



# ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Hi Folks

By the time you read this, some of us, along with friends and family will have celebrated our Annual Dinner Dance in the usual Essex Thameside way - by which I mean much merriment and everyone having a great time. At the time of writing we are only a week away from one of the club's major social events.

I am sure, as in previous years, this is going to be a night to remember. Look out for the incriminating photos and report of the evening.

Our Editor, Doug, has organised a trip to the Jaguar/Land Rover factory in Halewood to view the new facelift Jaguar X- Type in production. He has also arranged an overnight stay. So far, there are 10 members attending. The event takes place on Monday 25th February. Please contact Doug for more details on [doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk)

The Club is looking for sponsorship. Any member or person known to members who run a business and would like an advert displayed in our newsletter or website, please contact me on 01708 476126

Also, would Members please supply pictures of their cars to be included to enhance the Region's website. You can e-mail our web guru on [web@jecessexthameside.co.uk](mailto:web@jecessexthameside.co.uk), or speak to Ian at one of our meetings.

To find out what is happening in the region, see our events diary in this issue.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our meetings or organised events.

*Regards  
Colin*

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## Members' vehicles:

Earlier last year, a questionnaire was sent out to members regarding what vehicles they currently own.

Out of 100 members, 26 members failed to reply. Of those that did, the results show that 72 vehicles are owned by our members. Of the 72, 8 are Daimlers and 2 are non-Jaguars. Should you wish to contact other members with the same model as your own, data protection prevents me from giving out those details, however, you can contact the Editor who will liaise with other parties and get consent. The list of members models is as follows:

MODEL	No:	MODEL	No:	MODEL	No:
XK140/150	5	MARK IX	2	420G	1
'E' TYPE	6	MARK 2	6	230/340	1
1963-69 'S'-Type	1	SS100 Replica	1	XJ6 inc Coupe	8
XJ40	6	X300	4	XJ8	7
XJS	12	XK8	3	1999- S-TYPE	4
X-TYPE	4	XK140 Aristocat	1	Others	10

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JAGUAR?

*The answers to last months bit of fun - "How well do you know Jaguar" is printed on page 6 of this newsletter.*

*Congratulations to Bob Cain for getting them all right !!!*

*Bob won a bottle of "Jaguar" French Pouilly-Fume white wine.*

## TA TA TO HIGH VALUES?

Resale values for Jaguar and Land Rover models could be heading for the rocks if Indian firm Tata is successful in its bid to buy the two companies, according to a prominent trade price guide.

Ford want to offload its pair of premium British brands. The move could spell disaster for residuals, claim the experts at Vehicle Information Publishing responsible for the "Trader Guide".

Director Martin Keighley was quoted as saying, "In the short term, there will be uncertainty over prices, but the handover needs to be well managed or it could be a total disaster in terms of residual values." While Tata is a widely respected firm globally (for those that don't already know, apart from making cheap cars, they also own Tetley Tea and Corus Steel) he explained its budget heritage in the UK could cause problems. "At the premium level, the used car market is all about people's perceptions of the marque." He went on, "If you ask the man in the street, he will say Tata is a poor brand, with poor image and poor products. Part of the reason the Mini does so well is because everyone knows it is owned by BMW and if another premium brand was to buy Jaguar and Land Rover, this wouldn't even be an issue." However, forecast manager of "CAP Monitor", Jeff Knight disagreed, "Would people even know the company have changed hands?" he asked, "For many buyers, their experience of a brand begins and ends at the local dealer." I am not so sure. Will cheap parts start to find there way into current Jaguars and cause reliability problems? The word is that Tata will not change anything, but I have been around companies that have been taken over and the same was said. Once the company has its foot in the door, changes begin to creep in and people moved out!! We will see, will it be Ta Ta Jaguar?????? Editor

