

Portsmouth Corporation
Lord Mayor's Office
Gladstone Buildings

Portsmouth 5443
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Ring Day.

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9th July, 1951.

PROCESSION IS DUE TO START AT 2.30p.m. UNVEILING AT 3p.m.

Civic Procession leaves the site of the historical George Hotel in the High Street then proceeds through the precincts to Portsmouth Cathedral. There the Lord Mayor, Alderman Johnson receives the C in C Admiral, Sir Arthur J. Powell. There will be two Guards of Honour (about 50 strong) Royal Marines and Royal Navy. Doctor Alder will be present also Mr. Brookhitch and Mr. J. Galizia (the founder) who will say a few words to hand over the statue to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the city.

Portsmouth Cathedral contact:- The Rev. E. N. Portagon.

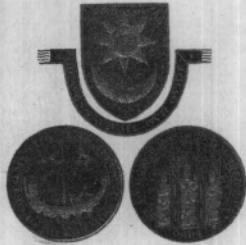
The Provost will say prayers and the Chaplain of the Fleet (Hanshaw) will read Lord Nelson's last prayer.

silent & sound -

1854
H. C. Cable

Portland Dockyard

Per W. Day Admiralty



ALDERMAN ALBERT JOHNSON, J.P.
LORD MAYOR

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5-473/5578.

Lord Mayor's Parlour,
City Council Chambers,
Portsmouth.

4th July, 1951.

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday, 11th July, a statue of Lord Nelson which has been kindly presented to the City of Portsmouth by Dr. H.J. Aldous is to be unveiled. At great expense Dr. Aldous commissioned Mr. F. Brook-Hitch, a Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, a man eminent in his profession, to execute the moulding of the statue. The statue, cast in bronze and measuring 8ft. 9ins. in height, is to be erected in Pembroke Gardens, Southsea, facing the beach from which Nelson last sailed for Trafalgar in 1805.

Preliminary arrangements have now been discussed in close co-operation with the Staff of Admiral Sir Arthur Power, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, and it has been agreed that the unveiling ceremony of our national hero shall take place at 3.0 p.m. on the 11th July. The Commander-in-Chief has kindly consented to undertake the unveiling duties.

It is only appropriate that an occasion of this nature should take place in Portsmouth, the home of the Navy, and the premier Naval Port, and it is our desire that this should be a national event rather than one of merely local interest. It is with this view in mind that I have been requested by the Lord Mayor to approach you in the hope that you will assist through the medium of your Pathe Gazette News to publicise extensively this great occasion in honour and remembrance of Lord Nelson.

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The programme is as yet only in draft form, and I will gladly forward to you detailed arrangements as soon as these have been finalised.

Your valuable co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated, and by virtue of the interest this occasion will hold it is hoped that we may rely partially upon the services of the Pathe Gazette News.

Yours faithfully,

Alan W. Wright

Lord Mayor's Secretary.

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Wardour St., Loneon, W.1.

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Dear Sir

I know the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth
has written to you about the unveiling
of the statue of Lord Nelson by the Commander
-in-Chief Admiral Sir Arthur Power.

Enclosed photos are only to show you
what the statue and site are like.

The statue faces South & all except the
inspection of a guard of 50 sailors, most
of the ceremonial takes place in front of
the statue. The Lord Mayor, C-in-C & General
Royal Marines will lay wreaths
on the front of the statue

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dash cover -
but this slig - will
need some build up
on Nelson ship
+ dock +
shops

725* Naval Cadet-Boys will lay 25 Laurel
wreaths on the steps of the statue
with the names of the 25 ships Lord
Nelson served on.

The front of the plinth is carved in the
21 October 1805. Granite

The front of the steps, the following.

Here served Horatio Nelson
You who tread his footsteps
Remember his Glory

I hope you will obtain good film.
There is a 3ft statuette of this statue
in the United States Naval Academy Annapolis
U.S.A.
& Dartmouth Royal Naval College.

Yours faithfully
Herbert J. Aldous

* To do with Naval establishments here
nothing to do with Dartmouth