

## Grumpy Old Men's Club update

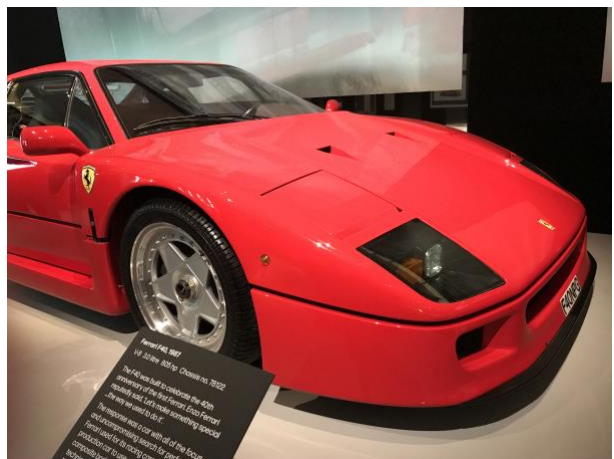
The November outing of the 'Grumpies' was a visit to the Design Museum in South Kensington to view the "Ferrari: Under the Skin" exhibition which opened on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

A group of eight 'Grumpies' enjoyed this amazing exhibition which tells the Ferrari story.

Ferrari is an extraordinary and evolutionary company that emerged in the aftermath of World War II. Impelled by the fierce ambition of its founder, Enzo Ferrari, and the almost religious dedication of his team, it has since become one of the world's most iconic car brands.

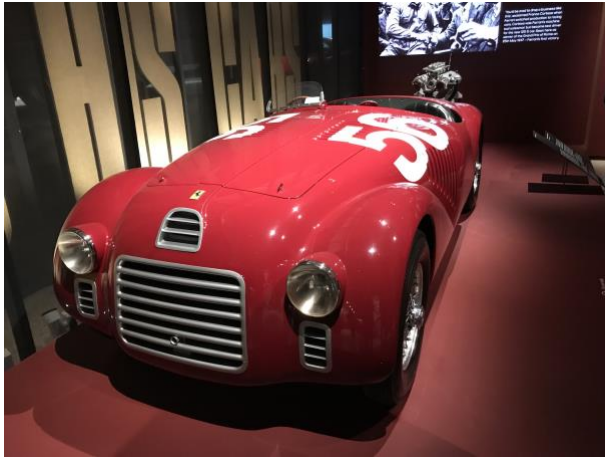
The Ferrari story is about racing, as well as producing cars for the road. Each supports the other: the technology demanded by excelling at Formula One is the starting point for building road cars with exceptional performance. The Formula One circuit requires a handful of vehicles each year. Ferrari's model for road cars has been to restrict production, but the numbers crept past the 7,000 mark for the first time in 2011, and the company has said that this could increase to 9,000 by 2019 as worldwide demand increases.

If there was one criticism that could be levelled at the exhibition it would be there was not enough of it... but what was there was spectacular!



Ferrari has an impressive client list, notably among the stars of the silver screen and the pop world past and present...John Lennon, Mick Jagger, Steve McQueen and Clint Eastwood to name but a few.

The roll call of racing drivers who have driven for Ferrari reads like a list of the very best the sport has to offer including - Juan Manuel Fangio, John Surtees, Niki Lauder, Nigel Mansell and Michael Schumacher – all of whom became Formula One World Champion whilst driving for Ferrari.



Ferrari did not only compete in Formula One.....car No7 below is a 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB which was driven by Stirling Moss to win the 1961 Goodwood Tourist Trophy race.



In 2014 Ferrari launched a new kind of car. The LaFerrari achieved the most extreme performance ever achieved by a Ferrari production car using technologies developed in Formula One and sports car racing. In addition to a classic Ferrari V-12 engine it also has an electric motor making it a fashionable Hybrid. The cost...an eye watering £1.1million!!

The car below is a 2017 LaFerrari Aperta which is a spider (open version). It has a top speed of 217 miles per hour and can accelerate to 124 miles per hour in 7.1 seconds. To maintain exclusivity Ferrari is making just 209.



This particular example is owned by the chef Gordon Ramsey!!