

## Grumpy Old Men's Club update

“The name is Bond, James Bond” ...this well-known phrase was uppermost in the minds of the Grumpies visiting the London Film Museum in Covent Garden recently to see the “Bond in Motion” exhibition.

In October 1962 the first James Bond film, Dr No, was released to the UK cinema going public. From the outset, with the first chase sequence featuring 007 behind the wheel of a blue Alpine Sunbeam while Dr No's assassins gave chase, the producers of James Bond understood the importance of the exciting vehicle sequences. As we read in the press about Bond “25” we can speculate about the next set of vehicles and high-tech gadgets that are a hallmark of a film series enjoyed by so many fans.

The “Bond in Motion” exhibition showcases the stunning vehicles and props that have been used in the films. There are some remarkable machines on display, all of which bear testimony to the work put in by the creative teams, the behind-the-scenes artists, stuntmen and technicians without whom the on-screen magic would not be possible.

The Aston Martin is synonymous with James Bond and there were some outstanding examples on display:-



*Aston Martin V8 – The Living Daylights 1987*



*Aston Martin V12 Vanquish – Die Another Day 2002*



*Aston Martin DBS V12 – Quantum of Solace 2008*

The most iconic James Bond car of all was the Aston Martin DB5 which has appeared in no less than 8 films starting with Goldfinger in 1964 and most recently in Spectre in 2015. Will it appear in Bond “25”? We can only hope!



*Aston Martin DB5*