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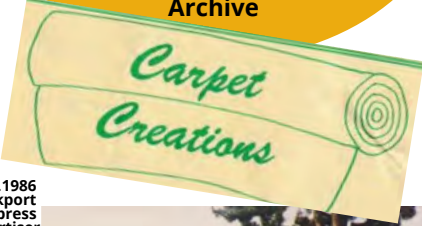
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## PEOPLE POWER PREVENTS PIT

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**PEOPLE POWER** has blocked a plan for a coal mine in Poynton.

Councillors this week took less than a minute to reject the plan for a site at Towers Road - listing a string of nine reasons why.

### Report by Ben Smalley

Now jubilant campaigners are celebrating a famous victory - and hoping this is the last they see of the application to extract 250,000 tonnes of coal from the village.

They had mounted a strong campaign against the project with 1,315 letters of objection and two massive petitions

being sent to the council. Poynton, Macclesfield and Stockport councils also all also opposed the plan.

Residents Against Mining spokesman Keith Salad said:

"We are very pleased that this hurdle has been overcome. We hope that this is the end of the matter. But there is the chance of an appeal, in which case we will continue to oppose the project as vigorously as we have so far."

And County Cllr Denis Beasley detailed some of the reasons why he and his planning colleagues had turned down the application. He said: "I am pleased it has been accepted that the development would have an unacceptable impact on the green belt and also on a significant number of dwellings in terms of noise, dust and vibration."

"There would have been an unacceptable loss of recreational and visual amenity and the applicant had failed to demonstrate that the site could be restored satisfactorily."

The application had been put in by Coal Contractors of Cheshire whose planning director Richard Evans said: "Obviously we are disappointed and are considering what to do next. An appeal is one of the options."

Any appeal would have to be lodged within six months and would be heard by Department of the Environment inspectors, possible with a public inquiry.

Poynton Cllr Brian Reeve said: "If it comes down to a public inquiry we want as much support as we can get. We may need local people to come along and voice their concerns."

## Show has flying start

28.8.1991  
Macclesfield  
Express  
& Advertiser

**POYNTON Show** got off to a flying start this year when the Red Devils dropped in with a spectacular display of their airborne tricks.

Fewer than expected turned up to watch this free-falling team due to the cold start to the day. But the organisers still hailed this, the 91st Show, as a great success with more entries in the cattle and horse show sections than ever before.

Organiser Les Harrison said: "It was a bit chilly in the morning which kept people away, but by the afternoon the sun was shining and we had a marvellous time."

Also on offer for the crowds was the Poynton Brass Band and a marching display by the Commodores. The pub lorry pulling challenge was won by the Boars Head, Poynton.

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# Green road route is people's choice

GREENS have won the day in a long-running bypass battle, writes Lawrence Matheson.

They are celebrating a famous victory following the announcement that the Green route—the 'people's choice'—has been chosen for the new Adlington to Poynton relief road.

Road weary Macclesfield commuters will also welcome the Department of Transport decision. The

road will cut down travel time to and from work in an area notorious for its traffic jams.

Macclesfield MP Nicholas Winter greeted the news saying, "I am relieved and pleased. This road will help reduce traffic congestion."

The route, which begins 600 metres south of Adlington crossroads, was also welcomed by Cllr Roy Harrison, Vice-Chairman of the Highways Committee.

He said: "I think it will benefit the majority of people in the area."

The road will result in the closure of two units in Adlington Industrial

## Bypass victory

Estate. Only one business will be affected as the other is unoccupied. The Green route was put forward by local residents last year. It was the people's alternative.

The D.O.T. routes would have crossed Chester Road near Poynton railway station. They would have run closer to the centre of the village than the Green route.

Sustained pressure from village residents forced the D.O.T. to consider their proposal.

Christopher Chope, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said: "I am pleased that we have been able to choose a route which responds to the wishes of the people who live and work in the Poynton area as well as the needs of road users."

The route passes west of Gibson Wood, cuts through Sandholes Moss, remain-

ing to the west of the Little Chef restaurant, and continues north east through Hope Green Farm to join the existing railway corridor at Adlington Storage Depot.

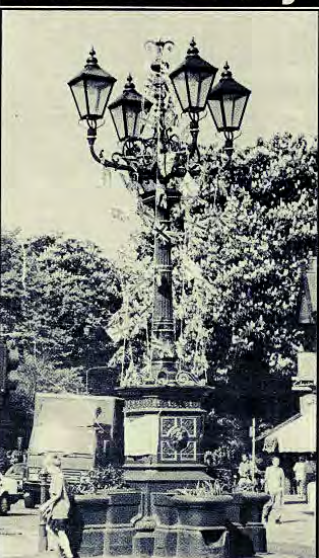
It passes north of the end of the Woodford Airfield runway then heads west staying south of Wigwam Wood before curving north to Chester Road. The route then connects at Bramhall Oil Terminal.

