

The 1980s



Butcher's counter at the 'Bottom Co-op' (Park Lane) - 1987



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I remember the queue for the butchers! Melvyn was a great guy and took pride in his counter
 Elaine Hayes

I worked on the deli counter on Saturdays - always had a laugh with Melvin
 Ali Strong

The pies in the cabinet were made by Woods in Higher Poynton and the sausages and black puddings came from Simpsons on the A6
 Jason Port



The Clinic - 1981



Opened in 1989



Park Lane Co-op - 1981

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The Farmers Arms - late 1980s

The Library - 1981



Poynton Drum Majors, Remembrance Sunday -1980



The shops I remember from the 1980s when I was a little girl are - The Health Food shop, Whites and Hallworths, the Chemists', Forbous newsagent, Greggs, Mulligans, Bob's the Newsagent, Two Ticks, a sewing shop near The Strawberry Pig, The Kabin, Jane's Fine Arts, The Kiln

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Yes! The Fabric Bazaar, with its little drawers of buttons! I loved going in there when I was little!

Laura Cassidy

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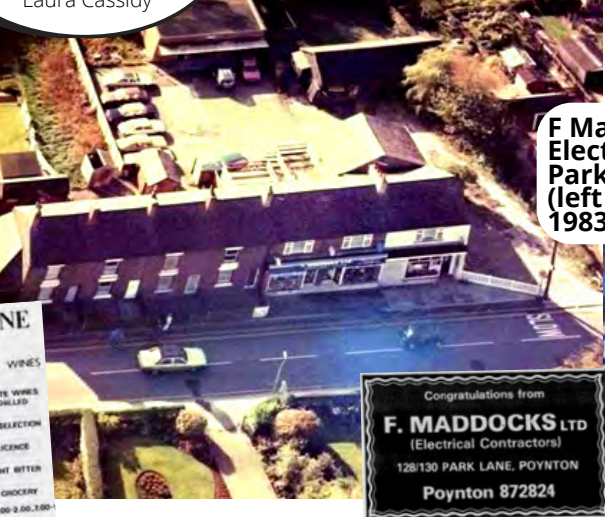


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Poynton Players Programme 1985

I was a teen in the 80's - Tuesday and Friday nights at The Social Centre, then congregating at the Strawberry Pig after for chips and gravy. Late teens we were mostly in the Farmers or a wine bar - AJ's/The Kingfisher). Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were always fancy dress. We had the best times

Sally Barber Simpson

SEE IAN PRICES
STUNNING DRAWING OF THE
SOCIAL CENTRE AT THE
POYNTON GREEN TRAIL POINT

The old primary school in Park Lane was endowed by Lady Vernon - a considerable village benefactor - in 1838. Today, it is generally known as Poynton Social Centre and must be one of the liveliest and best-run organizations of its type in the country. Open seven days a week from nine in the morning till midnight, it caters for adults and youngsters alike and fairly hums with life, seeing as many as fourteen hundred users cross its threshold every week. It was voted the number one Folk Club in the U.K. in a poll organised by a well known music magazine about two years ago but, in addition, it provides three full-sized snooker tables and runs play groups, badminton morning noon and night, ballet, ballroom dancing, and band practices for groups who come from miles around. It also runs a ceilidh band, and holds one of the best-attended and best behaved youngsters' discos in the North each Friday evening. About three hundred turn up every week yet there's virtually never any trouble.

Ian Price, 1980

Cheshire Life - Feb 1980, used courtesy of Ian's daughter Michelle Howell, and Cheshire Life



The Social Centre - 1981



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The Boars Head - 1981



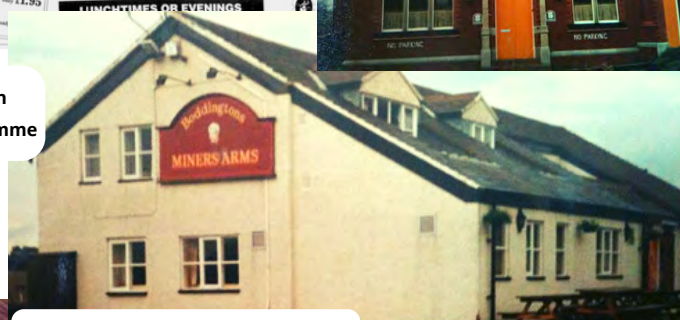
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Below - Eric Richards (front), Tony Richards (left), Andrew Shaw (back)



The Miners Arms - 1981

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I remember spending a lot of time at the Miner's Arms. Motorbikes and good times
Phil Aurora

Our children loved "The Rec" in the eighties and my friends and I were seldom away in the fifties
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Cadman's Yard - 1980s (by path from Towers Road up to Tip Hill)