## RE-VISIT TO JAGUAR HALEWOOD FACTORY PLANNED

This is the final reminder and invitation to visit the Jaguar/LandRover Halewood factory near Merseyside, Liverpool. Jaguar are going out of their way to make this trip enjoyable, following our last trip in January 2007, when it didn't live up to expectations. A booking has been made for 11:00am on Monday 25th February 2008. The tour lasts between 2 to 2.5 hours and costs £10 and will feature the 2008 model X-Type which is due in the Jaguar showrooms in March 2008. Our previous visit in 2007 was somewhat overshadowed by the Land Rover Freelander 2 launch. Hotel accommodation has been sourced with Travel Lodge at Widnes, which at the time of writing this report, were charging £19 per room per night!!! The idea is that we travel up on Sunday 24th February. There is a nice pub across the road to the Travel Lodge where we can get dinner & drink. Anyone interested should book the hotel accommodation immediately and then advise Doug Warren on 01245 261810 a.s.a.p.







## REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
FEB	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT
FEB	MON	25th	<b>Jaguar Halewood Factory Visit.</b> Our visit will be privy to see the revised X-Type in production, prior to launch in March! Contact Doug Warren on 01245 261810
MAR	TUES	4th	CLUB NIGHT - John Sunberg of A & B Leather Renovations, Coggeshall.
APR	TUES	1st	CLUB NIGHT
MAY	TUES	6th	CLUB NIGHT
MAY	SUN	11th	BATTLESBIDGE AUTOMOBILIA DAY: 10AM - 5PM More details to follow.
JUN	TUES	3rd	CLUB NIGHT
JUN	TBC		KNEBWORTH HOUSE - FAMILY DAY. More details to follow.
JUL	TUES	1st	CLUB NIGHT
JUL	SUN	6th	QUEEN VIC CAR SHOW BILLERICAY. Contact Colin on 01708 476126
JUL	TBA		ESSEX THAMESIDE LADIES DAY - A day at the races. Coach and picnic to be included More details to follow later in the year.
AUG	SUN	3rd	ESSEX THAMESIDE JAGUAR DAY AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW
AUG	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT
SEPT	TUES	2nd	CLUB NIGHT
SEPT	FRI-SUN	12-14th	I.O.W. CLASSIC CAR SHOW WEEKEND: Pre 1985 Vehicles only. Free ferry crossing. Contact Alan Larcombe on 07939 072120
SEPT	SUN	28th	BATTLESBIDGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW - More details to follow.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

MAR '08	SAT	29th	<b>JAGUAR X-TYPE SEMINAR.</b> Castle Bromwich, West Midlands. Details from <a href="http://ww.jec.org.uk">ww.jec.org.uk</a> . Seminar fee £70. A worthy
APR '08	SUN	27th	<b>10th JEC ANNUAL LONDON TO BRIGHTON JAGUAR RUN</b> Start from 9 am onwards at Kempton Park Racecourse, less than 1 mile from junction 1 of the M3. Visiting Newlands Corner and Leonardslee Gardens, finishing once again at Maderia Drive Brighton. Contact: <a href="mailto:LtoB@kelsey.co.uk">LtoB@kelsey.co.uk</a> or call 01959 541444.
AUG	SUN	10th	<b>JEC SOUTHERN DAY - Cowdray Park, Midhurst, Sussex.</b> More details to follow.

*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](mailto:doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk) AND ALL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU*



