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ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



THE 'NEW' 2008 X-TYPE



MORE DETAIL INSIDE



Hello All,

Those who attended the last meeting were treated to an interesting talk by Terry Dye and Ray Ingram from Classic Spares, who brought along a race prepared XJS. From this, we are arranging a visit to a race meeting next season, possibly Brands Hatch.

Sunday 21st October saw members, family & friends dine at Top Meadow. It was an excellent turnout, with forty two places booked. This is definitely a popular venue. Hopefully, photos in the Christmas edition.

We are now coming to the end of the season; our Region still has events organized. There is the visit to JD Classics on the morning of Saturday 17th November @ 10am.

The Club AGM is to be held on November club night, come along and support your Region. And our usual mince pie feast on December Club meet.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, more on what is happening inside these pages.

Regards
Cofin

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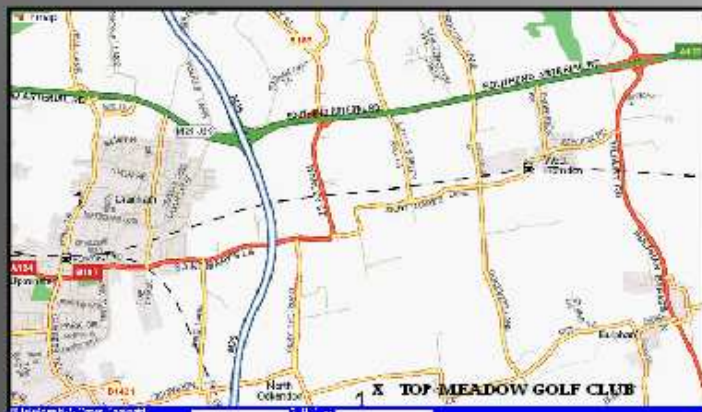
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Battlesbridge 21st Annual Grand Motorbilia Day Sunday 30th Sept 2007

What a fantastic day to finish the season off at the classic car show at Battlesbridge! The weather forecast was good and by 10am the place was heaving with both exhibitors' cars and general public queuing like mad to pay their £5 entry fee to visit the stands.

As usual, there was a massive autojumble area and walking around, it was probably 25% bigger than in previous years; *huge*.



In addition the number of classic cars on display was also, in my recollection, a record, with all the usual displays of Ford, Nissan, Rover and of

course, Jaguar. We had at least 15 JEC cars at any one time around our gazebo with two or three more parked close by in the aisle, as it was so crowded.



In fact it was great to see Colin and Helen turn up but they had to park way over in the public area.

THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Yes I know it is early but..... the Dinner Dance for next year has already been booked for Saturday January 26th 2008. The venue is our new meeting room at Top Meadow Golf Club. The arrival time is 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

There are rooms available for anyone wanting to stay overnight. All rooms are en-suite and include breakfast. Prices are £45 per room or £65 per room for a Superior. Please contact Top Meadow direct on 01708 852239 to secure a room.

Ticket prices are £25 per head, which includes a 3 course dinner, disco and cabaret. Ticket price is requested to be paid in full, to secure a booking.

The menu will be based on last years, which has yet to be finalized.

*Mary thanks
Cofin
Chairman*

It was also good to welcome Colin Armstrong and wife with their E-type all the way from the JEC Surrey Register.

The gazebo came in useful again for tea and coffee and somewhere to sit and chat.

Thanks to everyone who helped out resulting in yet another Grand Day Out!

Eric Hoile





REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
NOV	TUES	6th	CLUB NIGHT AGM Club Night.
NOV	SAT	17th	JD CLASSIC - FACTORY TOUR Tour of the Jaguar renovation company at Maldon. From showroom to garage areas. Tour starts at 10:00am. Pre-booking needed. Contact Doug Warren 01245 261810.
DEC	TUES	4th	CLUB NIGHT Exchange Christmas Cards and have a few mince pies.
JAN	TUES	8th	CLUB NIGHT
FEB	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT

NATIONAL EVENTS

NOV	FRI/ SAT/ SUN	9th - 11th	CLASSIC CAR SHOW NEC BIRMINGHAM The Classic Motor Show is a "must do" event for all motoring enthusiasts. With an enormous display of 1000 cars spanning five NEC halls this really is the biggest and best show of its kind in the UK. Web site: www.necclassicmotorshow.com
NOV	SUN	25th	ANDREW WHYTE MEMORIAL LECTURE Jaguar Castle Bromwich, Details: Keith Trotter 01947 811490
NOV	SUN	25th	JEC TRACKDAY Mallory Park. For details contact Terry Dye on 01453 842399
APR '08	SUN	27th	10th ANNUAL LONDON TO BRIGHTON JAGUAR RUN Further details to follow. Come and join around 350 Jaguars of all ages on this fun day out for everyone. Accommodation being sourced for Essex Thameside Region club members to stay over on Sunday night.

**IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE COSTS FOR THE CLUB, IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS ,
PLEASE SEND IT TO THE EDITOR AT doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk AND ALL FUTURE
NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU**

2008 JAGUAR X-TYPE



The 2008 'face lifted' Jaguar X-Type has broken cover. Details are now emerging on the internet, although the car is not due in the showrooms until March 2008. The most noticeable change is the front grill - similar to the forthcoming Jaguar XF which also is due for launch in March 2008. There are apparently nearly 500 new components on the new model. But is it enough to improve the baby Jag's sale performance? Jaguar sold just 32,500 models last year - worldwide - compared to 1/2 million 3 series BMW's - it's main competitor. Is it too little, too late? Lets hope not. So what has been done?

These are a list of the improvements:-

- * New six speed automatic gearbox
- * New Jaguar Sequential Shift function on 2.2D
- * Enhanced, Phase 2 Bluetooth telephone connectivity
- * DAB radio option with new roof mounted antenna
- * Revised parking aid system
- * New mesh grille featuring the Jaguar 'growler'
- * New front & rear bumper design

* New sill moulding

* New, re-profiled side mouldings * New badging including front Jaguar 'ingot' badges and rear chrome signature blade on saloon models * New door mirrors with integrated turn indicator repeaters * Two new alloy wheel designs * New exterior paint choices * New speedometer & rev counter designs * Chrome finish for air-vents thumb wheels and steering wheel controls * New seat designs, with new horizontal and diamond twin-needle stitch patterns * New Rosewood veneer option * New interior colour palette with additional trim option including soft grain leather * New door trim designs, to compliment new seat trim and colour combinations. For the first time, X-Type buyers can choose diesel power with automatic transmission, including one touch Jaguar sequential shift - broadening the new model's appeal to those who previously would have ruled out an X-Type. Thanks to the new transmission's advanced electronic control, it offers rapid responses to shift commands and of operating modes. Moving from fully automatic to 'manual' mode automatically selects a 'sports' setting; this delivers more involving, sporty shift dynamics - with added benefit of simple on-touch up - or down - shifts using the Jaguar Sequential Shift programme. The 2.2D manual version has a 0 - 60mph achieved in 8.7 seconds, whereas the auto version does it in 9.5 seconds. The manual version achieves a combined economy of 47 mpg whereas the auto achieves 41 mpg. The downside to the new auto is that it's CO2 rating is 25g/km more than the 159g/km of the manual, putting it into a higher VEL bracket i.e. £168 per year. The cabin is also revised, getting more trim and equipment. From the initial photographs, the interior has a contemporary feel yet still retains the all important Jaguar design cues and with new interior finishes, it should appeal to young and old alike. There are digital radio options, for example, as well as an improved parking aid system and new bluetooth phone system that allows you to connect up to five phones to the car. Why would you need five phones?? There are four new seat styles, one of which is a Sports pack. Sport pack seats have 10-way electric adjustment with a memory function on the drivers seat. It is interesting to see how the new front mesh grille, featuring the Jaguar 'growler' badge lifts the X-Type face, helping to radiate Jaguar's sporting heritage. Now the worse news..... No more 2.5/3.0 L saloons. Jaguar have now decided that due to the growing interest of diesel cars, they are only now going to produce a 2.0L and 2.2L diesel engined X-Type cars. The only 4 wheeled drive derivative available will be the 3.0L Estate. Prices for the 'new' range will be;

2.0-litre S Saloon: £21,500, 2.0-litre S Estate: £22,900, 2.0-litre SE Saloon: £25,500, 2.0-litre SE Estate: £26,900, 2.0-litre Sport Premium Saloon: £27,000, 2.0-litre Sport Premium Estate: £28,400, 2.0-litre Sovereign Saloon: £28,000, 2.0-litre Sovereign Estate: £29,400, 2.2-litre S Saloon: £22,500, 2.2-litre S Estate: £23,900, 2.2-litre SE Saloon: £26,500, 2.2-litre SE Estate: £27,900, 2.2-litre Sport Premium Saloon: £28,000, 2.2-litre Sport Premium Estate: £29,400, 2.2-litre Sovereign Saloon: £29,000, 2.2-litre Sovereign Estate: £30,400, 3.0-litre AWD V6 Sport Premium Estate: £29,995, 3.0-litre AWD V6 Sovereign Estate: £30,995.