Terry Barton, Chairman of the Bypass Committee, said: "It is not 100 per cent what we wanted. It deviates from our route slightly. We said they should take it west of Adlington Storage Depot. Instead they will take it east."



The preferred route.  
...The rejected orange route.

## Thousands turn out for VE day



POYNTON VE Day was a "colossal success" says organiser Tony Bryning.

Months of hard work paid off as thousands of villagers took to the streets to remember the day peace broke out.

"The number of people who took part was colossal," said Tony.

"There must have been 3,000 to 4,000 people involved, just a fantastic response."

"All of us involved with the day want to say a big thank you to the people of Poynton for getting involved in a very moving occasion."

The procession stretched the

length of the village both concerts sold out with nearly 600 people enjoying the shows and 500 soaked up the atmosphere at the wartime dance.

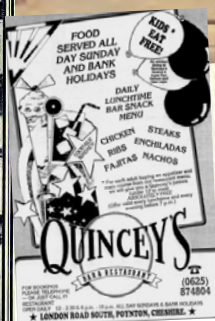
And the day was rounded off with the eerie sound of the recently restored air raid siren, left rusting at the fire station for decades, but in perfect working order by Monday thanks to the handiwork of Tony Woodwood.

Poynton was asked to remember and did not let anyone down.

Pictured above is Poynton's Fountain Square bedecked in Union Jacks, just part of the VE Day decorations which adorned the village. 672/34



London Road Gallery - 1990



## Retiring canon's fond farewell

CANON Bob Lewis has retired after nearly 28 years as vicar of St. George's Church, Poynton.

In his time at the church, he has seen the parish grow from five to nearly twenty thousand and presided over the building of a new church, St. Martin's and a new church hall.

He said: "It has been a marvellous time and I am so thankful that never have I felt bored with the job."

### Parishioners

On his retirement Canon Lewis received a book of signatures from parishioners, a pair of binoculars and a cheque and a family apple tree for Mrs. Lewis.

Canon Lewis, wife Joan and children David and Ruth will be leaving Poynton and taking up residence in Wilmslow. The Rural Dean, Canon Rex Haek from Bramhall and church wardens will look after the parish until the appointment of a new vicar.



19.6.1991 Macclesfield Express Canon Bob Lewis

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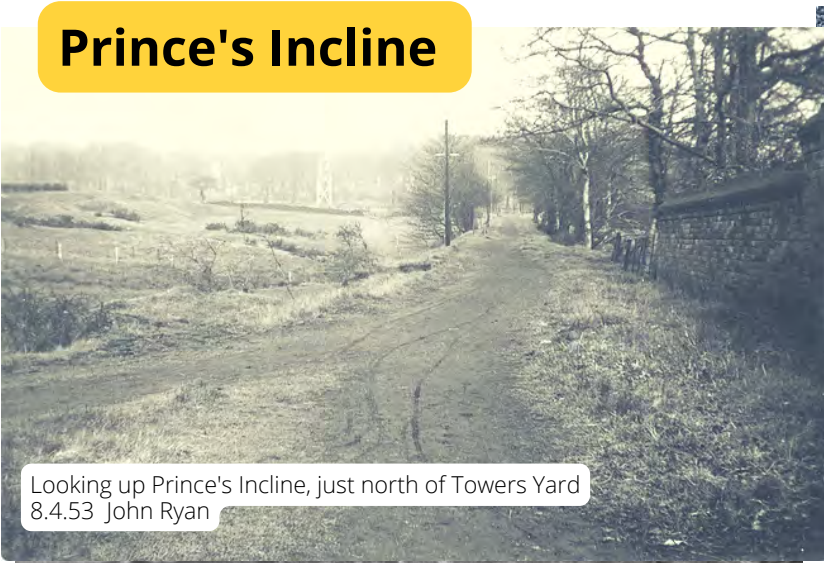