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Poynton Players Programme 1981



The Farmers Arms - 1981



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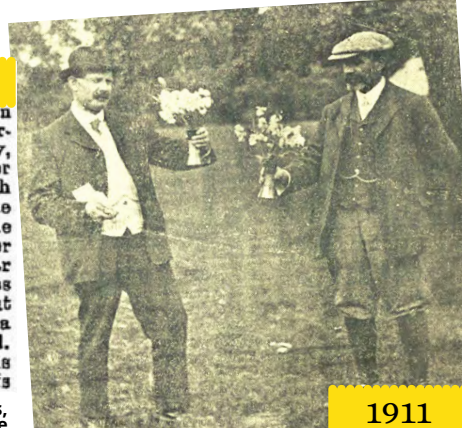
The Poynton Show



FLOWER SHOWS. 1893

The eighth annual show in connection with Poynton Horticultural Society, held in Poynton Park on Saturday, was most successful, both in point of the quality, number of entries, and attendance. There were over 1,000 exhibits for the various classes, in each of which there was some excellent competition, the judges in some instances having the utmost difficulty in awarding the prizes. In the open class the principal prize winner was Mr. W. W. Brookborough, of Henbury Hall, near Macclesfield, who carried off no less than 13 first-class and four second-class prizes. The weather throughout the show was fine. Luncheon was partaken of in a tent by the judges and committee, Mr. L. C. Greenwell, J.P., agent to Lord Vernon, presiding. Illuminations of the ground and lake and a grand display of fireworks took place at dusk.

1.9.1893 Manchester Times, from the British Newspaper Archive



1911

The First Show 1886

POYNTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Towers Park at Poynton on Saturday was the centre of considerable attraction, on the occasion of the first show of the recently-formed horticultural society. Some years have elapsed since a similar society was allowed to die out, in consequence, we suppose, of a want of interest on the part of the inhabitants. A few months ago it was determined, by several men interested in horticulture, that an effort should be made with a view to the establishment of another society. Amongst others who have taken an active part in the movement may be mentioned Lord Vernon, Mr E. C. Howard, Mr S. Leigh, Dr. Wase, Mr G. C. Greenwell, Mr Peter Wood, Mr J. Turner, the Rev. T. Bridge (the vicar), &c. The promise of Lord Vernon to give £15 for the best cultivated gardens, to be competed for by cottage gardeners only, gave a wonderful fillip to the movement.

As already intimated, the inaugural show was held on Saturday last, and the promoters have every reason to be satisfied with the success which has attended the venture. To show the active interest taken in the affair, it need only be stated that there were 630 exhibits, all being very effectively staged in a large marquee erected on a plot of ground in the Towers Park, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by the Dowager Lady Vernon. In addition to the class for the best cultivated cottage gardens there were three classes. The first class was for cottagers residing in Poynton, and workpeople in the employment of Lord Vernon not residing in Poynton but within a radius of three miles; the second class was for gentlemen's gardeners and amateurs within a radius of six miles of Poynton; and the third class was for amateurs and farmers within a radius of three miles of Poynton Church. The staging of the exhibits reflected the highest credit upon all concerned, the interior of the marquee presenting a most bright and charming appearance, the only drawback here being the overheated atmosphere superinduced by the crowds of visitors anxious to catch a glimpse of the exhibits.

3.9.1886 The Advertiser, from the British Newspaper Archive

14.8.1948 - Manchester Evening News



1948

Poynton Show (Cheshire) opened to-day with money being offered—compared with the £38 offered when the show started 62 years ago. Above: The Judges' ring. Left: Freddie Williams, of Moss, with his jumping pony.



2016

1956



Pete Banks



1987

Photo from the Official Programme



1936

Photo from the Official Programme

JUDGING SWEET PEAS AT POYNTON SHOW. Used courtesy of the Stockport Image Archive



Norman Wisdom at the show, photo from Ian Lester

c.1990

Wellies brollies and fun

1988



1.9.1988 Macclesfield Express

More than 27,000 visitors made the 88th Poynton Show on Saturday a great success although

Organisers produced their most varied programme yet with the main attraction billed as The White Helmets, the famous motorcycle display team of the Royal Signals. Other special features included the Poynton Commodores, a falconry display and two jousting exhibitions by the National School of Equitation.

2017



Aron Pearson

2016



Rosie Deverell

2015



Rosie Deverell

2008



Rosie Deverell

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2017

MAKING FRIENDS AT THE SHOW



Great favourite with 13-year-old Gordon Oliver (above) at the Poynton Show is "Pat," 10-month-old calf owned by Mr. Donald Sykes, of Adlington, Cheshire. Right: Five-year-old Sandra Hall is a little shy of "Boxer," owned by Mr. W. Ralph, of Grey Mare Lane, Manchester.