Essex Thameside A.G.M 2007 – November Club Night (6/11/07)

It is fast approaching that time of year again. We will be holding our AGM on the November club night. These are usually relaxed affairs as far as AGMs are concerned. This is your chance to voice your opinion and ideas.

I intend to carry on in the post of Chairman and once again stand for re-election, as is Helen for Membership Secretary. Doug Warren is standing for re-election as our Newsletter Editor and Ian Atrobus as keeper of our website.

Geoff & Mary Monk have given notice that they will be standing down as Treasurer(s)/ Secretary. This is due to various personal commitments and they can no longer devote the time required to the committee. However, they will still be active members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution and hard work, since taking on the posts.

I am also looking to create a post of **General Committee Member(s)**. This post will involve providing ad hoc help and support to the Committee and within the club, such as help to run and organize events. This would include our Show, Dinner Dance and perhaps other events within our Calendar. Anyone taking up the post will have a valid input in the running of the club.

Colin Field. Chairman

STOP PRESS WANTED...CLUB TREASURER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the person who came forward and expressed an interest in taking on the position of club Treasurer is unable to fulfil this role. I have only been informed very recently, before going to press.

The club must have a Treasurer. This is a vital key role within the Committee.

Anyone interested in taking up this role, please contact either Colin & Helen, or Geoff & Mary, on the numbers below before the November club night and AGM.

Colin & Helen 01708 476126

Geoff & Mary 01277 374030

Forthcoming Events

J D Classic's visit - Saturday 17th Nov.

This trip to the factory has now been revised. Thanks to Doug & Andy, we have secured one visit on the morning of Saturday 17th November. Members, who will be attending, must meet at the factory at 10am.

Their premises are located within the Wyke Business Park, Wyke Hill, Maldon, Essex. The latest opportunity to attend is by next club night, 6th November. Contact Doug on 01245 261810 or e-mail doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk

Mince Pie Feast (4th December Club Night)

Due to this being the last meeting before Christmas, we exchange Christmas cards and tuck in to some mince pies. Years ago, this used to be known as ladies Night. Due to meetings being attended by mostly us blokes, it was a chance for our other halves to see what we get up to once a month. All welcome.



DOVERCOURT JAGUAR
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Having now used this dealership for a couple of years, I wish to relate my recent dealings with the company. I have used Dovercourt at Chelmsford now for a couple of years. When I first approached them to carry out a service of my X-Type Jaguar, they were by far the most competitive. The Reception staff couldn't do enough for me. This may have been because they had only recently been appointed Jaguar Service Agents. However, no matter when I approached them, I was always greeted with "Hello Mr Warren, what can we do for you today?" Bearing in mind they must have hundreds of customers, greeting me with my name makes you feel special rather than just another customer. Anyway, I did have an issue with them at the beginning of this year, one of which was the change of reception staff and I wasn't impressed. I wrote to the Service Manager and made my complaint and he took on board my concerns and indicated he was going to implement one of my suggestions. However, as a goodwill gesture, he offered me a free service and MOT the next time my car was due for one. That happened to be at the end of September. However, in August, my Jaguar had problems with the fuel sender unit - which was a problem known to Jaguar - and although my car is well out of warranty, Jaguar agreed to contribute towards some of the costs. Quite a bit actually! Anyway to cut a long story short, I had a service, MOT and replacement fuel sender unit undertaken for £130!! The whole works should have been about £600 - £700. Dovercourt were excellent in their customer contact and had the job done when I got back from holiday. A very pleasant experience and one that I would recommend to anyone in the area that needs Jaguar servicing or repairs undertaken. *Dovercourt Chelmsford can be contacted on 0845 603 2460 and ask for Keith.*

If other members have had dealings with companies which you feel would be of interest to other members, please write to me via e-mail or letter for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter. Editor



JD CLASSIC TOUR

One off factory tour: 10am Saturday
17th November 2007.

Directions: From London, take the A12 to Junction 18 (A414) and travel east, signposted Maldon.

After approximately seven miles take the second exit off the roundabout opposite Morrisons Superstore into Wyke Hill Business Park. Follow road around to left towards Focus DIY. JD Classic is on the left.



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Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 26th January 2008

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

Tickets £25 Per Head

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

To be held in the Function Suite
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