

FORT NELSON VENUE HIRE

Conferences, seminars,
meetings & weddings

A UNIQUE VENUE WITHIN THE PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

HOLD YOUR EVENT AT FORT NELSON

Whatever the occasion, from a full civil ceremony and reception, to a lavish military mess-style dinner or an intimate meeting, we have plenty of options to offer you.

SPECTACULAR VIEWS

Fort Nelson is one of six Palmerston forts, strategically positioned along the chalk ridge of Portsdown Hill, and is one of the best surviving examples of a 19th-century Victorian fort.

This fully restored Victorian fort was built to protect the great naval harbour of Portsmouth and is set in over 19 acres of glorious Hampshire countryside.

The spectacular views of Portsmouth Harbour, the Meon Valley and South Downs National Park make it a unique place for your special event.



A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE

Impress your guests with a guided tour of this fascinating museum – home of the national collection of artillery. Discover the art in artillery and visit some of the world's most iconic great guns from medieval monsters to World War workhorses.

Make your event extra special and let your guests experience the power and might of the big guns with a live gun firing.

Take time out for an adventure and explore the secret tunnels and underground chambers. Whatever the event Fort Nelson will provide you and your guests with an unforgettable experience.

Make a real impression by having your next business meeting at Fort Nelson.

This superbly restored Victorian fort offers a variety of room settings to suit any occasion, from conference to board meeting.

Your guests and delegates can also enjoy the museum galleries, guided tours and the experience of one of the big guns being fired out on The Parade. Our rooms can be set up to accommodate a range of business meetings:

- Reception
- Theatre style
- Banquet
- Cabaret style
- Board Meeting

We can provide a variety of food and beverage options. Our personal service and our experienced Events Manager will be available prior to your event to offer advice and help with planning and on-hand during your event to ensure everything runs smoothly.

FACILITIES

A flip chart, projector and screen are included in the room hire. A PC projector and TV are also available and can be booked in advance.

REFRESHMENTS AND CATERING

Tea and coffee for refreshment breaks will be served in the Palmerston Suite. Hot and cold buffets are also served in this room. If you would prefer a more formal fine dining experience this can be arranged through one of our selected catering partners.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

“THE SUCCESS OF ANY EVENT IS IN THE DETAIL. RATHER THAN JUST PICKING A HOTEL WE PLACED A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE ON SETTING THE RIGHT SCENE AT AN INTERESTING VENUE.”

Bob Wright
General Manager,
Perrys Portsmouth





YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Fort Nelson provides the perfect setting for such a wonderful occasion ensuring you enjoy a truly unforgettable day.

All our rooms are full of individual character and can be set up to provide the perfect civil ceremony followed by a delightful wedding breakfast.

PLANNING

From your initial appointment to the big day itself you will receive the professional support of our Events Manager. They will be on hand throughout to guide you through the arrangements and to ensure the smooth running of your special day.



“FROM THE MOMENT WE MET THE TEAM RIGHT THROUGH TO OUR WEDDING DAY, THEY PROVIDED ALL THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES YOU COULD EVER ASK OF A VENUE.

WE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU ENTRUST YOUR SPECIAL DAY TO THE TEAM AT FORT NELSON.”

Nikki Cook

“THE FORT NELSON TEAM WERE AMAZING AT MAKING OUR SPECIAL DAY AS PERFECT AS POSSIBLE.

NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE AND OUR GUESTS ALL SAID THEY HAD NEVER BEEN TO SUCH A GREAT WEDDING.”

Matthew Cook



CATERING

We offer a variety of delicious buffets to suit all tastes, using only the freshest ingredients and preparing everything on-site to the highest standards.

Please see the enclosed information sheet for full details of our buffet options. For a more formal dining experience we can recommend the services of our carefully selected catering partners.

THE SETTING

Our elegant function rooms - The Point of the Redan and the Ante Room - have been restored to their full Victorian splendour and will provide the perfect setting for your civil ceremony.

In addition, Fort Nelson's historic galleries, quaint courtyard and rugged outdoor areas will form picturesque backdrops for unique photographs.

