



## **The Pavilion Gardens (85)**

Wed, 22nd Nov 2006, The Pavilion Gardens

### **Lot 22**

**Estimate:** £8500 - £9500 + Fees

**1992 Jaguar XJS 5.3 Convertible**

**Registration No:** PNO 654

**Chassis No:** SAJJNADW3EN180975

**Mot Expiry:** Sept 2007

Launched in 1975, Jaguar's XJS was never envisaged as a direct replacement for the E-Type. More of a soporific grand tourer than an out-and-out sports car, it was designed to seamlessly blur borders rather than blast down back roads. To this end, it was equipped with automatic transmission as standard. Though, when fed the quoted 295bhp and 318lbft of torque developed by a post 1981 H.E. (high efficiency) 5.3 litre V12 engine, this still resulted in a claimed top speed of 150mph and 0-60mph in less than eight seconds. Introduced at the 1988 Geneva Motor Show, the long awaited full convertible version featured a reinforced floorpan, frameless doors and sophisticated electric hood (complete with heated glass rear window). Underpinned by the same all round independent coil-sprung suspension and power assisted rack and pinion steering as its fixed head coupe siblings, the soft-top came with anti-lock brakes as standard. Priced at some £40,000, a waiting list was quick to form. Finished in light metallic gold with beige leather upholstery, this particular example is described by the vendor as being in "very good" (engine, electrical equipment, paintwork) or "excellent" (automatic transmission, interior trim, chassis, bodywork, wheels / tyres) condition. Said to have covered approximately 29,000 miles in the hands of its first keeper but a mere 12,000 miles since then, 'PNO 654' entered the current ownership during 1998. Reportedly only driven between May and October for each of the last eight years, we understand that the Convertible is kept garaged at all other times. Last serviced in September 2006, it rides on lattice alloy wheels. One of the preferred late series cars sporting a revised grille, headlamps, taillights, bumpers and rear wings, the XJS is apparently able to boast once giving an impromptu lift to world famous jockey Frankie Dettori. A handsome and stylish grand tourer, this low mileage Jaguar is offered for sale with MOT certificate valid until September 2007.