

Events 2012

Opening of the 2012 season, Easter Sunday and Monday 8th / 9th April

The 2012 season gets off to a flying start on Easter Sunday and Monday.

Come along and see the changes that have been put in place over the winter months. There have been more improvements to the museum over the last twelve months and lots of progress has been made with various engine projects. Notably the Stott steam engine is now running, the Peter Brotherhood sleeve valve diesel engine is complete, the Vickers-Petter has run and its systems are currently being finished and the trailer mounted Crossley Portable has almost finished its rebuild. Also the cut away MB275 is being prepared as a static display in the "Diesel" exhibition area.



The Craft Centre now includes a dry stone wall display, the power hammer is now driven by a Blackstone "P" Type diesel engine and the wheelwrights shop has acquired a large "blacksmith made" treadle lathe.

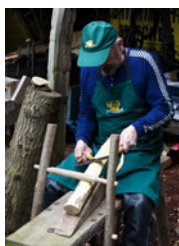
Also the local history group have added to the diorama depicting the Poynton of 100 years ago. They have also acquired the 1835 bell which was originally mounted in the bell tower at Poynton's Towers Yard colliery workshop and was cast at London's Whitechapel Foundry where this year's Olympic Games bell was made.

After the Easter opening, the museum will then be open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays.

Demonstrations of old crafts

Bodging (the traditional craft of working with green-wood using portable tools including a pole-lathe to turn chair legs, etc) while another volunteer, will be working at the forge. The power hammer has been installed, a wheelwrights shop is under construction and a tool shed is complete. Dates for craft demonstrations are:-

Sunday - 8th April; Monday - 9th April; 7th May; 4th June; Sunday - 17th June; Thursday 21 June; Saturday - 23rd June; Sunday - 29th July; Monday - 27th August; Sunday - 30th September; Saturday - 27th October; Sunday - 28th October



Steam Days

As well as the extensive collection of Internal Combustion engines at the museum that track its development from the earliest engines through to a modern Bentley engine; we have a steam section with some interesting examples of different steam engines.

These include a Fowler Beam engine; an A frame Steam engine and a pair of Robey engines. These engines run on the 3rd Sunday of every month in the season. There is no additional charge to see the steam engines, normal museum entry applies. Museum open 10:00 - 17:00.

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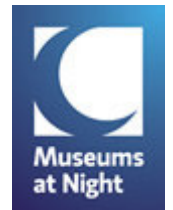
Giant Model of Poynton c1900

Weekends

Our volunteers have been adding yet further detail to the model showing the village as it looked c1900 with the many coal pits and railway lines that covered the land at the time. The detail is fantastic, come along and talk to the volunteers who have lovingly created it.

Engines at Twilight Saturday 19th May

Open until 20:00



The museum will once again be taking part in this International movement by opening late. Many engines running with talks on how they work and engine development through the years. The scale model of Poynton c1900 showing all the collieries of the time will also be available to view.

Normal opening hours 10:00 - 17:00 then staying open until 20:00.

Free admission for Poynton Residents

1st - 2nd June

To help ensure all Poynton residents know what we have to offer as part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are offering free admission (for up to four people per household) on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd June when they show at the door their 2012 Council Tax bill with an SK12 post code.

Art or Science

1st - 5th June

When some people think of engines they picture lumbering, smoky beasts that are functional but not worth a second glance. Others however can see the beauty and craftsmanship that goes into the curve of a flywheel or the graceful lines and precision of a piston and cylinder. Leonardo Da Vinci was one famous historical figure well known for seeing the nexus between art and engineering.

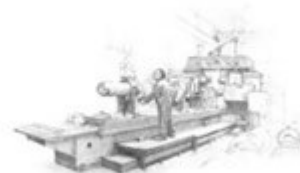
It's easy to take good engineering for granted but when done right good engineering can be beautiful to look at, or beautifully functional or just amazing in its scale. Many visitors to the museum comment on the shape and form of the engines. Photographers and artists find the place fascinating.

As part of Poynton's Jubilee Festival the museum on Anson Road is displaying paintings, sketches and etching that show the beauty of the engines and the companies that built them. We have examples of art in the main museum engine buildings; the local history area and of our Craft Centre.



paintings of the Tower and a colliery scene by Rod Ellis, one of our Volunteers

Some of the drawings to be displayed are by local artist William Geldart who was commissioned by engineering company Mitchell Shackleton to capture the engines and the men who build them.



See the beautiful quilt commissioned by Poynton Parish Council in 1994 to commemorate its Centenary.



It was designed and made by The Poynton Quilters a group of ladies of the Parish who indulge their interest in patchwork and quilting.

Unveiled and presented to the Parish Council 15 May 1995. Loaned by The Poynton Quilters and proudly displayed in Local History Section by Anson Engine Museum in 2009.

Another must see in the Local History area is the model of Poynton c1900 that has been built by the museum Volunteers and is another excellent example of precision craft that should not be missed.



For more information about the Poynton Jubilee Festival [click here](#).

We are also going to enter a Scarecrow in the competition but no-one can guess yet which historical figure we are going to show.

Fathers Day

Sunday 17th June

What to give dad for his special day – why not a trip to see engines running and be fascinated by the machinery of yesteryear?