1950

CROWD SEES CLIMB UP 40-ft. POLE

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT VISITORS to Poynton Show, at Poynton Park, had an early thrill to-day when they saw a man climb 40 feet up a slender flagpole waving in the wind. The flag had broken loose outside the Central Electricity Board's stand, and Mr. G. Udall, of the North-western Electricity Board, climbed part of the way on a ladder and the rest with his hands and knees round the pole. One of the biggest attractions was George the Giant, a 35-cwt. South Devon bullock, believed to be the largest in the world, whose weight represents rations for 8,400 people.



Miss B. Jackson, of Marple, is seen here with "Dolly," owned by Mr. Torkington, of Gorse Wood Farm, A little shy of 26.8.1950. Manchester Evening News From the British Newspaper Archive



This Place Poynton

Find out more about the history of Poynton

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Poynton Hall and Towers and the Lords and Ladies of the Manor

In the 1750-60s, **Sir George Warren** rebuilt Poynton Hall, replacing the now shabby original half-timbered Hall that had been built in the 1500s. He ordered a lake to be dug out and the park to be developed. His second marriage was to **Frances Bishopp**, who became **Lady Warren**, in 1764.

By order of Sir George and Lady Warren were distributed, at Poynton Park Lodge, in this county, on the morning of Christmas day, one hundred score pounds of beef, and one hundred and fifty score pounds of potatoes to a hundred and fifty-three families, and clothing for twenty widows and twenty poor men. A subscription has also been raised for supporting the poor families, in Poynton and Worth, with oatmeal, rice, and potatoes, at reduced prices. Sir George Warren has subscribed one hundred pounds, and his principal tenants ten guineas each.

13.1.1801 - Chester Courant

Sir George Warren died in 1801.

It is a curious circumstance in the history of the late Sir George Warren, that he and his lady were separated by a decision of the Ecclesiastical Court, in consequence of complaints against each other, not arising from any acts of criminality on either side, but from "incompatibility of temper," and personal habits mutually repulsive. Their mutual objections were strongly stated in Court, and seemed to indicate unappeasable antipathy; yet after this public exposition of their grievances, repentments, and averfions, they came together again, and lived with each other till death produced the final separation.

5.9.1801 Oxford Journal

Sir George and Lady Warren's daughter **Elizabeth Harriett Warren** had married the Rt. Hon. **Thomas James Bulkeley** in 1777. They became the Warren-Bulkeleys. Thomas Bulkeley-Warren succeeded Sir George Warren as Lord of the Manor in 1801. When Thomas died in 1822, they had had no children. The estate passed to Elizabeth's niece, **Francis Maria Warren**, who became Lady Vernon. She was already married to **George Charles Venables Vernon**, who was the **4th Baron Vernon** of Sudbury Hall. So the Vernon name came to Poynton! There was a large sale of assets at Poynton Hall in 1823.

POYNTON HALL, CHESHIRE.
The Ladies and Gentlemen of Manchester, and its vicinity, are respectfully informed, that the valuable Collection of BOOKS, PRINTS, PICTURES, ARTICLES OF TASTE, PLATE, and SUPERB FURNITURE, at POYNTON HALL, the genuine property of the late RT. HON. LORD VISCOUNT BULKELEY, WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION, without reserve, by order of the Executors, by Mr. FORD, of Manchester, on Tuesday, March 18th, and four following days, at twelve o'clock each day, precisely.

The Collection comprises, amongst a great number of very curious and valuable articles, a large and capital pier glass, 98 in. by 62 in. and various others, of smaller dimensions. Several elegant cabinets, beautifully inlaid with various fauzy woods. Grand piano-forte and spinnette. A very curious astronomical clock, by the celebrated *Ernsbau*, (see Aikin's History of Manchester) a most extraordinary piece of mechanism, of which (it is said) only three were made. Several beautiful china bowls and dishes, of large size. Various pieces of Silver Plate, as well as other costly ornamental furniture and articles of taste. Numerous prints, drawings, and pictures—amongst the former, is a complete set of *Raffaello's* celebrated ornaments of the Vatican, in thirty-four pieces, expressly finished in colours, with all the delicacy and effect of the most highly-finished drawings; for the late *Sir George Warren, Bart.* when at Rome, a work of rare and admirable execution, and the whole uniformly framed in white and gold, and glazed with the finest plate glass; and, amongst the latter, is a valuable original portrait of the celebrated *Sir Walter Raleigh*, holding a branch of the tobacco plant, by *Corn. Jansen*, equal to *Vandyck*, and never engraved: also a small, but highly interesting and beautiful picture of their late Majesties, surrounded with their numerous offspring, when young, by *Zoffany*, admirably grouped and brilliantly coloured, and many others of equal merit.

