

## **At last, a good use for your Council Tax Bill**

The Anson Engine Museum has decided to invite the residents of Poynton to a free visit to the museum on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May as part of their celebration for being shortlisted for two National Awards for Excellence and making it to the final round of judging in the Cheshire Small Visitor Attraction of the Year.

Geoff Challinor, Chairman of the Museum said “We are all delighted to have made the shortlists and whatever the outcome, we already feel like winners and want to share our good news with the people of Poynton. After all, we are their village museum and our good news is also their good news. I hope a great many residents are able to come along that day and enjoy the museum as our treat.”

The museum is being judged against many of the major museums and attractions and making the shortlist is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the quality of it's offering. Repeatedly the museum is told from visitors “ we had no idea you were so big or had so much to offer.” To help ensure all Poynton residents know just what they have to offer, the museum is offering free admission (for up to four people per household) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May when they show at the door their 2009 Council Tax bill with an SK12 post code

As well as having the largest collection of engines in Europe at the museum (many of which will be running that day) there will demonstrations of ancient crafts – bodging and blacksmith work – and the giant model of Poynton c1900 showing the collieries of the area will be on display with local historian Roy Dudley available to answer residents questions.

Additionally, as the 16<sup>th</sup> May is also International Night of Museums (when museums across the world are asked to open late) the museum will not close at 5pm as normal but stay open until 8pm so visitors can enjoy engines at twilight.

Bring along your Council Tax bill and enjoy free entry as a resident of Poynton.