



## Merry Christmas to all

Just about to close up for a couple of days over Christmas then we will be back to getting the place ship shape in time for getting the engines in steam for Sunday 29 December. We hope all our friends and supporters enjoy their festive break and many thanks for everything you have done to make it another great year here at the museum.

We hope you like this expression of goodwill in several languages, from the good people at k-international.com, probably the most comprehensive one we have seen so far.



For those that like an animated Christmas wish, [click here](#) to see a really nice, cute e-card that was sent to us from our friend John Hili in Malta this year.

Looking forward to welcoming you all back again in 2014.

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## Another award

We are delighted to announce that the museum won the Service Provider category of the Poynton Awards for Customer Excellence and were presented with another trophy. It will be on display next season

with our other awards in our new trophy cabinet. Many thanks to everyone who nominated us.

For more information and photos follow [this link](#).

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## Museum promo video on You Tube

See a short promotional video about the museum on You Tube by [clicking here](#). A little artistic license but hopefully captures a real flavour of what we do at the museum. (NB be careful to only click once or you might open 2 windows and get an echo effect.)

Our thanks to Poynton Town Council and Mike Gallagher for the footage. Earlier this summer a video "[Welcome to Poynton](#)" was produced and the museum had a short piece in that video, [click here](#) to see that video. The Council and Mike have kindly allowed us to use extra footage taken for that video to have our own short promo video produced.

Anyone wishing to use Mike's services will find these details useful:-  
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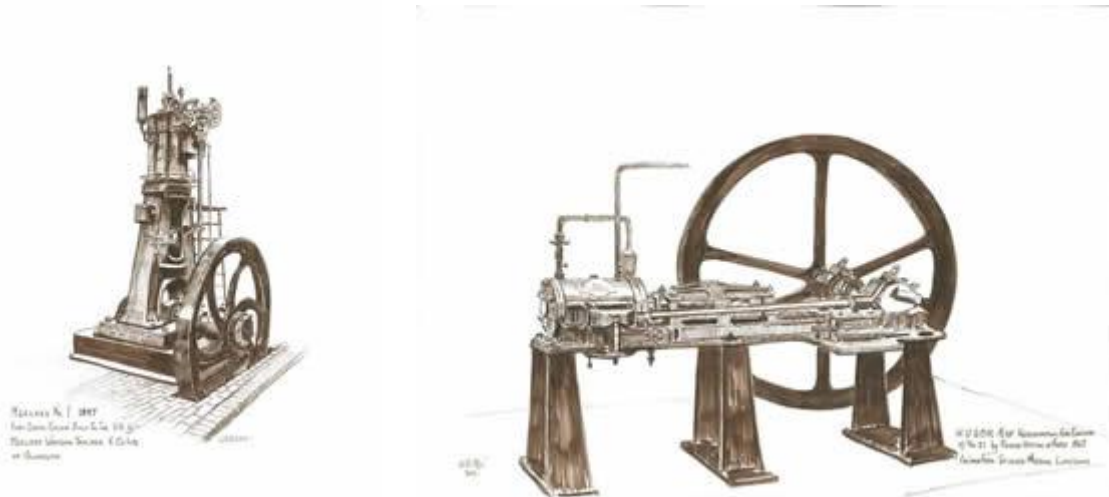
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[www.bbc.co.uk/newtalent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newtalent)  
Sony Award Winning BBC Radio Producer  
The 'Psychology of Sporting Partnerships' for BBC Fivelive

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## Charity Calendar for sale

Beautiful 2014 calendar featuring sketches by our volunteer Rod Ellis. Proceeds to help raise museum funds. Sketches include museum engines and local scenes. Our dates and events for the year are highlighted in the calendar.

Sketches include:-



for more details email [enquiry@enginemuseum.org](mailto:enquiry@enginemuseum.org)

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## Engine Dating Enquiries

The museum can provide a dating record service for Crossley, Tangye, Mirrlees, Blackstone and Gardner engines; even then we cannot guarantee that we have all the records but will provide what information we can from those available. To help us help you, please

download and complete the [attached form](#). We currently can only handle queries via postal mail service not email requests.

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## **Volunteers Needed - Reception & Shop Staff**

If you like dealing with people, have a head for sales and figures or would like to further your experience in retail or reception then we have just the opportunity for you. [Click here](#) to find out about joining our team of Front of House Volunteers.

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## **Follow us on social media sites**

We know that many of you have Facebook and/or Twitter accounts so do please use the buttons at the top of our site to follow us.

You can also find us on You Tube and Flickr if you want to see what we look like.