8.3.1823 - Manchester Guardian

Lady Francis Vernon had given birth to a son in 1802, **George John Warren**. George John married **Isabella Caroline Ellison**, of Durham. They had a son, **Augustus Henry Vernon**, born in 1829, to great rejoicings. He was the grandson of the present, 4th, Lord Vernon.

BIRTH OF A SON AND HEIR TO THE HOUSE OF POYNTON.

This happy event occurred to the lady of George John Vernon, Esq. on the 1st instant, at Rome. On the announcement being made general on Friday, the Stockport parish bells were rung, and the event was celebrated in the evening by a convivial party who dined at the Warren-Bulkely Arms. Nearly a century has elapsed since the birth of an heir by lineal descent to these estates. On Monday, an ox weighing between twelve and thirteen scores a quarter (which had been killed for the occasion on Saturday) was roasted whole, before a grate eight feet long and four feet wide, erected in Poynton Park for the purpose. At each end of the grate two whole sheep were roasted. The roasting of the ox occupied twenty-four hours, having been put down at one o'clock on Monday and taken up at the same hour on Tuesday. He was then placed on a platform and adorned with a large pair of gilded horns, the Poynton band playing "O the Roast Beef of Old England." Twenty-one rounds were at the same time fired from twelve pieces of artillery placed on the distant hill. The work of carving then proceeded, and the meat was distributed to about three thousand persons. The distributions were, 1,500 lbs. of bread, 1,000 lbs. of beef, 200 lbs. of mutton, 250 lbs. of cheese, and 4,000 quarts of ale! At four o'clock an elegant balloon, about six feet high, was sent up; and in the evening a grand display of fire-works took place in front of the hall, and a beacon of the height of thirty feet was piled and lighted on the highest point of the domain. The blaze of the beacon was seen to great effect throughout all the surrounding district. The bells at Marple rang a merry peal throughout Monday. On Wednesday upwards of one hundred and fifty gentlemen, the tenantry and their friends, dined at the Crescent inn. Another balloon ascent took place, and in the evening the village was brilliantly illuminated, displaying several elegant and appropriate devices, the principal of which was at Mr. Figgins's school, where the letter V, upwards of three feet high, was surmounted by a brilliant star of five feet in diameter, both in small lamps. On Thursday evening the children in Mrs. Warren's Sunday-school, to the number of two hundred and fifty, were regaled with tea, buns, and negus. We understand it is intended to celebrate the event in Stockport next week.

28.2.1829 Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser

George Charles Vernon died in 1835. George Charles was succeeded by George John Warren, the **5th Lord Vernon**. He spent most of his time in Italy. Lady Francis Maria Warren-Vernon (his grandmother) died in 1837.

DEATH OF THE RIGHT HON. LADY WARREN-VERNON.

Died on Sunday, aged 53, the Lady Warren-Vernon. This event occurred at Poynton Hall, where her Ladyship had recently arrived, in expectation of re-establishing her impaired health and constitution, by a change of scenery and climate. But, alas! how vain and futile are all the hopes and expectations of man! It is, however, indeed, true that soon after her Ladyship's arrival there, some slight changes were observed which inspired her relatives and friends with the hope of ultimate recovery. Other symptoms, however, of a most alarming character quickly and unsuspectingly succeeded, which evidently prognosticated that direful calamity we now all sincerely feel and all deeply deplore. No sooner had the intelligence of this affecting dispensation of Divine Providence reached this town than a general gloom, like that caused by some public calamity prevailed, over its inhabitants; nor is the force of the sensation as yet much subsided or abated. This distinguished lady has, since 1826, on the death of the Right Honourable Viscountess Warren Bulkeley, when she became Lady of the Manor of Stockport, and acquired amongst other estates, to the immense accession of her property, the beautiful mansion of Poynton, been intimately connected with the town, and in that connexion, in every act, uniformly displayed such a deep interest in every thing that could promote the welfare of its inhabitants, that insensible, indeed, must that heart be which does not acknowledge her decease as a public calamity, in which all, from the highest to the lowest, are intimately concerned. Her ladyship has gone down to the grave laden with honours, which true nobility of soul and generosity of heart alone could have achieved; and, amidst the sorrowing tears of hundreds who have experienced her bounty, a monument will be raised to her memory, to which the storied-urn, or the marble bust, are but idle vanities and fleeting memorials.

23.9.1837 - Manchester Times

After her death, there was a large sale of items from Poynton Hall in 1838.

