at Billericay Common. Both in July.

Geoff and Mary have also organized a boat trip along the River Chelmer, to include a fish 'n' chip supper and return trip- one not to miss and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

To keep up to date with all regional happenings check out our newsletter or website [www.jecessexthameside.co.uk](http://www.jecessexthameside.co.uk)

Look forward to seeing you at club night or a future event.

*Colin.*

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## MEMBERS VISIT HALEWOOD.

A few members of the JEC Thameside Region visited Halewood, the home of the Jaguar X-Type and the Land Rover Freelander on Monday 26th February. Overall the visit was very interesting, from seeing the major presses punching out sheet metal to make the panels of the vehicles and the robots working - or not, as we arrived - can you believe they were on their TEA BREAK!!! It was interesting to see the Land Rover ('LR') Freelander and the X-Type coming down the same production line. However, it was Freelander, Freelander, Freelander, Freelander, X-Type, Freelander, and so it went on. They are currently making four Freelanders to every one X-Type at the moment. It was indicated that all X-Types were being made to a specific orders, whereas the Freelander is being made for stock. However, I have to report that I was personally disappointed by the following: the waiting area only had the Freelander on display - not the X-Type; the staff were all wearing 'LR' emblazoned clothing; the knowledge of the tour guides of the X-Type were pretty poor. Although Jaguar took over the plant from the Ford Escort in 2000/1, it appeared that 'LR' had taken over from Jaguar. It also appeared that Jaguar was now the poor relation. The tour was very bitty and not in sequence of the production, as I had observed in 2006 when visiting the Castle Bromwich plant. Also at the end of the tour there were no information packs, brochures or anything to wet our appetite. Finally, there was no Jaguar shop which again was on the Castle Bromwich site. I really thought that Jaguar had been let down by the presence of 'LR'. I wrote to the Communications and Public Affairs Officer at Halewood and she replied by indicating that 'normally' there would have been a Jaguar in the waiting reception area as well as the Freelander but it was being used as a 'ferry' car to the plant!!! Also that Land Rover Experience had taken over the plant from January 2007 hence why all staff were wearing the 'LR' logo outfits (told you, 'LR' takeover!!) but that she was now going to look at dual branding. She indicated "that the tour follows the optimum route and whilst it doesn't always follow the sequence of production, the guides are able to explain the processes fully." She ended her communication by indicating that they were in the process of installing a new Jaguar/Land Rover shop in the visitors' centre. We obviously went at the wrong time. However, I am still not convinced that it won't be 'LR' orientated.

*Bobbie*



### ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

The annual dinner dance was once again a great success with the hall packed out with members and guests awaiting their food and enjoying the cabaret. Geoff deposited several packs of balloons at each table and much merriment was to be had aiming the balloons at unsuspecting tables and waiters/tresses. The food was just as good as last year and everybody had a chance to burn off those calories with a boogie, courtesy of the band who were fantastic. See photos on Page 5.



### PICNIC IN THE PARK

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SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2007  
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# JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB FUTURE EVENTS :

## REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS:

### APR '07

- Tues 3rd Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 29th Sunday lunch at the "Top Meadow" G.C.  
Nth Ockendon  
Contact Colin on 01708 476126 (TBA)

### JUN '07

- Tues 5th Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm  
Guest Speakers  
Ray from Classic Spares &  
Terry Dye to talk about Jaguar  
Racing scene. **NOT TO BE MISSED**
- Sun 17th 'Park & Picnic'  
Police HQ Chelmsford  
Contact Doug 01245 261810
- Sun 24th Classic Car & Bike Show  
Cressing, Nr. Braintree  
Details to follow.  
Contact Colin 01708 476126

### AUG '07

- Sun 5th **ESSEX THAME SIDE  
JAGUAR DAY SHOW**  
Battlesbridge Antique Centre  
Contact Colin 01708 476126
- Tues 7th Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm