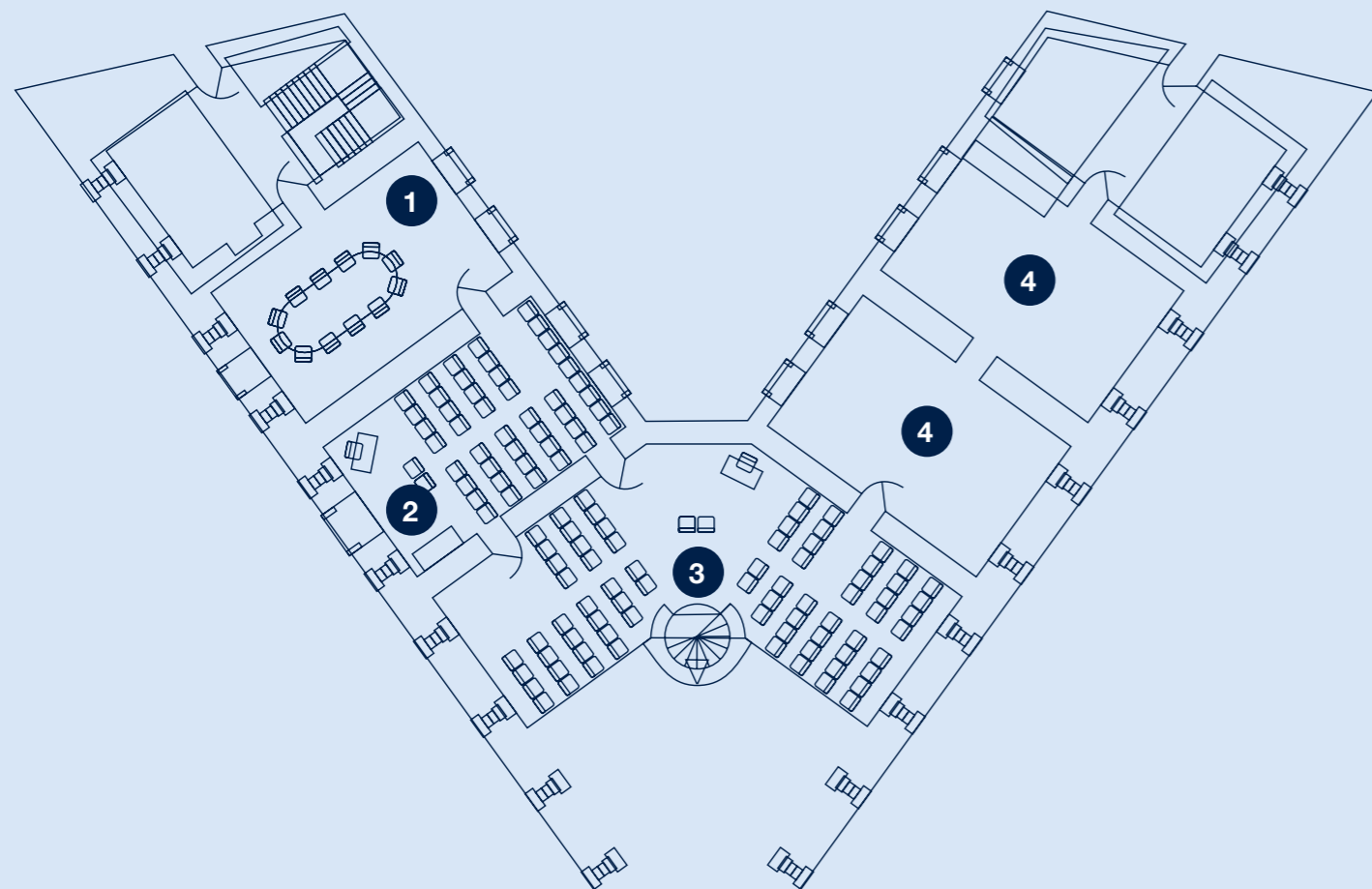
Please see pages 12/13 for room plans.

GUN SALUTE

Make your special day go with a bang. Fire one of our big guns to celebrate your marriage in what will be an unforgettable experience for you and your guests.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SETTING TO MAKE YOUR DAY EXTRA SPECIAL

FORT NELSON: A CLOSER LOOK



- 1 Officers' Mess
- 2 Ante-Room
- 3 Point of the Redan
- 4 Palmerston Suite

Fort Nelson is a unique venue and can accommodate a range of events, from product launches and board meetings to weddings and celebrations.

Please contact our Events Manager to discuss your requirements.

Point of the Redan

The charming 'Point of the Redan', originally the officers' Billiard Room, is a multi-functional space and suitable for a range of activities.

The room layout is flexible and there is access to the Palmerston Suites for break-out groups and/or refreshments.

Room Capacity:

Seated: 80	Board: 26	Cabaret: 80
Informal: 100	Theatre: 80	

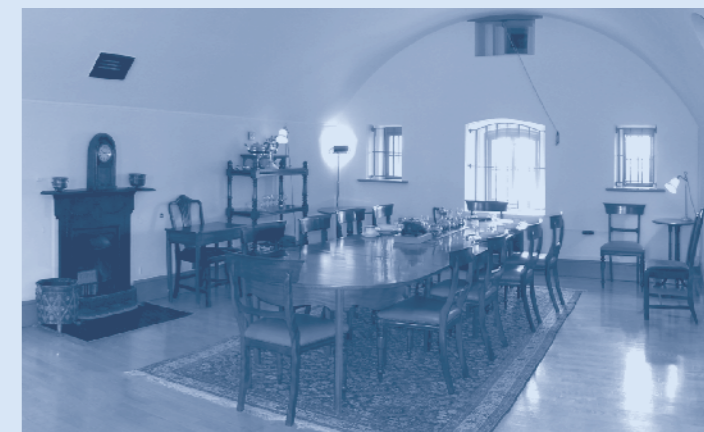


Officers' Mess

The superb Officers' Mess is suitable for smaller events. Full of heritage and unique furnishings, it's the perfect setting for board meetings, personal presentations, formal dinners and interviews.

