

Fort Nelson Museum Visit

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The second of our museum visits of 2024. A similar group to those who went to the Royal Logistics Centre last month, cheerfully turned up, but this time in the rain. Mysteriously a few “no shows” on the day. Of necessity the group expanded as we made pick ups on our way towards Porchester. First pickup was at BP, Farnham and onto “Loonies”. Some making their way direct.



Free entry, other than registering online before turning up, was a bonus. The next treat was parking of our motorcycles almost at the main entrance, the next an offer, without any prompt, to put our wet kit in a secure place. The attitude towards our damp group was most encouraging. All the pre-registering and

ID checks were waived aside. Opening coffee was most welcome and gave the ideal opportunity to introduce ourselves as the group on the day was made up from different and varying pools.

The exhibits, layout and general atmosphere would encourage us all, unanimously, to return on a more convivial day. Good for families. It was busy due to half term. Views of Portsmouth Harbour and Southsea from the ramparts on a good day would be worth the trip.



The planned ride for the afternoon was curtailed, slightly, due to the weather, some inevitably making their way home direct. Three of us headed off for afternoon tea at Popham Airfield via routes various. Almost at Popham, signs for the village of East Stratton hove into view, and saw us divert to a mate’s home nearby for tea and welcome cake. Thanks Andy and Kristin.

Bovington Tank Museum is planned for the next visit in June. This was originally planned to coincide with their open weekend, however, that weekend is a sellout. New date to follow.