

"Turn the Clocks Back" weekend to close the season 2007

After another successful season the museum will close over the winter from the end of October. The last weekend is the **27th and 28th 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 "Tangye Exhibition". It has attracted enthusiasts from near and far and has also proved popular with the non-specialist visitor, as it gives a very easy explanation of engines and allows everyone to appreciate the development of the company.

See our news area for more details of what else is planned for the weekend. [Click here](#)

Celebrating 150 years of Tangye from 8th July - 30th September 2007

The history of Tangye Brothers and Cornwall Works is one of the great romances of the past two centuries. As in every similar case it is the history of its founders and their successors that made this company into a respected household name.

It was due to the united efforts of five brothers: James, Joseph, Edward, Richard and George Tangye. Diverse in type, personality, temperament, technical and practical ability, they have erected a family monument in engineering industry. The business grew from their original premises at 40½ Mount Street, off the Parade in Birmingham at a rent of 4/- to become a company known throughout the world for the quality and precision of their manufacturing.

It is with great pleasure the Anson Engine Museum has put together an exhibition to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this great engineering company.

There is no additional charge to visit the Tangye Exhibition, museum open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday until end October. Also open for group visits by prior arrangement and, during August, will open every Wednesday from midday until 20:00.



1000 Engine Rally - Astle Park, Chelford 23rd/24th June 2007

The Five Counties Vintage Machinery Organisation ([FCVMO](#)) aim to take the Astle Park Rally forward as Europe's largest display of Vintage engines. The quality and range of engines seen at the event never fails to amaze, with many very rare exhibits on show. They are always looking to welcome new engines to the rally and would especially like to encourage those of you who have exhibited engines in the past to come again, your support and exhibits are most welcome.

All they ask is that exhibits are well presented with information boards to clearly explain details of the exhibit to the public. This is especially important as they get many families as well as engine enthusiasts and need to look after the younger generation who may be the enthusiasts of tomorrow. For more information and entry forms click [here](#).

If you are planning a trip to the 1000 Engine Rally, you may wish to attend the Open-Evening on Saturday 23rd. We have set up a special coach service for the event and can now take advance booking for seats via our on-line shop. Our sincere thanks go to McCarthy coaches of Macclesfield for their generous donation which allows us to cap the ticket prices at the same rate as last year £6 for adults and £4.50 for children (this included coach fare and museum entry). Click [here](#) to buy your ticket in advance.

We shall have a caterer on site that night too providing hot meals. As usual we shall have many engines running and, to raise funds, a raffle. Any prizes you would like to donate for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Here are some photos of last years rally to get you in the mood.



We were given a very generous donation from the FCVMO earlier this year to help with our ongoing projects.

The committee came along to the museum last October and were so impressed with the work we are carrying out, told us we would be receiving a donation from them. The Treasurer delivered the cheque earlier this year to the delight of the Trustees. They wish to make a formal presentation at the 1000 Engine Rally so we do hope you will be able to come along and see the presentation. The Committee have also given a donation to Internal Fire in Wales.

Fathers Go Free For Fathers Day - Sunday 17 June 2007

For the third year running the museum is running a special offer to celebrate Fathers Day - bring your dad or granddad along today and they will get in free.

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 17th, Fathers Day, pop along between 10:00 - 17:00 to see the largest collection of engines 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. Normal museum entry applies to all other visitors.



International Museums Weekend - 16/17 June 2007

The intention of the weekend is to set up amateur radio special event stations at as many museums as possible throughout the world.

One of our "Friends of the Museum" Rob Linton will once again be running a broadcast from the museum both days of this weekend.

Last year Rob set up his impressive collection of radio paraphernalia and aerial then broadcasted live over the airwaves. Among the many museums he was in touch with were the Museum of Flight near Edinburgh, the Tuxford Windmill, the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, the Ribble Steam Railway & Preston Docks and the Museum of the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich who were celebrating the 150 year anniversary of the Victoria Cross.

We are looking forward to hearing which museums Rob is able to talk to this year. Click [here](#) for a list of the museums taking part in the weekends activities.