### MAY '07

- Tues 1st Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 13th Automobilia Day - (Date TBC)  
Battlesbridge Antique Centre  
Contact Colin for pass  
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### JUL '07

- Sun 1st Essex TR Club Day  
Ingatestone Hall, Essex  
Club stand and Picnic  
Details to follow  
Contact Colin 01708 476126
- Tues 3rd Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 8th Boat Trip up the ~~Kyber~~ Chelmer  
River trip up the Chelmer  
with Fish & Chip supper  
Contact Geoff & Mary on  
01277 374030
- Tues 10th Porsche Club Bar-B-Que  
Essex Regiment Way Golf Club  
Chelmsford  
Contact Colin 01708 476126
- Sun 15th Cars on the Common  
Billericay Common  
Free entry - Contact Colin

## NATIONAL:

### APR '07

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

### AUG '07

- Sun 19th **Essex Thameside Region at JEC SOUTHERN DAY**  
**Littlecote House, Hungerford (Weekend trip being planned)**

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NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU**

# JAGUAR ENTHUSIAST CLUB

## ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION DINNER/DANCE 2007



## Additional Forthcoming Events

### **27th May 2007 - Duxford Air Museum Car Meet**

We are joining forces with other clubs as Duxford. Although there has been a disappointing lack of interest in this event, it is still going ahead. We have a few members who wish to attend, as well as another club. Allocated parking will be outside the new Airspace hanger.

Admission this year is :- Adult 9.95, and Child under 16 free. Require final numbers by May club night. Contact Colin on 01708 476126

### **5th June 2007 - Club Night- Guest Speakers**

Ray from Classic Spares and Terry Dye organizer of JEC Racing, will give a talk on the Jaguar Racing scene.

### **19th August 2007 - National Southern Day- Littlecote House, Hungerford, Berkshire.**

As a club I am looking to put on a Regional display at this event. I am looking to include a weekend trip as well. This event celebrates the Glorious 50s and 3 models in particular. The MK 1 3.4, MKV111 and XK150, all 50 years young. It is intended that a similar theme to the

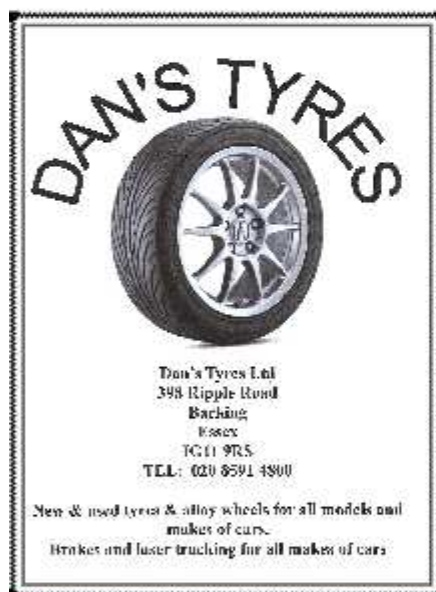
Goodwood Revival Atmosphere. I would like to put on a display of 10 to 12 cars, including members owning XK150s, to be the centre piece of the display. I need to know interested parties ASAP. Contact Colin on 01708 476126

### **Essexthameside Regional Day - 5th August 2007**

The event is slowly taking shape and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions or would even like to help with the organization, please contact me on 01708 476126.

### **Vehicle Updates**

Please see attached form. We are updating our list of members cars and would appreciate it if you could fill in the form and return it to the Editor as soon as possible. If you have more than one Jaguar could you please add separate sheets with the details required. Many thanks. *Editor*



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**NAME:**.....  
(Your Name)

**MAKE**.....  
(i.e. Jaguar, Damiler, etc.)

**MODEL**.....  
(i.e. XJS, XJ6, etc. )

**YEAR**.....  
(i.e. 1980, 2001, etc.)

**CC**.....  
(i.e. 3.6, 4.2 etc.)

**SPEC**.....  
(i.e. Celebration, 3.6 coupe, etc.)

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**MANY THANKS.**