



Hampshire Morris Minor Branch Rally

Sunday 11/06/2017

AT FORT NELSON



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Why was Fort Nelson built?

Fort Nelson is part of a massive ring of brick, masonry and earth forts, and was built to provide the fire power to deter an enemy attack on Portsmouth from inland.

Portsmouth was Britain's premier naval dockyard, building and maintaining warships that were vital to the defense of Britain and her growing empire.

Portsmouth faced the new French dockyard at Cherbourg, only a short 130 km (81 mile) journey for new steam-powered warships.

The threat was not simply a direct naval assault. It was feared that a French invasion force might land elsewhere, occupy Portsdown Hill, and fire their new long-range guns to attack Portsmouth below from its landward side.

Because the forts were not used to repel an invasion, and perhaps because it seemed as though the forts pointed the wrong way (their guns aim inland), they soon became known locally as 'Palmerston's Follies'.

It could hardly be admitted officially that these forts were obsolete almost as soon as they were completed. They were therefore maintained, and formed monumental props in the large-scale maneuvers of both regulars and volunteers during the later 19th century; spectacles which the townsfolk flocked to watch, bringing picnics once the tea rooms were demolished.

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Entry Form

Entrant Details

Title <small>(Please circle)</small>	Mr Mrs. Miss Ms Other: _____		
Surname			
Forename			
Address			
Postcode			
email			
Telephone		MMOC Number	

Vehicle Details

Reg. Number		Year	
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MORRIS MINOR ONLY				
Body Type <small>(Please circle)</small>	2 door Saloon	4 door Saloon	Convertible	Traveller
	LCV Van	Pick Up	Modified	Custom

NON-MORRIS MINOR	
Make, Model & Year	

Rally Fee (NB: this does include car and all passengers) **£ 5.00**

Please enclose:

- * Completed entry form
- * Cheque (payable to HAMMOC)
- * A stamped addressed envelope NOT LARGER THAN 9" x 6" (C5) without which we regret entries cannot be accepted.

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