# This Place Poynton

Find out more about  
the history of Poynton

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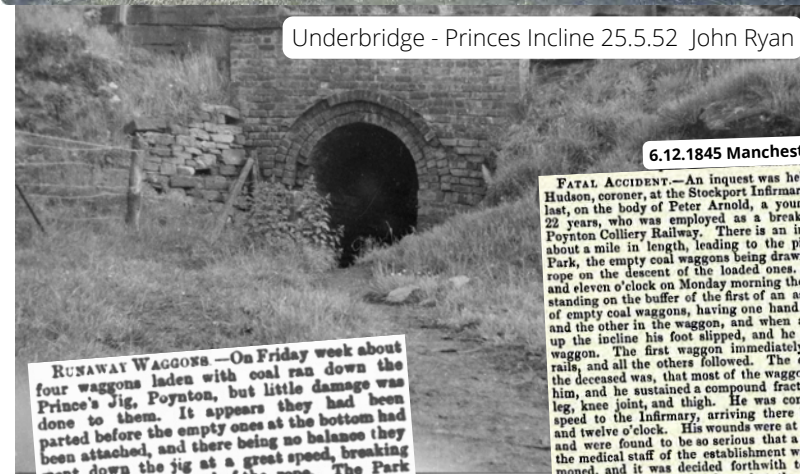
## Prince's Incline



Looking up Prince's Incline, just north of Towers Yard  
8.4.53 John Ryan



17.5.53 - Image used courtesy of the Manchester Locomotive Society



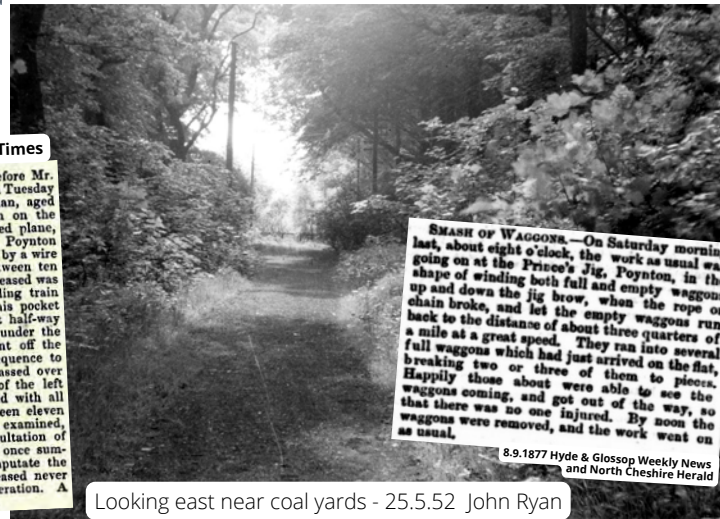
Underbridge - Princes Incline 25.5.52 John Ryan

6.12.1845 Manchester Times

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—An inquest was held before Mr. Hudson, coroner, at the Stockport Infirmary, on Tuesday last, on the body of Peter Arnold, a young man, aged 22 years, who was employed as a breaksman on the Poynton Colliery Railway. There is an inclined plane, about a mile in length, leading to the pit in Poynton Park, the empty coal waggons being drawn up by a wire rope on the descent of the first of an ascending train of empty coal waggons, having one hand in his pocket and the other in the waggon, and when about half-way up the incline his foot slipped, and he fell under the waggon. The first waggon immediately went off the rails, and all the others followed. The consequence to the deceased was, that most of the waggons passed over him, and he sustained a compound fracture of the left leg, knee joint, and thigh. He was conveyed with all speed to the Infirmary, arriving there between eleven and twelve o'clock. His wounds were at once examined, and were found to be so serious that a consultation of the medical staff of the establishment was at once summoned, and it was decided forthwith to amputate the mangled limb. This was done, but the deceased never rallied, and died very shortly after the operation. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

**RUNAWAY WAGGONS.**—On Friday week about four waggons laden with coal ran down the Prince's Jig, Poynton, but little damage was done to them. It appears they had been parted before the empty ones at the bottom had been attached, and there being no balance they went down the jig at a great speed, breaking the hook off at the end of the rope. The Park Pit was stopped until half-past twelve in consequence.

3.11.1877 Hyde & Glossop Weekly News and North Cheshire Herald



Looking east near coal yards - 25.5.52 John Ryan

**SMASH OF WAGGONS.**—On Saturday morning last, about eight o'clock, the work as usual was going on at the Prince's Jig, Poynton, in the shape of winding both full and empty waggons up and down the jig brow, when the rope or chain broke, and let the empty waggons run back to the distance of about three quarters of a mile at a great speed. They ran into several full waggons which had just arrived on the flat, breaking two or three of them to pieces. Happily those about were able to see the waggons coming, and got out of the way, so that there was no one injured. By noon the waggons were removed, and the work went on as usual.

