

# Poynton

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## The Coronation

Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on 2nd June 1953 at Westminster Abbey in London. She had acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952, on the death of her father George VI.

See pictures of the Coronation celebrations in Poynton by scanning QR code top right, or going to the website



The Newark Advertiser, 3rd June 1953, from the British Newspaper Archive



Party on Lower Park Crescent, Les Barber



## The World in the 1950s

The world continued its recovery from World War II. There was great population growth, the so called 'baby boomer' generation. The 'Cold War' began, a period of political tension between the United States and the Soviet Union. Rock n' Roll music became popular, and television sets became a more familiar feature in British homes.



## Poynton in the 1950s

After the war, birth rates soared. Town planners had to work out how to house their rising populations and how to educate their children. In 1957, the first version of the town plan for Poynton was produced. Agricultural land had to be built upon. At the end of the 50s, housing was built on Distaff Road, Milton Drive, Brookfield Avenue, in the Hepley and Hockley area, on Brookfield Avenue, Clifford Road, and Queensway and in the Meadway area. The only primary school in Poynton was Vernon School on Clumber Road. Industries in the 1950s in Poynton included brick-making, silk making, the extraction of sand and gravel and textile making.

**Anagram letter**



## This Place Fountain Place

### The Jubilee Fountain

Be a Detective!

FIND THIS SPOT!  
WHAT'S THE SAME?  
WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

The Jubilee fountain was built to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 and was fully operational until the 1940s.



The fountain was situated more centrally in Fountain Place until 2011. It was repositioned at its present site when the 'Shared Space' scheme was established in Poynton.

**Did you know?** The fountain was painted green in the early 1990s!

Photo from Chris Potter



Fountain Place 1957 Roy Dudley Collection



Rosie Deverell 2022

The Warrington Examiner, 20th July 1907 From The British Newspaper Archive

### Memorial to Poynton Vicar.

The parishioners to Poynton have decided to erect a suitable memorial to the late vicar, the Rev. T. Bridge, M.A., a native of Warrington who received his early education at the Blue Coat School. The proposal is to spend about £200 in providing a lychgate for the main entrance to the churchyard.

## St George's Church

St George's Church was consecrated in February 1859. It was built on the site of a former chapel, which had stood since 1789. The church was designed by JS Crowther.

### The Lychgate

The Lychgate was built in 1908, to commemorate the Reverend Thomas Bridges, who had served the church and parish for 22 years when he died in 1907.

'Poynton Church and Parish' - From St George's Centenary booklet 1971

...It was not until the Tudor prosperity with its great wave of rebuilding reached Cheshire that we hear of a new hall and chapel being built about 1530, this time by Sir Edward Warren and now presumably on the site of the new manor house in what was to become Poynton Park. The appointment of the first curate, William Hornby in 1596, testifies to the growing wealth of Poynton as farming prospered. The chapel was still only for worship; Sir Edward's sepulchral stone is set into the north wall of the chancel at Prestbury. Poynton still had no real centre; there was no true village which might otherwise have attracted a chapel-of-ease. Farms and odd cottages were scattered at random over the township; the future Fountain Place did not even exist as a crossroads.

Structural weaknesses resulted in the demolition of this church in 1857 and the building of the present structure in 1859, though the spire was not added until 1883 as a memorial to the seventh Lord Vernon. It is around this church and the crossroads that the modern centre of Poynton has emerged. As coal waxed prosperous after the arrival of the railway in 1845, so the population grew and parochial dependence on the remote church at Prestbury survived as an unsatisfactory anachronism.

Picture bottom right shows the church prior to the building of the Lychgate



Scenes in Poynton postcard, image used courtesy of Stockport Local Heritage Library

## ON YOUR WAY TO TRAIL POINT 2 - ALDI (BROOKFIELD CINEMA)

Look out between Abbey Court and Aldi for...

### The Almshouses

Next to St George's Church, you can see six Almshouses which were built by the Vernon family and the colliery and estate managers in 1854. They were built to house elderly and deserving colliers and estate workers who were in need. They fell into disrepair after the mines closed in 1935, and the support of the Vernon family was withdrawn. In 1956, a new trust was formed, and the houses were refurbished.

The Poynton-with-Worth Almshouse Charity manages and maintains the houses, which are still used today to house local villagers in need.

Photos taken in 2005 by Alan Hulme



THE MILESTONE DATES FROM 1824 AND IS A GRADE 2 LISTED MONUMENT!

St George's Church 1950s Cheshire Image Bank Ref - c02454



Fountain Place prior to the Shared Space scheme - Feb 2005. Photos by Alan Hulme