Extensive Sale at Poynton Hall.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY MR. PASS,

On MONDAY, the 15th of JANUARY, 1838, and following days, at POYNTON HALL, in Poynton, Cheshire,

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The Farming Stock consists of 3 in-calf cows, 4 barren cows, 6 fat buls, 4 fat pigs, 1 boar, 2 storks, cast iron and wood land rollers, ploughs and harrows, narrow and broad wheeled carts, patent weighing machine and 4 cwt. of weights, winnowing machine, turnip and straw cutters, tedding machine, a variety of rakes, forks, pikels, and other husbandry implements, turkeys, ducks, hens, &c. &c. Also 8 capital Greyhounds, bred from the celebrated stock of the late Duke of Gordon, and recently known on the field as the "Sudbury breed."

The Sale to begin each Morning at Eleven o'clock precisely.

In 1850, there was a huge party in Poynton for the coming of age of Augustus Henry Vernon.

To return to Poynton, great attention has been paid to the large population of colliers and peasantry, by building them neat and comfortable houses, to each of which a garden is attached; and all of them are gratuitously supplied with coals. Relief is administered to them in sickness, and all their children are gratuitously educated by Lord and Lady Vernon.

On the occasion, great preparations were made at Poynton, as well as at all the other estates, by the general celebration being fixed. The whole of the tenantry, and the colliers, and their families, were brought together, and treated in good old English style. They assembled in the avenues of the extensive and beautiful lawn in front of the here family seat—Poynton Hall—on which, as well as the castellated building near it, (another hall of the family,) national flags were displayed. The procession formed on the avenues a crescent, or segment, (the centre of which was close to the hall entrance,) of upwards of half a mile in length, though ranged in deep files. Their appearance from several points of the ground, which is skirted by fine old trees, was imposing and picturesque. Upwards of 200 beautiful flags and banners, all new and bright, floated in the breeze; and three powerful bands of music were interspersed; the whole, with the old mansion and lake in front, having a truly baronial effect,—well suited for the artists of the *Illustrated News*. who will, we trust, do it justice.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession was headed by farmer tenants and others, mounted on horseback. These were followed by other tenantry, and a vast number of colliers and other labourers on the estate. The colliers were variously attired, those most singular in appearance being covered with thick white woolen coats, or smock frocks, and wearing white or green round-crowned hats. There was something curious, if not quizzical, in the pure white robes of a class who work under ground on a material of the opposite and negative colour. But many of the same class were neatly and substantially clad in their various Sunday habiliments. In the rear was formed a long train of the school children, headed by the clergyman and the masters. All entered enthusiastically into the celebration of the auspicious day.

There was not, we think, fewer than 2,500 persons in the procession, and when the whole moved off, taking the western avenue by the lake, with flags flying and music playing, the sight was enhanced in interest.

13.1.1838 - Macclesfield Courier & Herald

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CELEBRATION OF THE "MAJORITY" OF THE HON. A. H. VERNON.



Note the towers in the background before they were extended to form the great mansion of 'Poynton Towers'.

The procession went, by the Park lodge, northward, through the village. In passing the Crescent Inn, nearly half-an-hour was occupied, and the attendance of gratified spectators was great. They thence proceeded to the mansion of Mr. Ashworth, agent and solicitor for these estates, where the hon. young nobleman was in waiting (with his friends) to receive an address, signed by about 1,000 persons, which was presented by Mr. Ashworth, in front of his house, and read by Mr. Henson Gill. It was beautifully lettered on a large roll, and expressed in feeling terms the attachment of the subscribers to the house of Vernon, and their hearty congratulations on the auspicious event of the day.

The Hon. Augustus H. Vernon received the Address most graciously, and expressed the gratification he experienced at the high compliments which it conveyed, in feeling and suitable terms. His younger brother, William John Vernon, also spoke in acknowledgement for the several branches of the family.

The procession then returned through the village in the same order, and as far as the Midway-house Inn, and thence counter-marched to the New Schools, where the dinner for the workpeople was prepared. A vast number of persons, including many ladies and gentlemen, country people, and others, assembled at every point of attraction in the village, at the Hall, at the inns, and at the schools. Shows, &c., were also on the grounds.

George John Warren died in 1866, and was succeeded by his son, Augustus Henry, the 6th Lord Vernon.

Augustus Henry had married Harriet Anson, of Lichfield in 1851. They had a son George William Henry Vernon in 1854. There were a lot of mining disputes in the 1860s and 70s. Poynton was improved by the construction of gas and water supply channels at this time. When Augustus Henry died in 1883, his son George William became the 7th Lord Vernon.

George William married Frances (Fanny) Margaret Lawrance, an American, in 1885. A new shaft at Park Pit was named after her, Lawrance Pit. In 1893, they had a son, George Francis Augustus Vernon. George William Vernon died in 1898.