8.9.1877 Hyde & Glossop Weekly News and North Cheshire Herald

## Park Pit

If you continue up Prince's Incline, and then fork left, you come to the site of the former Park Pits. The first 2 Park Pits, 'Round' and 'Oval', were sunk in the 1830s, at the same time as the two Towers Pits, Lower Vernon and Nelson Pits. These pits were sunk in order to keep up with the rising demand that was anticipated by the opening of the mainline rail link in 1845. The 'Lawrance' Pit, the last pit to be sunk in Poynton, in 1885, was at the Park Pits. It was named in Honour of Fanny Lawrance, the wife of the 7th Lord Vernon.

**THE LATE COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT POYNTON.**—An inquest has been held, by the coroner for Cheshire, upon the bodies of 3 colliers, who had lost their lives by the explosion at the Oval Pit, Poynton. Mr. Dickenson, who had examined the mine on behalf of Mr. Wynne, the regular inspector, gave evidence. He was induced, by the testimony of other witnesses, to consider that the explosion was immediately caused through the use of a naked candle, by one of the deceased; but Mr. Dickenson also thought the discipline of the colliery was very loose, and the ventilation very defective. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and coupled with it a recommendation that the suggestions of Mr. Dickenson should be attended to.

1.5.1858 Preston Chronicle  
**POYNTON.**

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT PARK PIT.**—About a quarter to twelve o'clock on Monday at noon James Richardson, a fireman employed at Park Pit, Poynton (Lord Vernon's) and aged 54 years, was engaged in the "five foot" jig brow, when the jig chain broke in two places, and setting the waggon free it appears to have come in contact with a piece of timber in the brow, which turned the waggon on its side. The timber, which was displaced from its position, is supposed to have struck Richardson on the forehead, and fractured his skull, for it was found lying beside him, several yards apart from the waggon; Richardson's left eye was also injured.

20.1.1872 Hyde & Glossop Weekly News & North Cheshire Herald

**FLOODING OF COLLIERIES AT POYNTON.**

The colliers at Poynton, Cheshire, are just now experiencing considerable anxiety owing to the flooding of the Park Pit. Some days ago the pumping engine at Lady Pit, said to be the largest in the country, broke down, and there has been a gradual accumulation of water in Park Pit in consequence, without means to cope with it. Wooden air pipes are being used to facilitate the work, but the men have been told that they must cease labour, with a view to repairing the engine. Divers are on the spot, but their task exposes them to great danger. Happily, work at the Anson Pit has not been interfered with.

5.2.1886 Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser

Same spot,  
100 years apart!

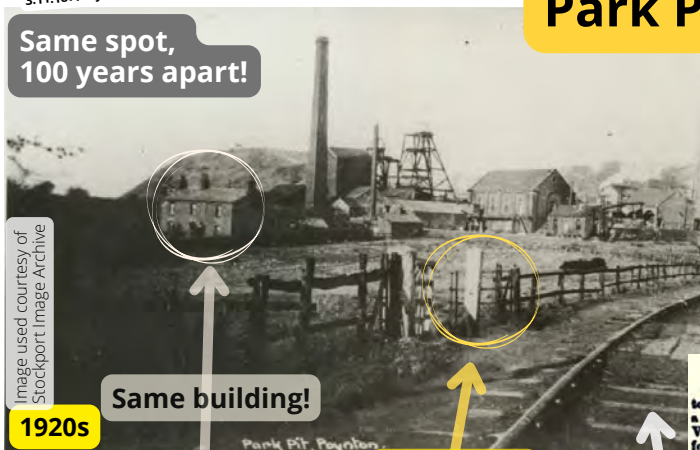


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1920s

Same building!

Same gate!



Rosie Deverell

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Note the railway line passing by on the right in the above picture, now the path. If you go down the left path, the building above still stands - it is a private house.

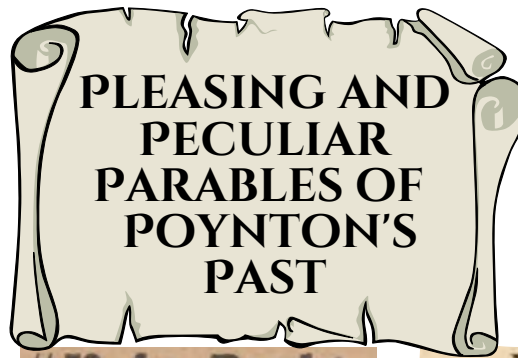
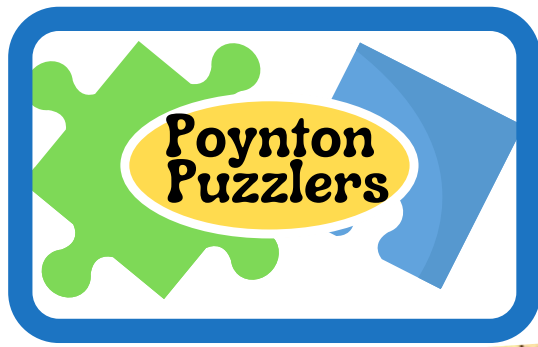
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Can you find the answers to these perplexing questions in the newspaper articles below? All are genuine newspaper articles about Poynton's past.

