

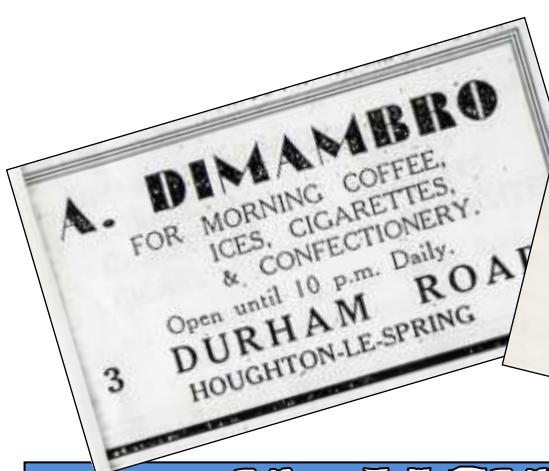
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APRIL 2011

April was originally the second month of the Roman calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 April Fool's Day 1912 - William Robinson had his grocery store at 132 Sunderland Street ransacked by strikers.	2 1574 - The Kepier Grammar School's Royal Charter was signed by Queen Elizabeth I.	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 1949 - The grounds of Houghton Rectory were unveiled as a public park.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 1969 - The County Arms pub on Sunderland Street ceased trading.
18	19	20	21 Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II 1930 - The Grand Theatre opened on the site of the Gaiety Theatre.	22 Good Friday	23 St George's Day 1947 - The Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring was chartered.	24 Easter Sunday
25 Easter Monday 1671 - The great bell of St Michael's Church was to be re-cast and the bell frames repaired, with the Parish footings the bill.	26 1941 - A lone and erratic Luftwaffe dropped two bombs on grass near Newbottle.	27	28	29 Royal Wedding 1823 - Work started on the sinking of the shaft at Houghton Pit and was completed in April 1827.	30	Extra Bank Holiday in honour of the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on Friday April 29 th 2011.
					A view of the upcast and downcast winding gear at Houghton Colliery in the 1950s.	

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OCTOBER 2011

October was the eighth (octo) month in the old Roman calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2 1831 - Cholera first appeared in the Sunderland area.
3 1896 - James Shafto, a retired miner, was mangled on a roundabout at Houghton Feast.	4 1827 - The Duke of Wellington visited the area as a guest of the third Marquis of Londonderry.	5	6	7 Houghton Feast 2011 opens	8 Houghton Feast 45 th Carnival Parade	9 1926 - Several foundation stones were laid in the Aged Miners' Homes on Dairy Lane.
10 Houghton Feast Ox Roasting at 4pm	11	12	13	14	15 c1832 - A section of cast iron tubing burst and led to the flooding of Houghton Pit. The pit's horses all drowned.	16 1848 - Clown Billy Purvis made his 30th annual appearance at Houghton Feast with his showbooth.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 1928 - Houghton Colliery Welfare opened with a bowling green, tennis courts and a bandstand.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 BST ends Clocks go back
31 Hallowe'en				Smiling faces at the traditional Houghton Feast Ox Roasting in the 1970s.		

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This calendar is dedicated to the memory of my forebears, local historians Ken Richardson and Cyril Arthur Smith, both of whom inspired me to carry on the mantle of Houghton's heritage, and to those Houghtonians who have kindly allowed their photographs to be shared.

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