THE LATE LORD VERNON.



17.12.1898 - Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser

Lord Vernon died on Thursday afternoon at his residence, Sandy Keld, on the East Cliff, Bournemouth. On Wednesday night it was thought that the patient could not live the night through, but yesterday morning there was a slight rally, followed by a relapse, and death took place early in the afternoon. George William Henry Venables Vernon was the seventh Baron Vernon (the title having been created in 1762), and was born in 1854. On completing his education at Eton he entered the Army, and was a captain in the 12th Lancers when he succeeded, in 1883, to the title and estates, extending to nearly 10,000 acres. He also held a commission as captain in the Derbyshire Yeomanry Cavalry. From 1892 till 1894 he was captain of her Majesty's Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, but ill-health forced him to relinquish the post, and he was succeeded by Earl Chesterfield. He has been sadly ailing ever since that time, and he constantly visited Paris (where he rented a flat), in order that he might be attended by Dr. Charcot, one of the most eminent physicians of the age. His lordship, however, annually visited Poynton Towers, and generally stayed for two or three months. He was much beloved in Poynton, and was at the head of all good work in the village. He was the Lord of the Manor of Poynton, and his ancestors were Lords of the Manor of Stockport.

he displayed characteristic energy in connection with the protracted investigations of that body. He devoted his leisure chiefly to agricultural matters, and both at Sudbury Hall and Poynton Towers (Cheshire) his experience was known and relied upon. Though Lord Vernon did not make prolonged stays at his Poynton estate, he was very popular among his tenants. He was a just and fair landlord, easily accessible, and always willing, and even anxious, to meet the reasonable requests of those who farmed his land. He made a point of visiting the farmers on their holdings and seeing for himself what they required. This practice he carried on until the last few months, even when he had to be wheeled about in a bath chair. The miners of the district also found that their employer was of a kindly and generous nature. About a year ago he called them all together one Saturday, and after a pleasant conversation dismissed them with a gift of 2s. 6d. each, with which to drink his health.

Augustus Henry was 10 when his father died and he became the 8th Lord Vernon in 1898. His mother Fanny Lawrance had sadly become ill after he was born, and moved to South of France. Augustus was made a ward of his aunt and uncle. He was educated at Eton. In 1909, Poynton held huge celebrations for his coming of age.



LORD VERNON

Lord Vernon, of Poynton Towers and Sudbury, attained his majority to-day, and the festivities in honour of the occasion began at Poynton to-day, and will be continued to-morrow.

Poynton is decorated with bunting and arches, and in the grounds of Poynton Towers a number of arches, with appropriate mottoes, have been erected.

This afternoon the farmers on the estate and other tenants were entertained to dinner in a large marquee in the park, and this was followed by a dance. The tenants presented his lordship with an address and an album containing the photos of all the tenants on the estate.

To-morrow the gentry of the district will be entertained at the hall, and the colliers and other workpeople will partake of dinner in the large tent at one o'clock. The colliers will present Lord Vernon with an illuminated address in the afternoon, and the school children and the widows of former workpeople will be provided with tea. The nature of the gift of the children to his lordship is being kept a secret.

Various other entertainments have been arranged, and in addition to bands there will be boating, conjuring performances, fireworks, and other diversions. The celebrations at Sudbury will be held on Thursday and Friday.

In his late teens and early 20s, Augustus Henry became well known for his lavish lifestyle and parties. He was fined for motoring offences a number of times.

LORD VERNON AGAIN FINED.

At Abingdon on Tuesday Lord Vernon was fined £20 and costs for driving a motor car to the danger of the public, and £2 and costs for not producing his licence. There were three previous convictions for excessive driving. It was stated three cars were racing round a sharp corner at twenty miles an hour.

3.4.1908 Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser

Lord Vernon and his sister in their car



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In 1911, the family needed to raise funds if they were to continue to keep both their Poynton and their Derbyshire estates. It was decided that they would sell part of their Poynton estate.

The principal feature of the week's business was the sale of Poynton Towers, Lord Vernon's Cheshire seat, to Mr. W. B. Hodgkinson, of Marple, for £8,500. The auctioneers were Messrs. Frank Lloyd & Sons, Wrexham. Poynton Towers is a handsome and imposing residence, beautifully situated overlooking Poynton Park and Lake. About 1552 Sir Edward Warren built a residence at Poynton, named Poynton Hall, but it is not improbable that there had been a previous building on the same site. It was, however, pulled down about 1750 by Sir George Warren, who erected a large modern house on the same site, and made a park round it. This house, which stood on the left side of the road leading from Stockport to Macclesfield, had two towers with a clock in each, and a gateway in the centre which was evidently an entrance to Poynton Lodge, probably from the stables and courtyard and gardens. At a later period Poynton Lodge, with the Hall was pulled down, but the two towers were left standing, and the modern house built in connection with them is now known as Poynton Towers. Considerable alterations and additions were made to the residence in 1868, and again in 1904, making it thoroughly up-to-date to suit modern requirements, and the result has been the present comfortable and commodious house.