## JAGUAR 420G 1966 -1970

While the Mark X gained the 4.2 litre engine, it also inherited the all-synchromesh gearbox, an alternator replaced the dynamo and a pre-engaged starter not only helped cold starting but made the process quieter and more refined. The 4.2 Mark X was the first car to use Varamatic, the trade name for a variable-ratio power steering, which subsequently set the pattern for almost all PAS systems. Jaguars' had been a bit lifeless, particularly the Mark X's, but the Varamatic



constantly altered the ratio from 4 ½ turns near the straight ahead position to 2 turns as it approached full lock, which felt better and improved its accuracy. Almost alone among Jaguars, the Mark X never suffered from the over-adornment which had been used to distinguish later editions. It was available with a limousine division, anticipating the later use of its floorpan for the magnificent Daimler Limousine and in 1966 changed its name from the Mark X to the 420G. This seems to have been prompted by America; the 420G came from the engine size, the 'G' evidently meant 'Grand' and was added to

segregate it from the S-class variant known simply as the 420. Sales marginally improved, helped by the fact that the car's replacement, the XJ6, wasn't announced until Sept., 1968 and even then, stocks remained in short supply well into 1969, allowing production of the 420G to continue into 1970. Never considered to be one of Jaguar's better designs, the Mark X did carry its style and proportions well and was an immensely strong car overall. Many would say it was the last of the traditional Jaguars, with chrome on brass window frames and some traditional touches, characteristic of previous models. In total only just over 25,000 Mark X/420G models were produced from 1961 to 1970, pro rata the lowest production figure per year of any Jaguar saloon style ever.



### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 4.2 - LITRE

cc	4,235	Bore & Stroke mm	92.07 x 106
Compression ratio	8:1	bhp	265
@ rpm	5,400	torque (lb/ft)	283
@ rpm	4,000	Fuelling	3 x SU carbs
Transmission	4-speed (auto)	Wheel size	14" steel
Suspension front	Ind. semi trailing wishbone coils spring, anti-roll bar	Suspension rear	Ind lower wish. bone/upper drive shaft link
Brakes	4 wheel disc, rear inboard		
Performance:-			
0 - 60 mph (sec)	9.9	Top Speed	121.5
Average mpg	14.5		
Dimensions:-			
Length (inches)	202	Width (inches)	76
Height (inches)	54.75	Wheelbase (inches)	120
Front track (inches)	58	Rear track (inches)	58
Weight (cwt)	37		



# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JAGUAR?

'Jaguar' started life in:

- Birmingham   
 Blackpool   
 Barnsley

*Under which title did 'Jaguar' first start?*

- Swift Sidecar Company   
 Starling Sidecar Company   
 Swallow Sidecar Company

When did 'Jaguar' move to Coventry?

- 1926   
 1927   
 1928

*Jaguar XK120 was announced at the British Motor Show in which year?*

- 1946   
 1948   
 1949

*In which year was the XK140 introduced?*

- 1954   
 1956   
 1959

*The XK150 FHC was how much new in 1957?*

- £1,763   
 £1,899   
 £1,965

Externally, what easily identify's a Mk 1 to a Mk2?

- Wheels   
 Headlamps   
 Rear window

*When the 'E' Type was first launched it only came with a manual gearbox*

- True   
 False

In what year did the Mk X become the 420G?

- 1964   
 1965   
 1966

*In which year was the XJ6 Series 1 launched?*

- 1966   
 1968   
 1970

*In which year was the XJ6 Series 2 launched?*

- 1972   
 1973   
 1974

*In which year was the XJ6 Series 3 launched?*

- 1979   
 1980   
 1981

Two exten or basic designs were considered for the XJ-S, one from the in-house team at Jaguar, the other from?

- John Egan   
 Malcolm Sayer   
 William Lyons

*What item below was introduced with the XJ40?*

- Air Conditioning   
 Alloy Wheels   
 'J' Gate Gearbox

What was introduced with the X-300?

- Supercharger   
 Turbo   
 Fuel Injection

*What is the X-100 better known as?*

- XK-S   
 XJ6   
 XK8

Where was the 90's 'S' Type Jaguar made?

- Halewood   
 Browns Lane   
 Castle Bromwich

*The Jaguar 'X' Type came with all wheel drive on which model?*

- 2.0L diesel   
 2.2L diesel   
 2.5L petrol

Name.....

*All correct entries will be entered into a draw to take place at the Dinner/Dance on January 26th 2008.*