Room Capacity:

Seated: 12
Informal: 16



Ante Room

The Ante Room has been restored to its full Victorian splendour and has magnificent views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight from its large picture window.

Room Capacity:

Seated: 45	Board: 20
Informal: 50	Theatre: 45



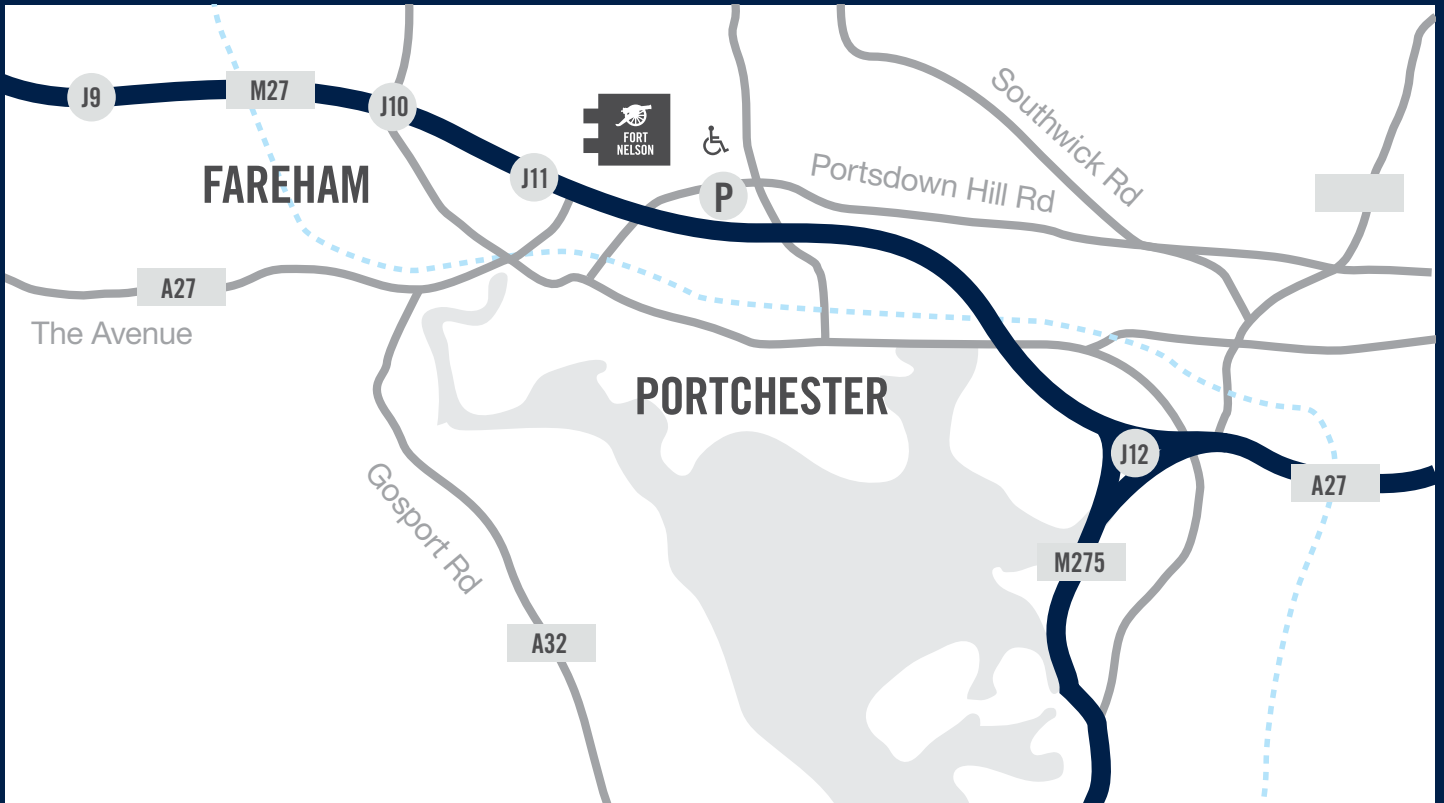
Palmerston Suite

The Palmerston Suite provides the ideal space for break out groups and/or refreshments.



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FRIENDLY SERVICE, LOVELY FOOD
AND WITH YOUR ATTENTION
TO DETAIL IT MADE FOR A REALLY
ENJOYABLE EVENT.”**

Fareham Rotary Club



TRAVEL TO THE ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM, FORT NELSON

Opening Times

April – October
Daily 10am – 5pm

November – March
Daily 10.30am – 4pm

Closed
24, 25 and 26 December

Disabled access

A lift and ramps provide access to most parts of Fort Nelson. Wheelchairs are available. Accessible parking close to the main entrance is provided. Please contact us to discuss your access requirements.

By Car

Exit the M27 junction 11. Follow brown tourist signs for the Royal Armouries.

Parking

On site parking is available.

By train

Mainline stations
Havant (20 mins by taxi)
Fareham (10 mins by taxi)
Portchester (3 mins by taxi)

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