DAIRY FARMS WITHDRAWN.

The lot sold to Mr. Hodgkinson included the mansion and gardens, pleasure grounds, gardener's cottage, and a bathhouse, comprising altogether 98 acres. A portion of the park and a small residence, called Anglesey Lodge, embracing an area of 33 acres and 23 perches, was purchased by Mr. J. H. Stansfield, of Stockport, for £1,850. Mr. Hodgkinson bid up to £1,825, but would go no further. Five dairy farms, containing some of the best dairying pastures and arable lands in the country, were also offered, but the bidding for these properties was rather disappointing. Lostock

The Towers, Poynton Pool, the parkland, and the Anglesea Lodges were purchased by Walter B Hodgkinson, Chairman of a large cotton firm in Marple. Hodgkinson lived at the Towers till 1926 when he moved to the south of England.

Lord Augustus Henry Vernon enlisted in World War 1, and sadly died at the age of 27, at Gallipoli.

DEATH OF LORD VERNON.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Lord Vernon, which took place yesterday morning in hospital at Malta. Lord Vernon was a captain in the Derbyshire Yeomanry—with which he was connected before the outbreak of war—and was second in command when his regiment proceeded to the Dardanelles. He had taken part in some of the severe engagements in the Gallipoli Peninsula before he was seized with dysentery, and conveyed to hospital at Malta, where he died. 12.11.1915 Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser

28.9.1909 Manchester Evening News

23.9.1911 - Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser

His brother **Francis Lawrance William** succeeded him as **9th Lord Vernon**. In 1920, he decided to sell most of his remaining property in Poynton.

THE POYNTON ESTATE,
 situated in the Parishes of Poynton and Hazel Grove-cum-Bramhall, served by two railway stations on the L. and N. W. Railway and the G. C. and N. Staffs. Joint Railway respectively, and embracing an area of about

1570 ACRES.

The Estate includes:—

10 DAIRY and CORN-GROWING FARMS,
 the principal as lotted being:—

Lot.	Acres.
2. Barlow House Farm	79
3. Worth Ha'l Farm	144
17. Coppice Side Farm	162
23. Sprink Farm	72
80. Mill Hill Farm	89
81. Towers Farm	258

SMALL HOLDINGS, ACCOMMODATION AND BUILDING LAND.
FOUR PRIVATE RESIDENCES, viz.:
 "Barlowfold," "The Paddocks," "West field," and "Oakfield."
TWO SMALL FACTORIES.
CHIEF RENTS of £440 PER ANNUM.
 Together with the Woodlands extending to about 148 acres.

5.3.1920 Alderley and Wilmslow Advertiser



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Poynton Towers 1900-1909



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By direction of the Right Hon. LORD VERNON.

CHESHIRE
 (10 miles from Stockport, 7 from Manchester and 11 from Macclesfield)

Illustrated Particulars, Plans and Conditions of Sale
 OF THE VALUABLE
Commercial & Agricultural Property
 KNOWN AS THE
POYNTON ESTATE
 Situated in the Parishes of Poynton-with-Warsh and Hazel Grove-cum-Bramhall, embracing a total area of about

1,573 ACRES
 and producing a total income of
£4,577 per annum
 or thereabouts, which

Messrs. **KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY**
 25 Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.
 Will Offer for Sale by Auction
 At the "White Lion" Hotel, Stockport,
 On Friday, 19th March, 1920,
 At 2 o'clock, at 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively,
 (under running and pitchfork)

Solicitors: Messrs. A. & H. WHITE, 15, Great Marlborough Street, London, W. 1.
 Estate Office, Poynton, near Stockport: Messrs. G. & J. H. GIBSON, 15, Market Street, Stockport.
 Auctioneers: Messrs. G. & J. H. GIBSON, 15, Market Street, Stockport.
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Nathan Blythe