Night of the Museum 2007

On Saturday 19th May museums around the world are opening in the evening allowing visitors an unusual look at the museums out of hours. You can join this global night out at your local museum.

Last year the theme for Museums month was - Past, Present and Future and we linked our Rattling Monster Exhibition to this theme. This year our Colliery Exhibition provided an insight into the miners of old Poynton and, on the evening of the 19th, we will have our local historian Roy Dudley on hand to talk to you about the miners and show you around the Collieries Exhibition.

We will also have engines running and our cafe area open. The museum will be open from 16:00 - 20:00 and visitors during this period will be admitted at half the normal entry free. Make a note of the date for your diary - 19th May.



Poynton Collieries Exhibition

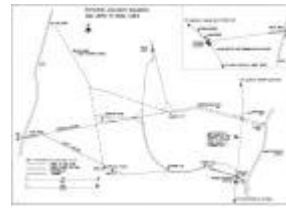


Poynton used to be a thriving mining community. The museum is built on the site of the old Anson Colliery. The pit was named to commemorate the marriage of the Vernon and Anson families. The pit was named to commemorate the marriage of the Vernon and Anson families and the land was bought from Lord Vernon by Les Cawley (one of the museum founders) in 1947. He cleared the spoil tip from a great deal of the land to make room for his lumber business and in 1986 the first foundations were built for the museum. One large piece of the spoil tip remains today at the far end of the museum car park. This is the only visual reminder to the days of yesteryear when collieries flourished around Poynton.

At one point Poynton collieries produced 244,516 tons of coal or about 1/3 of all coal produced in Cheshire with over 400 men working underground. There were over 60 mine shafts dotted around Poynton. After being the main industry for 150 years the last Poynton pits were closed in 1935.

The Exhibition includes pictures, maps, artefacts and a unique collection of pastels painted by the late David Collier. Many of the artefacts were discovered hidden in the spoil by Les Cawley while he was clearing the land. These have been lovingly restored by Roy Dudley, one of the museum's Trustees and a small band of volunteers.

The Colliery Exhibition is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 – 17:00 from May (part of the Museums and Galleries Month) until 22 July. There is no additional charge for the Exhibition, normal museum entry fees apply.



Highlights for the 2007 Season

More details of the following will appear on our site soon but this overview should help you plan your diary.

8-9 April **Easter Sunday and Monday** - Opening of new season

8th April **Poynton Collieries Exhibition**

- 22 July The exhibitions allow the pictures, maps and artefacts to tell the story of the collieries from their early days through to peak production in 1859.

16/17 June **International Museums Weekend** - amateur radio special

between museums across the world

17th June **Fathers Day** - bring your dad or granddad along and they will get in free

21st June **Midsummer Mingle** – including a tribute to 150 years of Ruston engines

23/24 June **1000 Engine Rally** – a rally at Astle Park, Chelford supported by the Anson Engine Museum

8th July **Tangye Exhibition** - celebrating 150 years of Tangye engineering

– 30th Sept

The original works of James Tangye & Brothers was at 40½ Mount Street, Birmingham. The year was 1857. They used the rear of this building to build up their engineering business. There were five brothers - James, Joseph, Edward, Richard and George.

The great engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel had built the massive "S.S. Great Eastern" the largest ship ever constructed at the time, only to experience great difficulty in launching the vessel. It was the Tangye brothers who came to his aid and launched the vessel by providing powerful hydraulic jacks for the task. Hence the term "Tangye launched the Great Eastern and the Great Eastern launched Tangye".

The company flourished and over the years Tangye's machinery was used to install Cleopatra's Needle in London (1878). Tangye's equipment was also used to construct Sydney Harbour Bridge, Australia (1932), sections of the Birmingham's 'Spaghetti Junction' motorway interchange (1972) and London's Thames Barrier (1974-1984).

The exhibition tells the tale of the men and the company that was to impact UK engineering over the years.

3rd Aug The Colliers and Collieries of Poynton

– 28 Oct

Sept Slide shows and presentations on Poynton history

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27 - 28 **"Turn the Clocks Back"** closing weekend

October
