

## "Turn the Clocks Back" weekend to close the season 2006

After a very successful summer season the museum will close over the winter from the end of October. The last weekend is the 28th and 29th October when the museum will host its traditional "Turn the Clocks Back" rally. The museum will be open from 10:00 - 17:00 on both days.

The museum is expecting an interesting collection of rally engines to be on display as well as a lot of interest in the parts of the huge [Doxford](#) engine that have already arrived at their new home. If you would like to bring an engine to the museum please contact Geoff Challinor.

It will also be the last opportunity for visitors to view the "Rattling Monsters" Exhibition. This has received praise from enthusiasts from all over the world and is also proving popular with the non-specialist visitor, as it gives a very easy explanation of engines and allows everyone to understand how these early engines work. When they are fired into life it is very easy to hear how these atmospheric engines achieved their nickname of "Rattling Monsters".

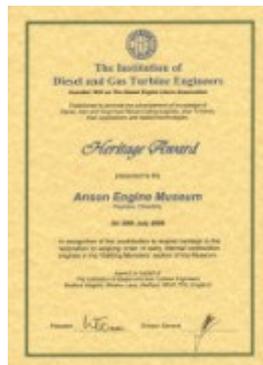
These engines, first developed in 1867 by Otto-Langen were later built in the UK by Crossley Brothers of Manchester. Among the exhibits is the largest running free piston engine in the world, complete with its original winch and a crane. The 3hp engine was built to run on Town Gas but the museum is running it on hydrogen. The museum also has a working exhibit of a 1/2 hp engine and a beautiful model (made by Wayne Grenning). It has also taken delivery of more early engines on loan from the National Museums of Scotland that further enhances this unique collection.

The full size replica of an Otto-Langen Atmospheric Free Piston engine will also be paying a visit for the weekend. This 1/4 hp engine has been lovingly built by Wayne Timms and Dave Allen, members of the museum "Friends" association.

The exhibition is so good that it has been given a Heritage Award by the The Institution of Diesel and Gas Turbine Engineers (IDGTE). The Institution is an independent professional body serving the Diesel and Gas Turbine Industry as a whole. The award is in recognition of the contribution to engineering heritage in the restoration to working order of early internal combustion engines in the "Rattling Monsters" section of the museum. There will be a formal presentation of the award on Saturday 28th October at midday.

IDGTE President Trevor Owen visited the Museum on 21st June for the Midsummer Mingle event and was shown the "Rattling Monster" display. He commented "I immediately realized that this was an exceptional display from the earliest days of the internal combustion engine and that the display was worthy of consideration for our Heritage Award as a unique example of such engines in working order."

"Having one atmospheric engine running and available for the public to enjoy is very rare" says Geoff Challinor, Curator at the museum, "to have so many of these engines available in the one place really is a world first. I am delighted that the IDGTE has recognised our efforts in this way, it is an honour to receive it."



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## **Bentley & Rolls Royce Diamond Jubilee Rally**

In 2006, Bentley Motors celebrates 60 years of production at its famous Crewe factory. Today, Crewe is a flourishing, state-of-the-art site, fusing the latest

technology with time-honoured craftsmanship and tradition. The first post war cars were the Bentley Mark VI and Rolls Royce Silver Wraith and to celebrate this the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club and Bentley Drivers Club are driving these cars in the Lake Peak Districts, culminating in a weekend at Bentleys factory at Crewe.

On Friday 15th September, the museum is one of the destinations that the rally drivers will be visiting in their beautifully restored vintage cars. There will be approximately 100 cars for the weekend at Crewe, about 60 of the cars will be from the 1946 to 1954 period. The car park at the museum will be crowded with fine examples during their visit on the Friday.

We extend a warm welcome to the Diamond Jubilee Rally and are looking forward to showing you around the museum.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Bentley [history](#) and what the Bentley factory are doing for the Jubilee.

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## Armchair Walks

As part of the very successful Step into Cheshire campaign run in September each year, the museum is hosting two illustrated talks. These are being given by Roy Dudley (local historian and Trustee at the museum) who also collated the current exhibition on the Vernon & Warren Families which runs until 29th October.

The illustrated talks allow you to enjoy a gentle stroll around Poynton's past from the comfort of your chair, giving an insight into both the character & the characters of old Poynton.

These talks are very popular and numbers are limited. Advance booking is essential. To book your ticket contact [jon@enginemuseum.org](mailto:jon@enginemuseum.org) or tel 01625 874426.