Boys play at Poynton Pool, date unknown
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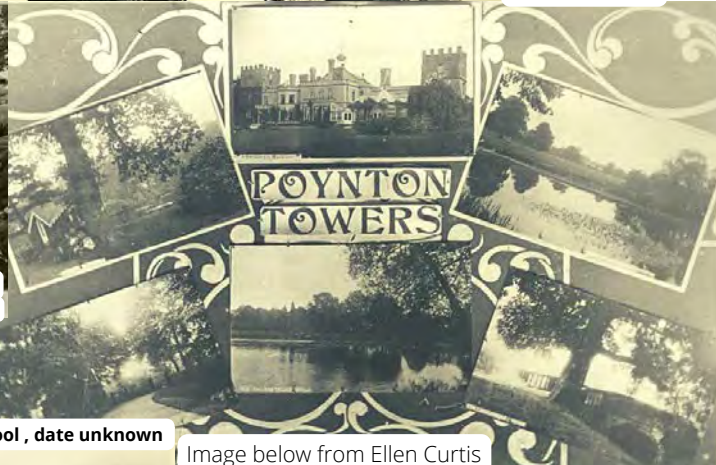


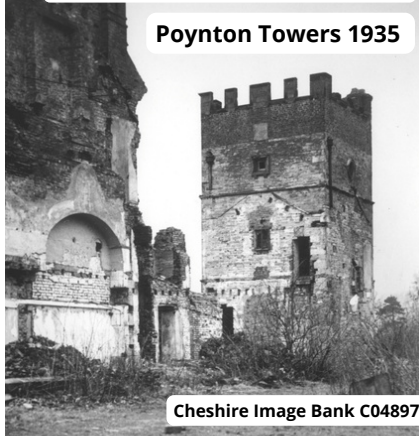
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The Crescent Inn from Poynton Pool, date unknown



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Poynton Towers 1935



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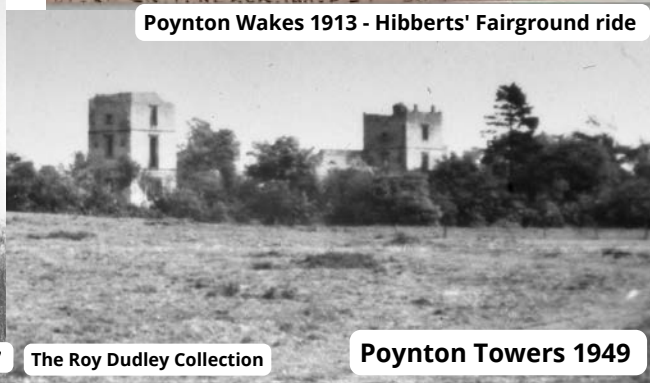


Poynton Wakes 1913 - Hibberts' Fairground ride

In 1926, Walter Hodgkinson sold Poynton Towers, the Pool and the parkland to Walter Henry Torkington, owner of a Hat Works in Stockport. He built a modern mansion, The Grange, which remains. In 1935 Cheshire County Council purchased the main parklands and Poynton Pool.

END OF A CHESHIRE MANSION.
 Another old Cheshire mansion, Poynton Towers, once the home of the family of Lord Vernon, is now in course of demolition, and its interior fittings were offered for sale by auction on Wednesday. The house was originally the gateway to Poynton Hall, long since pulled down, and was erected between two imposing towers. It is said that there is a dungeon underneath one tower. What was once a glorious old place stands half in ruins, while a few hundred yards away are the semi-detached houses of modern business people who travel daily to work in the big towns. Poynton is developing rapidly, and it is possible that soon even the site of Poynton Towers and the land around will be occupied by villas planned on up-to-date lines.

4.3.1939 Cheshire Observer



The Roy Dudley Collection

Poynton Towers 1949



Same spot, 40 years apart

Be a detective!
FIND THIS SPOT!
WHAT'S THE SAME?
WHAT'S DIFFERENT?



Kath Marshall 1981

ANAGRAMS

2022 SHOPS, CAFES, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS OF POYNTON

PLEASE NOTE -

- NAMES ARE WITHOUT 'THE' AT THE BEGINNING (IF THEY HAVE ONE!)
- APOSTROPHES ARE NOT INCLUDED



Rosie Deverell 2022

1. ANN PITS _ _ _ _ / _ _ _
2. IOZOZOWL _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. PRANK PONY TOO A _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _
4. ANNOY MOO POTTER _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
5. UNLINKED TARIFF _ _ _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
6. JIGBENI _ _ _ _ _ _
7. HOARSE DAB _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
8. RYE INSET _ _ _ _ _ _
9. OBSTRUCTS HITTER NET _ _ _ _
10. FONOCA _ _ _ _ _ _
11. GZZAIG _ _ _ / _ _ _
12. CARLY KIPPER _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
13. ABDICATED HYPER KENNITH _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
14. NAFF NEEDLING _ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
15. VOCABLE RIG BELL _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
16. PREVALENTLY RURAL AGO _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
17. SHY BUN NUN _ _ _ _ _ _
18. SKETCH BOB CURL _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
19. ANSTICE RECAPTOR _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _
20. DAYTIMES _ _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _