



ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

The season is fast approaching and events are being arranged. Our first outing is a Jaguar run to Cressing Temple barns, between Braintree & Witham on Sunday 26th April from 1pm onwards, all meet there. Also Doug, Jackie, Albert & Lillian to name but a few, will be driving the London to Brighton run that day, which I hear is always a good day. If you haven't booked, why not just turn up in Brighton - Maderia Drive - and see the 300+ Jaguars on display.

For those wishing to attend Hamstreet Country Fair and join Kent-South Region, please complete the attached entry form in this issue and return to me, as I am co-ordinating on behalf of our Members.

Other new events are in the pipeline this year and the club will be purchasing some new regalia in the shape of some new flags, for our stand.

If any of you intend to visit the 25th celebrations at Thorseby Hall in June, please let me know, as the club will be having a regional stand. Perhaps rather than just park with 'joe public', you can come and join us under the club banner.

If anyone has any articles, photos, useful information or any thing else they might deem useful to know, please let Doug know by emailing him at dwarren169@btinternet.com

The club would like to send our member, Peter Davey very Best Wishes and Good Luck! in running this year's London Marathon on 26th April in aid of his cancer charity.

Look forward to catching up with you at the next meeting on 7th April.

Regards

Colin

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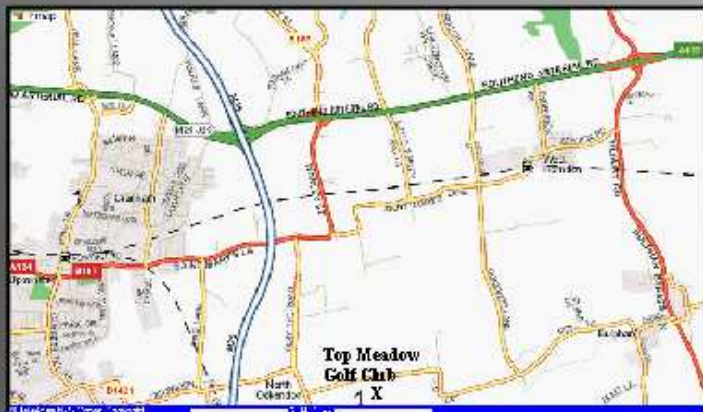


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A trip has been booked for Denbies Vineyard tour on **Sunday 30th August 2009**. This is located at London Road, Dorking Surrey, RH5 6AA. Priority parking has been arranged for Jaguar drivers. The tour starts in the unique circular cinema. The 20 minute surround vision film, full of amazing special effects instantly transports you into the magical world of wine. Experience the wonder of the vineyard at its most spectacular moments throughout the year and learn about the process from vine to bottle. Leaving the cinema you are transported at ease by the indoor "people mover" through the working winery with a full commentary. The journey ends in the magnificent Denbies cellars where you will be guided through three specially selected wines to taste and enjoy. The winery tour lasts approximately 50 minutes and is entirely within the building. Cost will be £6.25. Anyone interested should contact Colin on 01708 476126.

Battlesbridge Show - 10th May 2009

It is the club's intention to attend one of our regular shows at Battlesbridge on the above date. These shows are becoming ever more crowded, which means space is at a premium. I will be trying to secure 20 spaces plus a gazebo. This means spaces may be limited, I hope to have our usual 20 spaces (four of which are booked). The cost is once again £5 per car (cheques payable in advance to me by 1st May) in order that I can pay for the pitch. Please note spaces will be allocated to those who have pre-booked via myself. If any member just turns up they will be disappointed.

Please contact me on 01708 476126 for more information or to book a space.

Thanks
Colin

Hamstreet Country Show- Sunday 7th June 2009

Once again this year we will be joining up with Kent-South Region at one of their main events.

This is a great day out with lots to see and do. This year sees the return of the Lawnmower Grand Prix, as well as a fly past air display and a special event to mark the 65th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Also there will be falconry and other demonstrations as well as the traditional country show stalls and exhibits.

This year the Jaguar stand will be the main car club exhibit at the event, so hopefully we can give a good turn out again. I am waiting to know final details. However, I suspect it will be as last year, meet at ASDA car park of Junc 10 M20 approx 8:30 am, then drive in convoy 8 miles to Hamstreet. On arrival there are bacon rolls and tea/cake throughout the day.

Please complete the entry form in this newsletter and return to me along with a payment of £2 (as I am co-ordinating the event) to: Colin Field 254 St. Andrews Ave, Hornchurch, Essex. RM12 5EB or call 01708 476126 for more details.

Colin

New Tyre or just April 1st

These tyres are made in South Carolina, USA. **SEE THROUGH TYRES.**

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A. No more air valves...

B. No more air compressors at petrol stations...

C. No more repair kits...

D. No more flats...

Thanks to Tina Dowsett and Peter Davey for this article.





REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
APR	TUES	7th	CLUB NIGHT
APR	SUN	26th	Jaguar run to Cressing Temple, Braintree. Contact Colin on 01708 476126.
MAY	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT
MAY	SUN	10th	BATTLESBIDGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW. Passes for stand £5 per car via Colin on 01708 476126
JUN	TUES	2nd	CLUB NIGHT
JUN	SUN	7th	HAMSTREET COUNTRY FAYRE Joint event with Kent South Region. Date to be confirmed.
JUN	SAT/ SUN	27/ 28th	I.O.W. 20th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND More details to follow in 2009.
JUL	TUE	7th	CLUB NIGHT
JUL	SUN	5th	MATCHING GREEN CLASSIC CAR SHOW Dates to be confirmed - Contact Colin on 01708 476126
JUL	TUES	14th	Porsche Club Bar-b-Que. 19:30hrs Regiment Way Golf Club Pay for what you eat and drink. Just turn up.
JUL	SUN	19th ?	Bowl Water Reservoir Run in comp any with JEC Kent South. TBC. Contact Colin on 01708 476126.
AUG	TUES	4th	CLUB NIGHT
AUG	SUN	30th	Jaguar run to Denbies - The UK's biggest vineyard for tour and tasting. Contact Colin.
SEPT	TUES	1st	CLUB NIGHT - An evening with Nigel Thorely. An authority on Jaguars through the ages.
SEPT	SUN	27th	BATTLESBIDGE SHOW. Passes £5 per car for stand space. Contact Colin 01708 476126

NATIONAL EVENTS

APR	SUN	26th	11th JEC/JWM LONDON TO BRIGHTON Annual pilgrimage to Madeira Drive, Brighton Well worth a fun day out. Cost £69.00. Meeting at the Grasshopper Inn, Westerham, Kent and visiting on route, the Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux. E-mail: LtoB@kelsey.co.uk
JUN	SAT/ SUN	6th/ 7th	JEC 25th ANNIVERSARY: Thorseby Hall, Nottingham. Check national magazine for details. FREE ENTRY!!!!

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AND ALL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU

CRESSING TEMPLE RUN

This is an opportunity for you to get those Jags out and blow away the winter cobwebs. This run will take place on **Sunday 26th April**. Meet there at approximately 1pm onwards. There will be allocated parking for our Jags. Catering facilities are available of light lunches to cream teas, or just bring a picnic. There are several things to see and do including the tudor walled garden. This is a relaxing afternoon drive to meet up and with fellow members. Entrance fee is £4 per adult (£3 concessions) or £9.50 for a family ticket. Anyone who is interested, please contact me on 01708 476126, as I need to know numbers 2 weeks prior to the event. **Colin**

JAGUAR X - TYPE - V - BMW 3 SERIES



In the begining.....

Jaguar brought out the X-Type to compete in the compact executive market which was dominated by the likes of BMW 3 Series, Audi A4 and the Mercedes C-Class. However, the competing small BMWs, Audis and Mercedes keep their factories busy by churning out a splurge of variety. The X-type fields no two door or cabrio, and at launch in 2001, no diesels or estates were available. It was, in effect closing itself off from up to three-quarters of the production numbers such a model line could achieve. Sure, a sophisticated diesel and an estate were in the pipeline and at the time an 'R' version was muted, but four cylinder and other bodies, were not even in the planning horizon. These factors had a bearing on the number of sales generated and could in no way compete against the likes of the big 'three'. Diesels did eventually arrive but all were manual and the demand for auto diesels were not met until 2008, 7 years after the first production models, and this was only on the 2.2 Litre. In manufacturing terms, very late in the day! Also, the original model that consisted of 2.5 and 3.0 litre AWD model were abandoned in 2008. Only diesels are now available - with one exception - a 3.0L petrol AWD estate.

The story so far.....

How does the X-type compete now, 8 years after its birth? Obviously, all the competitors have new models, with new shapes and different engines. The major player being the BMW 3 Series.

How does this now compare with the X-type?

	JAGUAR	BMW
Specifications.	2.0L SE DIESEL	320 SE DIESEL
RRP	£25,472	£26,680
Engine (cc/type)	1998/4	1995/4
Max Power (bhp)	128	174
Driven wheels	Front	Rear
0 - 60 mph	9.5	7.9
Max Speed (mph)	125	143
Auto box	NO	£1485
Leather Seats	standard	£410
Power Seat Adj.	standard	£345
Split/Fold rear seats	standard	£305
Sat.Nav	standard	£1530
Climate Control	standard	standard
Steering reach adj	standard	standard
Steering height adj.	standard	standard
Air Con	standard	standard
Electric windows	standard	standard
Electric folding mirrors	standard	£250

	JAGUAR	BMW
Specifications.	2.0L SE DIESEL	320 SE DIESEL
Parking aids	standard	standard
Fog lights	standard	standard
Rain sensing wipers	standard	£95
Heated front seats	standard	£275
Bluetooth Telephone connectivity	standard	£600
Trip Computer	standard	standard
CD/Radio	standard	standard
Heated mirrors	standard	standard
Cruise control	standard	£185
Heated winds creen	standard	£175
Extras - excluding auto box	0	£4,170



Jaguar X-Type



BMW 3 Series

Obviously on performance alone, the BMW wins hands down. However, looking at the current specifications overleaf, Jaguar is including over £4,000 worth of BMW's extras within its £25,472 price tag. This cannot be ignored!

So what do the motoring press say about this baby Jaguar?

Auto Express says, "The latest round of revisions has freshened up the baby Jaguar, especially in stylish estate guise. The blend of a smooth diesel engine, slick-shifting automatic gearbox and cossetting cabin make this a relaxing and capable long-distance companion. But the facelift can't hide all the flaws in the seven-year-old design – dynamically, the X-Type still trails the competition by some distance."

What Car? says, "FOR: The X-type is good to drive, well equipped and keenly priced. Massive discounts are available AGAINST: Rivals have better refinement and stronger residuals. Headroom is tight and the interior feels dated"

Top Gear says, "The Jaguar X-Type is an OK mid-range saloon, but is a disastrously misjudged excursion off-brand for the big cat. Irritatingly ordinary, it alienates just about everyone, including, worryingly, core customers."

Autocar says: "It took forty years, and the success that BMW enjoyed with its 3-series and Audi's big-selling A4, to convince Coventry otherwise. With access to Ford's excellent Mondeo chassis, it offered a choice of 2.5- and 3.0-litre V6 powerplants and four-wheel-drive – the X-Type was born. We loved the car's faithful-to-roots chassis compliancy and competitive price, but were less sure about the styling and packaging inside and out."

Parkers used car buyer says: "The X-Type is Jaguar's alternative to premium saloons like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4. However it has never proved as popular as models from the German manufacturers, due in part to a limited engine line-up and the lack of a diesel until 2003. That's not to say the X-Type is a bad car - far from it. Admittedly the styling isn't very modern, both inside and out, but it's exceptionally refined and manages to blend excellent comfort with decent handling. It was facelifted in 2008 with larger bumpers and a more aggressive look along with a few interior tweaks, but it's still a step behind the best upmarket saloons".

So there we have it. Various views from the motoring press. These views are that of the writers which doesn't necessarily reflect the views of all people. If you are considering buying the 'baby' Jaguar, talk to current owners, look up the 'Forums' on Jaguar based web sites, get a feel for the car before making your decision. But ultimately, take one out on a test drive. Make sure you drive it for at least ½ hour and try all types of road. That way you will see if you like it or not.

Current bargains:

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£3000 - £6000



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£10,000+



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Editor

Web based Forums: <http://www.x-type.org.uk/> & <http://www.jaguarforum.co.uk/index.php>

The Hamstreet Country Show Weekend

Formerly known as the The Hamstreet Country Fayre and Festival of Transport

We cordially invite you back to our show weekend in 2009, to take place on 6th and 7th June.

This year's show coincides with the 65th Anniversary of the D-day Landings. To commemorate this event, one of the main attractions of our show will be a 'D-day Landings Anniversary Spectacular', featuring the USO show, this will include authentic 1940's entertainment and on the Saturday evening, we will hold a 1940's themed dance. Entry will be free for those dressed in 1940's attire!

In addition to this we will be staging our traditional Saturday evening "Street Stock" dance featuring live music from local bands.

We will be welcoming back the British Grand Prix Lawnmower Association. This proved to be a very popular attraction last year, so much so that it received a write up from 'Ben Fogle's County Diary' in the Telegraph newspaper.

After the popularity of last years show, there will also be a second air display.

We look forward to seeing you at the Show.

Kind regards,

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The Hamstreet Country Show Committee.

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THE HAMSTREET COUNTRY SHOW WEEKEND

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The Festival of Transport, British Lawnmower Racing Grand Prix & Air Display
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Weekend 6th & 7th June 2009 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

<u>Weekend Classes</u>	Saturday	Sunday	<u>Sunday Classes</u>	Sunday
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Entries on the day will be limited by available space. Only pre-entered vehicles will qualify for judging and be guaranteed a brass.

£2.00 Administration fee per entry, refundable on the day on production of a Show Pass

Cheques made payable to Hamstreet & District Sports & Leisure Association

All completed **FORMS MUST BE RETURNED** with a stamped addressed **A5** envelope no later than 18th April 2009 to:-
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