## **An Armchair Walk round Old Poynton**

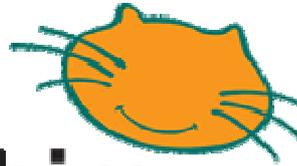
On Saturday 16th, Friday 22nd & Sunday 24th September at 14:00 (2.00pm)  
Adults £3.50 (includes entrance to museum)

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## **The “Warrens & Vernons”**

On Sunday 17th & Saturday 23rd September at 14:00 (2.00pm) Adults £3.50  
(includes entrance to museum)

For further information about the Step into Cheshire campaign and a full list of events, see [Events](#)



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## **Les Cawley Memorial Trophy**

On Saturday 26th August, Geoff Challinor will be at the Poynton Show to award the Les Cawley Trophy.

Les, one of the museum founders, died in July four years ago. His memory and love for the Poynton Show lives on with his memorial trophy given to an exhibit in the vintage machinery section.

“He never missed the Poynton Show” said Geoff Challinor. “He had a great love of local life and could always be found at the showground, sometimes pulling trucks and engines out off the field if the rain and mud proved to be too much.”

Let's hope there won't be too much rain and mud this year to deter the exhibitors and visitors. As well as awarding the trophy, the museum will be represented with a stall and some of our volunteers in attendance.

For more information about the show held in the lovely setting of Poynton Park beside the Pool. It is one of the largest one day tented shows in the North West and is the premier Horticultural and Agricultural Show in the area with attendance figures of 10,000 – 15,000 go [Here >>>](#)

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## **Exhibition on the Vernon and Warren Families**

The Warren family held the manor in Poynton until 1801 when Sir George, the last surviving male, died. He was succeeded by his daughter, Lady Warren Bulkeley. She died childless in 1826 when she left it to Frances Maria Warren, Lady Vernon.

The Lords Vernon held the estate until the final sale in 1920. Several halls were built on the site in Poynton Park, each one then demolished to make way for a new one. The last hall, Poynton Towers, was finally taken down in the 1930s.

The Warren, Anson and Vernon families have been instrumental in moulding the history of Poynton and the exhibition helps trace their connections and their influence on the town.

Open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday until the end of October. Normal admission fees apply for entry to the museum but no additional charge for the history exhibition.



*The Investiture of*  
**SIR GEORGE WARREN,**  
*Knight of the Most Honourable*  
**ORDER of the BATH.**

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## **1000 Engine Rally, Astle Park, Chelford - 24 & 25 June 2006**

Once again, the Anson Engine Museum is proud to be working with the organisers of this rally to welcome exhibitors and visitors to the rally at Chelford, Cheshire.

The purpose of the Rally, when started in 1985, was to get the engine numbers to 1,000 (hence the name). This has never been achieved with just engines, but they have had more than 1,000 exhibits but still long for 1,000 stationary engines. One day, they hope to achieve their stated goal.

Since moving from Tatton Park to their present site at Astle Park, Chelford they have grown in size. As well as being a Stationary Engine Rally they try to put on a show that is suitable for all the family, young and old (and those in the middle).

This year they say they already have bookings for 400 engine exhibitors and hope that more will arrive over the weekend. Their official website is [1000 engine rally](#). They advertise that the fun includes - Europe's largest display of vintage engines. A great family day out with arena events, fun fair helicopter flights, refreshments. Vintage Auction on Saturday at 10.30am. Open: 10am - 6pm each day. Price: £5 adults, £4 OAP's and children over 12.

To add to the fun, the Anson Engine Museum will be open on the Saturday evening as usual from 18:00 - 21:00, normal entry fee applies. Visitors will be able to enjoy the "Rattling Monsters" Exhibition, the "Poynton Collieries" Exhibition and the Les & Ena Cawley Memorial Building as well as see the many changes we have made since last year.

We have a stand at the rally again and we will be selling tickets for the two coaches we have organised to the museum on the Saturday evening. Tickets are limited so please come and buy early or you will have to make your own way there and try to find a car parking space.

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## **Midsummer Mingle – Wednesday 21st June**

Following the success of last years Mirrlees Midsummer Mingle we have decided to make it an annual occasion and extend it to everyone who would like to join us.

Peter Wood, one of our volunteers and ex Mirrlees Personnel Manager, has agreed to co-ordinate and organise the day.

The reunion will be held on the longest day – Wednesday 21st June from midday onwards. The main social activity will be in the evening when there will be a barbeque commencing at 6pm.

The normal museum entry fee of £3.50 will apply but will include a burger or hot dog for those attending the barbeque.

Since the event last summer, the museum has made many improvements and now has significant collections of all local and most UK engine manufacturers, including National, Ruston, Furnival, Mirrlees, Lister, Gardner, Crossley, and Blackstone.