We also have a stray cat that seems to have adopted us. She too now



has her own Facebook account [so if you want a rather unusual view of what we are getting up to you can follow her by clicking on the photo here.](#)

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## PREVIOUS NEWS FROM 2013

### Remembering Rudolf Diesel

Sunday 29 September is 100 years since the death of Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine. To mark the occasion the Anson Engine Museum is offering free admission to anyone wearing one of the Diesel Exhibition T-shirts they had commissioned as part of their exhibition in 2008 (150 years since his birth).



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### Last few days to vote for the best in Poynton

The 2013 Poynton Awards for Customer Excellence are now open for nominations.

The awards are to recognise those Poynton businesses and employees that have gone that extra mile to satisfy their customers.

All completed forms received will be entered into a draw to win £200 of shopping vouchers.

**Voting now closed**



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

*The MBE for volunteer groups*

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## **"Welcome to Poynton" video on YouTube**

The Town Council has had a promotional video about Poynton made and it is now available to view on YouTube. The museum does feature among the many things to do and see in the area. We will also be adding a link to this from our Local Area page to help visitors to plan what else they can do while in Poynton visiting the museum. [Click here](#) to view.

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### **Queen's Award for Voluntary Services**

**June 2013**

We are delighted to announce that our loyal team of volunteers has received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for their ongoing dedication and commitment. This is the highest award (the equivalent of an MBE) given to volunteer groups across the UK for outstanding work in their local communities. This coveted award, inaugurated in 2002 to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee year, is made annually to groups who have completed 'outstanding voluntary work in the community' and sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged to be of the highest standard.

The museum has received the Award for the "development of a unique and specialist engineering museum as an award-winning visitor attraction". It acknowledges the work carried out by the volunteers in an impressive range of roles.

The museum volunteers will receive a certificate signed by the Queen together with a commemorative crystal. These will be presented at a special ceremony by the The Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire David Briggs, MBE, KStJ.

In June four representatives from the Anson Engine Museum will attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

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## **Crossley Slide-Valve arrives at Nuenen**

Our piano base Crossley has made it out to the rally at Nuenen. Here are some photos of it mounted on the back of Geoff Baker's rally truck. The wonderful background pictures (showing views from around the museum) were painted by Rod Ellis our resident artist and blacksmith.



See video of the engine running (before it set off) by [clicking here](#).

There are now four slide-valve engines on the Nuenen rally field and it is only mid afternoon on the Friday!

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**Broadcast on Pure Radio    Wednesday  
15 May from 22:00**

The museum recently hosted a recording session for Stockport's Pure Radio featuring the wonderful "[Harp and a Monkey](#)" Electro-Folk Storytellers. The band set up in the middle platform of the Stott steam engine. The sound was fantastic and





you have a chance to hear the live broadcast on [Roots and Fusion](#) Wednesday 15 May from 22:00. Tune in to Pure 107.8M. A podcast of the programme will be available later this week on their website so if you can't listen live then at least download the podcast, you will not be disappointed. [DOWNLOAD PODCAST HERE](#)

Here is one of the photos of the session, [click here](#) to view more.

The presenter has this to say about the programme for this week - Multifarious musical madness with much mayhem, malarkey and a monkey... Playlist for Roots & Fusion No.222, 15th May 2013, on Stockport's Pure 107.8fm from 22:00 - Ben Reel, Cam Penner, Dylan Walshe, Harp and a Monkey in session at the An...son Engine Museum Poynton, The Hut People, Freyja, Phil Doleman & Ian Emmerson, Chiara Giacobbe, Fish and Bird, Louis Romegoux, Garron Frith, Joey & Rory, Marina Florance, Rebecca Clamp, Brian Perkins, Spooky Men's Chorale... [www.facebook.com/rootsandfusion](http://www.facebook.com/rootsandfusion)

**YOU TUBE LINK** - Don't forget: Harp and a Monkey live in session from the Anson Engine Museum, Cheshire, on Roots & Fusion, Wednesday, 15th May 2013, on Stockport's Pure 107.8fm from 22:00. (Podcast available to download from Thursday.) And yes, here's the proof they did indeed record it all inside a 45-ton steam engine! [CLICK HERE](#)

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## **Listen to our volunteers being interviewed for local radio programme May Bank Holiday Monday**

Chris Woolard from Canalside Radio, Bollington "The Thread" popped down to the museum on Bank Holiday Monday to talk to the volunteers and hear what they have been up to.

Here are the three interviews that went out on Chris's Community Show during the



week. We are extremely grateful to Chris and Canalside's The Thread for permission to put the broadcasts here for you to listen to.

You can listen live to this great local radio on [102.8FM](http://102.8FM).

