

Grumpy Old Men's Club update

The latest outing for the Grumpies was a return visit (for some) to the RAF Museum at Hendon which re-opened in June after undergoing a multi-million pound redevelopment.

As part of this redevelopment the museum opened three new permanent exhibitions including '[RAF Stories: The First 100 Years, 1918-2018](#)' plus a new grassed 'airfield' in the centre of the site where they hosted a series of outdoor concerts for visitors.

The Museum tells the story of the RAF and its people through their magnificent collection of aircraft and artefacts. From the iconic Sopwith Camel to the mighty Sea King search and rescue helicopter, from the log book of the pilot who dropped wireless operator Noor Khan into occupied France in 1942 to the new F-35 stealth fighter replica, the collections are brought to life by the men and women they represent. The Museum explores the history of the RAF past and present – and offers a tantalising glimpse into the future.



This is a model of a Typhoon fighter made for a TV commercial. It is made from a selection of the tools representing the different skills and roles required to keep the RAF flying.



Sea King search and rescue helicopter



Fighter cockpit – not for the claustrophobic!



The iconic Lancaster bomber

The letter “S” on the fuselage of this particular Lancaster, R5856, led to it being universally referred to as “S for Sugar”.

There is so much to see at the museum that several return visits can easily be justified.