Major exhibitions now include the Gardner Hall, which opened in 2004, and the “Rattling Monster” collection, which opened 13th May featuring an 1877 Crossley Brothers, Atmospheric-Free Piston engine.

There is also a collection of Poynton Local History items; a display of Mirrlees memorabilia from over the years and a woodcraft/bodger’s shed.

This reunion is going to be a great opportunity for colleagues to get together and chat about the old days and exchange anecdotes.

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## **Fathers Day Celebrations**

What do you give the man who has everything? How about a day at the Anson Engine Museum? To celebrate Fathers Day the museum has decided to give free admission to dads and granddads if you bring them along on Sunday 18th June.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the impressive collection of over 200 engines, many restored to their original working condition. The museum is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Internal Combustion Engine (particularly those built in the Manchester area) and to Poynton Local History. Over the past twelve months the museum (the volunteers and the engines) have picked up several awards from the Cheshire and Warrington Tourism Board, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Inspiring Woman Award. The museum is currently running a world first exhibition of Atmospheric Gas Engines – or "Rattling Monsters". There is also a very unusual exhibition of photographs and artefacts telling the story of the Poynton Collieries.

Geoff Challinor, Chairman of the museum 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” .

If you want to join Geoff and the volunteers on Sunday June 18th, Fathers Day, pop along between 10:00 - 17:00 to see what is the largest collection of engines in the UK, and possibly in Europe, open to the public. To add to the atmosphere that day engines will be running; there is a special Fathers Day Fun Sheet and - if you bring your dad along that day - he gets in free! The small shop has a range of unusual gifts and hand made cards to make all dads and granddads feel extra special.



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## Poynton Collieries Exhibition

In the Poynton Local History area we will be running an exhibition on the local collieries from 16 April – 23 July, every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays from 10:00 – 17:00.

The Exhibition tells the rise and decline of the coalmining industry around Poynton. Although Farming was Poynton's original main occupation, coal was found near the surface of the land. Coalmining has had a profound effect on Poynton. The village would look very different if there had been no coal in the area.

By 1789, technology had advanced with the invention of engines to pump water from the workings, thus allowing deeper pits to be sunk. Output in 1789 was over 26,000 tons rising to a peak production of 243,673 tons in 1859. The collieries closed in 1935 when the economically viable coal reserves had been exhausted.

No additional charge for access to the Collieries Exhibition



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## World First!

Appearing for a short period during the Rattling Monsters exhibition, will be a full size replica of an Otto-Langen Atmospheric Free Piston engine. This 1/4 hp engine has been lovingly built by Wayne Timms and Dave Allen, members of the museum "Friends" association. They will be taking the engine over to the Nuenen rally in Holland at the end of May. We are privileged to host the first running of this magnificent engine as part of our Exhibition.

The engine will be at the museum from 13 - 27 May.

To our knowledge, there has never before been an exhibition totally devoted to Atmospheric engines. A world first – here at the Anson. No mean feat for a small museum without national funding.

Price: Museum Entry Fees apply - No additional charge for Rattling Monsters Exhibition!



## **The Rattling Monsters Exhibition**

In his book, Horst O Hardenberg describes how the Otto-Langen engine displayed at the 1867 Paris Universal Exposition was called a “rattling monster” or “devil’s machine”. Despite this, the engine went on to take the prestigious gold medal, beating the French built Hugon and Lenoir engines.

Crossley Brothers in Manchester went on to become the licensed manufacturer for Otto-Langen engines in the UK & Colonies. It is hailed as the first commercially successful engine

The “Rattling Monsters” exhibition tells the history and development of these engines as well allowing you the chance to see many exhibits never before made public. The museum has been working with some of this countries other leading museums to acquire engines and artefacts. The first of these engines, a 3hp Crossley Brothers Atmospheric – Free Piston engine, on loan from The Bristol Museums Galleries and Archives, will form the centrepiece of the special exhibition. Other engines of different sizes have been promised.

Exhibition runs every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday from 13 May 2006 - 29 October 2006, 10:00 - 17:00.

This exhibition is a World First! No mean feat for a museum with no national funding!

### Museum Entry Fees

Adults £3.50

Children under 14 £2.50

Children under 5's free

Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) £10.00

No additional charge for Rattling Monsters Exhibition!

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## **Opening Of The 17th Season At The Anson Engine Museum**

Easter Sunday is the start of our 17th season at the museum.

The new Les & Ena Cawley Memorial Building will be finished and full of new exhibits and displays. This is additional to our normal collection of over 200 engines and Poynton local history items.

The museum will then be open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday until 29th October. Check the website for full details of events throughout the season.

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