[Interview One](#)    Origins of the museum & the model of Poynton

[Interview Two](#)    The engines in the museum

[Interview Three](#)    Craft Centre

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## Drive It Day Discount - Sunday 21 April

Drive It Day encourages historic vehicle enthusiasts to use yesterday's two, three, four or more wheeled vehicles for a day to celebrate the UK's transport heritage at its finest.

All owners of historic cars are encouraged to take to the roads on the 21 April to demonstrate how many historic and interesting machines are still on the road today.

In support of Drive it Day, the museum is offering a special admission of **half price entry for those arriving in historic vehicles (20 years old or older)**.

As well as many stationary engines running that day the Craft Centre at the museum will be in full swing (wood turners, bodgers, blacksmiths, etc) and there will be steam engines running that day too.



Whether you want to make the museum your final destination or just stop by en-route to somewhere else, do come along and make full use of our discount offer.

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**Our new 2013 brochure is available**

Pick up a copy when you are next at the museum or [click here](#) to obtain a copy on-line.

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## Russell Newbery restoration

A few years ago we rescued two RN engines from a local cinema. [Click here](#) to see the You Tube video of us dismantling and transporting these from the cinema basement.

One of these, a 1939 D2 engine, has now been restored to running condition. Click [here](#) for a short video of it running.

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## Photos of opening weekend added to Facebook

Currently 40 photos of the Easter Weekend have been added to our Facebook profile, [click here](#) to see. Remember to follow us<sup>3</sup> to keep up to date with latest news.

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## Centenary lunch for IDGTE

The Institution of Diesel and Gas Turbine Engineers is marking their 100 years this year at their annual lunch in London on Friday 12 April 2013. Full details can be found by [clicking here](#). An ideal opportunity to meet up with like minded enthusiasts and catch up with friends old and new.



The Institution is a Licensed Professional Institution of the Engineering Council and was established in 1913 as the Diesel Engine Users Association. Its objectives are to serve its membership by advancing the design, development, manufacture, application, operation and maintenance of reciprocating internal combustion engines, gas turbines and their related fields.

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## We are in the Ten of the Best Unusual Museums

We have been listed in Yours Magazine, Feb 2013 (edition 161) in the Ten of the Best Unusual Museums. Excellent news.



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## Article about the restoration of the Stott engine in Heritage Hub magazine

This super monthly magazine specialises in stories about steam engines and railways with lots of high quality photographs. In their editions 14 and 15 they featured the tale about the Stott mill engine restoration at the museum. Below are links to pdfs of those editions and follow this link to see the [latest edition on-line.](#)

## New on-line ticket booking facility



Why not book your ticket in advance (or buy one as a present for a friend) on our new system. You can ensure your place at some of our great events this season by getting your ticket now.

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## David Edgington MBE



We are delighted to hear that David Edgington has been honoured with an MBE for services to the Industrial Heritage of the Stationary Engine. It is terrific that engines are being recognised as a worthwhile part of industrial heritage and the efforts of long standing stalwarts being rewarded. Well done David, enjoy your day at the palace.

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## Our volunteers are "Team of the Year"

A glamorous award ceremony celebrated Cheshire and Warrington's top-performing tourism businesses.

The Marketing Cheshire Annual Awards in Association with M&S Bank recognised the outstanding work delivered by all sectors of the tourism and hospitality industry and the professionals who work in it.

More than 370 guests attended the prestigious awards at the M&S Bank European Headquarters on Friday, November 23, and enjoyed champagne and canapés before sitting down to an evening hosted by actress and presenter Terri Dwyer.

The museum had been shortlisted for "Attraction of the Year" against some of the major tourism and hospitality sites in the county, but this award was scooped up by the newly refurbished Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. Their luck was to change however when the Team of the Year category was announced.

Geoff Challinor MBE explained why the volunteers are so exceptional "Without the work of the volunteers there would be no museum. I am the only employee and could not achieve on my own what the museum is today. The buildings would not be here; the number of restored engines would be limited and it would be impossible to offer the visitor experience that is enjoyed every weekend.

"To say "people are our most important asset" is reality; this wonderful team are what makes the Anson Engine Museum unique. They are the life, the heart and the soul of the museum.

"My only hesitation about nominating them for team of the Year was they should be given this title each and every year. Perhaps they will settle for Team of the Year 2012 in recognition of all that they do. I am so proud that they have been recognized in this way."

The judges agreed that the volunteers demonstrate the best teamwork in the area.



Ioan Said of Celynnen Photography was the official photographer for the evening.

More photographs of the evening can be found [here](#).

[Click here](#) for a short video of the volunteers explaining to Marketing Cheshire what they do at the museum. For more videos about Cheshire and the Rising Stars in the area see [this link](#).