Geoff Challinor, Chairman of the museum on Anson Road, Poynton said "My dad encouraged my interest in engines by giving me one to restore when I was only 14. This is my opportunity to say "thanks" to dads everywhere by making it a special day here at the museum. We intend to have several of our engines running that day to make it a really special Fathers Day. We have offered this for the past couple of years and it is always popular. Families can treat their dad and make it a really special day out for all the family."

If you want to join Geoff and the volunteers on Sunday June 17th, pop along between 10:00 - 17:00 to see the impressive collection of internal combustion and steam engines.

To add to the atmosphere that day many engines will be running; there is also a special Fathers Day Fun Sheet and remember, if you bring your dad along that day - he gets in free! The shop has a range of unusual gifts and hand made cards to make all dads and grandads feel extra special.

The museum also has a giant model of Poynton showing how the village looked c1900. The volunteers have spent over 4000 hours bringing the miniature village to life. It's available to view and for those local to the area it is great fun working out where your house is now compared with the landscape of old collieries and railways.

Midsummer Mingle - calling all engine men 21st June

Thursday

Celebrate Midsummer and mingle with old engineering colleagues.

Everyone is invited along - particularly anyone who has worked in the engineering/engine manufacturing companies in the area, this will make it a reunion as well as a great day out.

Museum open 15:00 until 20:00. but most people will arrive for the barbeque around 6pm. Normal museum entry applies but includes a tasty Norbury Farm hotdog.

1000 Engine Rally, Chelford

23rd/ 24th June

The annual rally takes place at Chelford over the weekend, the organisers aim to take the Astle Park Rally forward as Europe's largest display of Vintage engines. Come and join in the fun. For more details see their [website](#)

Saturday evening 23rd June museum open until 21:30 for annual visit.

Higher Poynton Summerfest

Sunday 8th July

Event cancelled due to bad weather

Formally known as the Middlewood Way Open Day, the Higher Poynton Summerfest will be held on 8th July 2012 from 11.30am to 4.30pm. Family friendly entertainment including live music and dancing, dog training show, bird of prey displays, climbing wall, show jumping, face painting, bouncy tunnel and many local produce and craft stalls. Childrens entertainer from 1.00pm to 4.30pm with magic, puppets and balloon sculpture. Free entry. Car park £2

The museum will have a stall at the fair as always, do pop along and see us.

Antique Steam Roller (26th & 27th August)

Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday

An unusual visitor will be arriving at the museum over the weekend. This lovely steam roller will be driving through the village on Saturday 25th as it makes its way to the museum in Higher Poynton.



We are planning to have a great time over the bank holiday with many engines running - including the largest steam engine in Cheshire - the Poynton model, craft demonstrations on the Monday and our souvenir shop will be featuring many bargains (including a half price toy sale).

Largest Steam Engine in Cheshire running Sunday & Monday (26th & 27th August)

Bank Holiday

There are few people who are not moved and enthralled by the sight and sound of a giant steam engine in motion. The power and majesty of the spinning flywheel ignites a passion deep inside and makes you wonder about the work and history of these industrial giants.

The Stott mill engine at the museum has been lovingly restored by our volunteers and will run on live steam for the only time this year, over the Bank Holiday Weekend. The engine has the power of 250 horses. The 10 foot flywheel is cast in iron and weighs 10 tons on its own.



Although the smaller steam engines at the museum run on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the season, the Stott engine has not been run this year and the only planned running is Sunday 26th & Monday 27th August.

There is no additional charge to see the steam engine, normal museum entry applies. Museum is open 10:00 - 17:00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday over that weekend.

On Monday 27th the Craft Centre at the museum will also be in operation. Everyone is invited along – for a great day out.

Poynton Show, Poynton Park Saturday 25th August

A great day out for all the family. Our volunteers will be supporting this show with and engine, stall and presenting the Les Cawley Memorial Trophy. See the show's [website](#) for more details.

Display of Vintage Cameras

8th and 9th September

Frank and Andrew Hardman will be displaying their fascinating collection of cameras and equipment, including Thornton Pickard cameras which date back as far as 1800s.

Thornton-Pickard was a famous British camera manufacturer established in 1888. The company was based in Altrincham (near Manchester) and was an early pioneer in the development of the camera industry.



“Turn the Clocks Back” closing weekend 27th/28th October

Over the weekend a great many of our engines will be running, including the small steam engines. The Craft Centre will be in full swing with demonstrations by blacksmiths at the forge and wood turners/bodging at their lathes. The giant model of Poynton is a treat so do make time to drop into the local history area and talk to the volunteers who have built it. There are many pre-stocktake bargains in the shop and a giant Tombola could send you home with your arms full of presents.

The Milk Van will be on site to tempt you with bacon butties and mugs of steaming hot tea so do come and join us.

NB The date is 27/28 October, not as listed in some magazines as 3/4 November

REMINDER:- Over the winter months the museum is planning to build a new storage building. To allow the ground to be cleared for the footings many of our engines in the back area of the car park have been moved down into the car parking area itself. Because of this we are going to be very constrained with the amount of room we will have available for visitors over that weekend.

The Trustees have therefore taken the decision that for the closing weekend of the year, we will not have a mini rally as such and will not be accepting visiting engines. This will allow the maximum amount of available space to be used for visitor parking.

We hope enthusiasts will understand the need for our decision on this occasion and join us again next year for our opening and closing weekends.