

Events and Exhibition in 2013

Christmas Special - Largest Steam Engine in Cheshire running

Sunday 29 December 2013

The museum will open from midday until 4pm on Sunday 29 December. The smaller steam engines will run throughout that period but the large Stott engine will only run a few times and only for 15 minutes at a time.



Although the steam hall should be nice and cosy with the heat generated from the boiler and steam engines, the rest of the museum is non operational over the winter so do remember to wrap up warm.

Hot drinks will be available on site but feel free to bring a picnic with you.

The museum is currently closed over the winter months and will reopen on Easter Sunday and Monday (20/21 April). It will then be open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday until 26 October 2014.

EVENTS ALREADY COMPLETED IN 2013

Opening of the 2013 season, Easter Sunday and Monday
31st March / 1st April

The 2013 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.



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 the Olympic Games bell was made.

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.

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.

There is no additional charge to see the demonstrations, normal museum entry applies. Museum open 10:00 - 17:00.

Dates for craft demonstrations were:-

Sunday 31st March; Monday 1st April; Sunday 21st April; Monday 6th May; Sunday 26th/ Monday 27th May; Sunday 16th June; Saturday 22nd June; Wednesday 26th June; Sunday 21st July Sunday 25th August. Monday – 26th August; Sunday 22nd September Saturday 26th October; Sunday 27th 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 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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**Engines at Twilight Open until
20:00 Saturday 18th May**



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.

**Largest Steam Engine in Cheshire running
Holiday Sun/Monday (26/27 May)**

Bank

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 first 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 every month during the season, the Stott engine will only be run on specified dates.

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.

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

Fathers Day 16th June

Sunday

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, now with over 250 engines at the museum to play with it is a full time job. 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 Fathers Day, 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 5000 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.

1000 Engine Rally, Chelford 22nd/ 23rd 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 22nd June museum open until 21:30 for annual visit.

COACH TICKETS for trip to the Anson Engine Museum Saturday 22 June 2013

The ticket includes return trip from Astle Park & entrance to museum.

Coach ticket price Adults £8.50, Children under 16 £4.00

NB Safety regulations mean everyone must have their own seat.

The museum has many changes and additions with more engines running than ever. The Craft Centre will be in operation and the wonderful scale model of Poynton is available to see. There is also a unique exhibition of engine related artwork on display for you to enjoy

and new posters and stock on sale in the shop. Saturday 22nd promises to be an evening you must not miss.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the museum and showing you our great new exhibits.

Our thanks once again to Andy McCarthy of McCarthy Coaches for his generous donation which helps keep the trip prices low.

Important Notes

- Reserve your tickets by sending an email to enquiry@enginemuseum.org and give your full name, type and number of tickets you require.

- Reserved tickets to be collected from the Museum stand at Astle Park on Saturday 22nd by 14:00* or they will be offered for general sale. (* or earlier if announced at rally field)

- Tickets must be shown to bus driver and at the museum entry desk for Museum tickets.

- Coaches depart Astle Park 18:30 or when full. Last coach estimated departure from the museum 21:00. No refund if you miss the bus.

Additional information:-

A raffle will be held on the Saturday evening at the museum, with lots of great prizes. This will be drawn before the buses leave the museum.

The now famous hot pot supper will be available between 18:45 and 19:45 at the museum. The price has been held at the great value for money price of £5. Order your tickets now or buy on the day but remember the numbers are strictly limited so first come

Midsummer Mingle - calling all engine men Wednesday 26th June

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.

Display of Vintage Cameras 6th and 7th July

Frank and Andrew Hardman will be once again 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.



Higher Poynton Summerfest **Sunday 14th July**

Formally known as the Middlewood Way Open Day, the Higher Poynton Summerfest will be held on 14th July 2013 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.

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

Poynton Show, Poynton Park **Saturday 24th August**

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

Largest Steam Engine in Cheshire Running August Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday

Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday (25th & 26th August)

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Model Engine Exhibition 14th and 15th September

As well as the usual display of (over 200) full sized engines, there will be many model engines on display this weekend. Among the models will be several Mirrlees models built by the apprentices, 5ft long Clayton Wagon, various large locos, hot air engines, etc



There is no additional fee to see the model engine exhibition.

Vintage Lighting Exhibition and Engines at Twilight 5th October

Imagine seeing the museum and engines lit by the flickering light from candle lamps and smelling the faint waft of lamp oil as you tour the museum this evening.



There will also be a display of vintage light bulbs, lamps from tractions engines, etc

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

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.

Warrens & Vernons Exhibition few days only

last

Our exhibition helps you explore the fascinating lives of the families that helped to shape Poynton. See how the village grew and

developed as the Warren family added to their country seat. Read how the Vernons came to be the ruling family in the area.

No additional charge to see the local history exhibitin, normal admission applies.

“Turn the Clocks Back” closing weekend 26th/27th 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.