**CURIOSITY NEAR STOCKPORT.**—In the garden belonging to Mr. George Pearson, Poynton-park, near Stockport, a pair of beautiful birds, designated there the redstart, have built their nest in a small old watering can that is suspended by a nail to the garden paling. The can is 6½ inches deep, 4 inches wide, and the entrance is 1½ inch in diameter. The female bird is now sitting on six beautiful eggs: she receives the peeps of visitors with apparent unconcern. Meanwhile the male bird is remarkably attentive in supplying the wants of his spouse.

6.6.1849

Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser

**A Country Road Race.**

This event took place at Poynton, a village in Cheshire, on Monday. The contestants were George Woods, of Poynton, and John Green, of Adlington, and the distance to be covered was about 34 miles. After going about 20 miles both men appeared to be well "pumped," and on coming down a hill near a place called the "Cat and Fiddle," in the neighbourhood of which hung a cold, damp fog, Wood collided with a group of sheep in the way, and, poor chap, he came to the ground. He scratched his arm rather severely, but resumed his journey. The shaking, however, was too much for him, and he was beaten by about 40 yards. Time: 2 hrs. 32 mins.

24.3.1894 - North Cumberland Reformer

A Poynton greengrocer named Richard Clarke, who was sued for debt at the Stockport County Court to-day, stated that owing to people growing so much garden stuff of their own he had had to sell under cost price. The people of Poynton practically grew everything.

31.08.1906 - Manchester Evening News

**FOUR MILES OF ANGLERS.**

Patient and contemplative, 700 anglers sat on Saturday for two hours watching their well-balanced floats on the banks of the Macclesfield Canal. It was the occasion of the annual championship of the County Palatine Anglers' Association, and seated at intervals of ten yards they extended from Middlewood, through Poynton, almost to Bollington—a distance of nearly four miles.

18.4.1904 Lancashire Evening Post

**"If in Doubt, Try Ducks"**

**W**HEN Poynton Parish Council asked the Ministry of Agriculture how to keep down weeds on Poynton Pool, the Ministry replied: "Try ducks."

The domestic variety, especially Mallards, were recommended.

But Mr. Joseph Higginbotham, Clerk to the Council, says: "We have half-a-dozen swans already on the pool—so we shall await the results of the Ministry's experiments with new weed killer."

7.9.1946

Manchester Evening News

**LOST, Poynton Show.**—Will the person who found Lady's Pale Blue Spotted Plastic Mac please return?—E 174, E.N.

29.8.1949 - Manchester Evening News

**FOUND, Grey PARROT:** if not owned in three days will be sold.—T. T. Park Lane, Poynton.

21.5.1901 Manchester Evening News

**Canon seeks Sunday rest from V-roar**

**C**ANON J. G. S. WINSTANLEY, vicar of St. George's Church, Poynton, is protesting to the Avro company over the testing of the giant Vulcan bomber at Woodford on Sundays.

He said to-day: "The din was so bad yesterday morning that I had to bawl to make myself heard in church."

Mr. F. Hallworth, of Park Lane, Poynton, said: "The sound shakes the whole village."

28.11.1955 -

Manchester Evening News

1) What did Poynton Parish Council hope the ducks would eat at Poynton Park in 1946?

2) In 1902, what did one Poynton resident suggest people should take out with them at night in order to be able to see?

3) For what reason did Poynton greengrocer Richard Clarke think his business wasn't doing very well in 1906?

4) Of what colour and pattern was the mac (mackintosh) that was lost at Poynton Show in 1946?

5) In 1849, in what had a pair of redstarts built their nest?

6) How far did the line of anglers extend along the Macclesfield canal for a competition in 1904?

7) In 1901, how many days was the owner of the grey parrot given to claim his lost bird?

8) At St George's Church, what did Canon Winstanley have to do to make himself heard above the roar of the Vulcans overhead, in 1955?

9) With what did a runner collide in a race on a hill near the Cat and Fiddle pub in 1894?