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## Chairman's Comments.

Hi All

This month sees the return of Doug to the Region, who will be formerly welcomed back at the next meeting, in July.

I would also like to welcome 4 new members to the club: Jack Day, Andy Freemantle, Bryan Butler and Martin Proctor.

The club attended the Hamstreet show at the beginning of June. Once again everyone had a great time and was made to feel at home as part of the crowd and enjoyed the Kent-South hospitality. More on this included in this newsletter.

Our next event is Hylands House on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, where we return the favour to Kent-South Region. As I type this, the show is just around the corner, so will let you know how it went in a future issue.

There will be a few of you attending the Matching Green show on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please note, Helen and I will not be there as mentioned, as we have a prior arrangement.

As previously mentioned, our new Editor will be Dave Bridge, who will take up the position as from July. You can email him at [db@b5sfx.com](mailto:db@b5sfx.com) with articles and information you think useful.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, so hopefully see you there.

Regards

*Colin.*

## Editors View.

Allow me introduce myself, as quiet a few of you have no idea who I am and those of you that do, probably know me from my friend George who looks after my cars (and those of many club members) at GP Jaguar Services. I am Dave Bridge and the new, but temporary editor of this regional newsletter, I have no experience in doing this and for some reason, I had the mad idea of volunteering my services, when I heard the club needed a new editor. So please bear with me over the next few months.

I have been with JEC for 26 years and have been interested in Jaguar's ever since my dad brought home the biggest car in our village back in the 1968, it was a 420G. My main Jaguar interest however is the XJ and I have 2 websites one dedicated to the XJ, the other to JaguarSport XJ's.

Some of you may have seen my present cat at shows, it's the black JaguarSport XJR, and I also own a TVR S2 which is my little fun car, A Kawasaki Vulcan classic motorbike and an Escort van which is used for the everyday stuff.

As I am new to this newsletter writing job, I am looking for ideas, things that you the member would like to send in for the newsletter, perhaps you would like to see your car in an article and you would like to let others know how you got into the Jaguar world. If anyone has any articles for inclusion let me know. If no one contacts me, then I will assume everything is fine and the newsletter will remain short and sweet, and with no articles will probably become a two page newsletter. Hope to see you at a Jag show very soon.

db

## F-Type for 2012. (db)



*Artist impression of the new F-Type sports roadster.*

It's the news that British sports car fans have been desperate to hear – The Jaguar F-Type is a go! Bosses at the firm have finally given the green light to the two seat roadster, which will take on the Porsche Boxster. The F-Type was first seen in the form of the XK-180 Concept back in 98 (this car can be seen at the Jaguar Museum in Coventry), but the project has been constantly delayed as the company struggled with its finances (I know how they feel). But now, thanks to the promise of a £1bn of investment every year for the next five years by new Indian owner Tata, a driver focused sports car is imminent. When finished, the F-Type is expected to resemble the picture on the left.

As with the larger XK, the new F-Type's chassis will be an aluminium monocoque with extruded body panels. An electrically operated canvas roof will be offered as standard, and there is potential for a fixed head coupe.

Power will come from Jaguar's latest 380bhp 5.0 litre V8, while a supercharged 500bhp V8R is possible, as well as a diesel. The F-Type will sit below the XK and cost between £45k and £50k which pitches it against top-end performance cars such as the Audi TT RS and Porsche's Boxster and Cayman.

A new F-Type Concept is expected to debut in the next 18 months.

## Other new cats announced. (db)

It's not only all new models that Jaguar has in the pipeline – the existing range has been earmarked for expansion, too. It has been indicated that an estate version of the low slung XF Coupe is on the way. To back this up there has been reports of a heavily camouflaged estate prototype on the prowl near Jaguar's headquarters in Gaydon, Warks.

A two door XF Coupe, designed to take on the Audi A5 and BMW 3 series could also be on the way. Both models will make use of Jaguar's superb engines – the 3.0 litre V6 diesel and 5.0 litre V8, with or without a supercharger – allowing them to compete with the fastest models from Mercedes, BMW and Audi. The estates test schedule is already underway, and it is due to break cover early in 2011. The Coupe will follow a year later.

While Jaguar are happy to talk about the scope for an expanded XF family and the new F-Type, it remains tight lipped about the potential for a new supercar. At last year's Detroit motor show, company boss Mike O'Driscoll suggested it was in the works. The car was being developed to compete with the Audi R8. Early designs suggested that the car would have aluminium panels stretched over an alloy and composite tub, while power would come from a race tuned version of the 5.0 litre supercharged V8 from the XFR. The new supercar would reach speeds of 225 mph, with 0-60 taking less than 4 seconds, nice.



*Artist impressions of the new XF Estate and Supercar.*



*Sylvie & Pauline at Hamstreet*

## Hamstreet Country Show. (Colin)

Once again we were invited to join Kent-South Region for their big event of the year, in conjunction with the Hamstreet Country Show weekend. As in previous years, another early start, as we were to meet some of their members at the now famous Tesco's car park in Ashford at 9am that morning. We then in convoy drove to the grounds where we met up with the rest of the crew.

On arrival we all enjoyed their renowned hospitality, with a bacon roll and coffee, as well as tea and cake if required in the afternoon. The weather turned out to be glorious, as in the past. There were lots to see and do, including lawnmower racing, fly past, circus, falconry, various displays, stalls and not forgetting the cars.

I sure everyone who attended will agree, it was a great chill out day, a time to relax and watch the world go by. To top it all Kent-South won the accolade of "Best Club Stand" Thanks goes to Kent-South for making us so welcome.

## Forthcoming Events

**July 6th** Club night.

**July 25th** Charity classic car Run (pre 1976 vehicles) organised by SEVCVC. For details contact [www.swcvc.org](http://www.swcvc.org) or [rprtherham@googlemail.com](mailto:rprtherham@googlemail.com)

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** Club night.

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>** Kent- South Region'Grand Picnic in the Park' family day at Bodiam castle in Kent. Details to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 01708 476126.

**Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** Southern National Day at Beaulie.

**Sep 7<sup>th</sup>** Club night.

**Sep 26<sup>th</sup>** Battlesbridge Car Show.

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