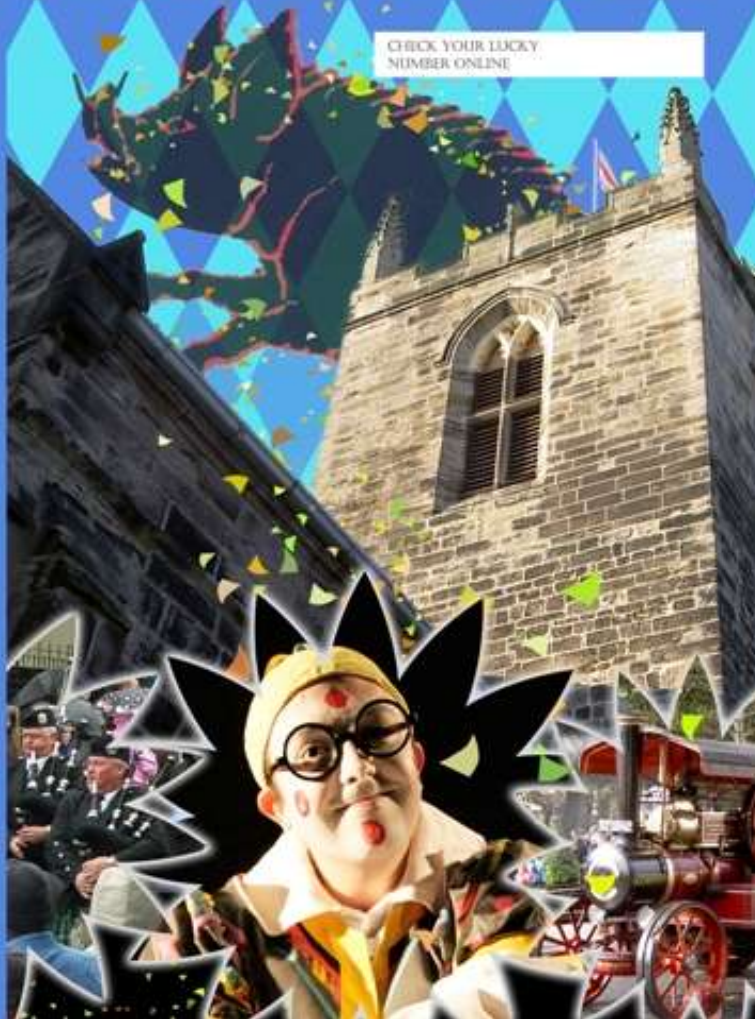


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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2011 – FEAST LAUNCH

A **HERITAGE EXHIBITION** will be held in the new Wetherspoon's pub, the Wild Boar, on Sunderland Street, for the duration of the Festival. Featuring sumptuously framed photographs of old Houghton-le-Spring from the collections of Paul Lanagan.

**9:30 AM – COFFEE MORNING** held at Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

**1:30 PM – SPECIAL OPENING OF THE FEAST FUN FAIR.** The opening will be performed by Cllr Norma Wright, the Right Worshipful, The Mayor of Sunderland. Thanks to the generosity of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (Northern Section), the fun fair will be open to invited children for supervised free rides.

**7:00 PM – OPENING CEREMONY & ILLUMINATION SWITCH ON.** The Opening Ceremony in the Broadway will be a short spectacle on the theme of myths & legends featuring music, performance and fireworks. Come along and see the artwork made by local schools and communities and keep an eye out for a special appearance by the Houghton Wyvern. The Mayor of Sunderland will switch on the illuminations and officially open the Feast of 2011.

**WHITE'S MAMMOTH GAVIOLI ORGAN** presented by the Show Organ Society on the Broadway, will play at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony, heralding its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary appearance at Houghton Feast.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2011 – FESTIVAL DAY

**9:30 AM – 3:00 PM – HOUGHTON IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS.** A free exhibition of old photographs will be held in the Broadway next to the Gavioli Organ. If you have photographs to share, please bring them along.

**CRAFTS FOR KIDS.** Houghton Methodist Church, hosting Churches Together, on the Broadway, will present display boards showing the work of the Churches plus Craft for Kids where youngsters will be able to try their hand at being creative.

**9:30 AM – 5:00 PM – HOUGHTON ART CLUB** will stage an exhibition of their work in Houghton Kepier Sports College. Free admission.



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**9:30 AM – 5:00 PM – DISPLAY OF MINERS' BANNERS** in Houghton Sports Centre. Commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Houghton Colliery closed, members of the Lambton & Houghton Banner Group will be on site to share their local knowledge about the history of the banners to ensure that this important part of our heritage is never forgotten.

**9:30 AM – COFFEE MORNING** in Houghton Methodist Church, including an exhibition by Houghton Art Club.

**10:00 AM – CRAFT & COLLECTORS FAIR** in Houghton Kepier Sports College, Dairy Lane, presented by Quintet Promotions. Free admission. For further information telephone 0191 522 9533.

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – FARMERS & CRAFTS MARKET** in St Michael & All Angels Church, with a variety of stalls and refreshments. Free admission.

**10:00 AM – OPEN DAY** in St Michael & All Angels Church. Take the opportunity to look around this historic building. Light refreshments will be served throughout the day. The Church will also be open Monday – Saturday between 11AM and 1PM.

**10:30 AM – WHITE'S MAMMOTH GAVIOLI ORGAN** will be in operation at intervals throughout the day, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary appearance at Houghton Feast.

**1:45PM – 9<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY SCHOOL DASH** organised by Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club, local primary schools will compete for a special trophy. The Primary School Dash has been held every year since 2003 and links the Feast to its Victorian past, when races of all kind were the main attraction.

**2:00 PM - 45th ANNUAL CARNIVAL PARADE** organised by Houghton Round Table. Spectators can enjoy colourful floats, pipes and drums, vintage and classic cars and buses, marching bands and steam vehicles. The parade will leave Kepier Medical Centre and proceed into the Broadway and Dairy Lane. Proceeds of the collection en-route will be donated to local charities.

**3:00 PM – FEAST RUGBY MATCH** sponsored by Houghton Round Table, at the Rugby Club, Dairy Lane. Houghton Rugby Club v Jarrovians RC.

**4:00 PM - HOUGHTON FEAST BOWLS TOURNAMENT.** Grand Final at Houghton Town Bowls Club, behind the Sports Centre.

**6:30 PM – CELEBRATION SERVICE** in the Eshcol Pentecostal Church, Burn Promenade, with guest preacher Dave Gilpin, descendant of Bernard Gilpin.

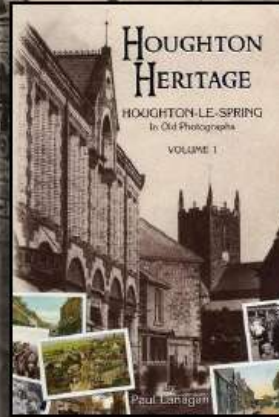
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**7:00 PM – THE KING & I MUSICAL** at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £8/£7 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

**7:00 PM – HOUGHTON BRASS BAND** concert with guest soprano cornet player Ben Richeton. Tickets £3.00 available from Houghton Library.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011 – FEAST SUNDAY

**10:30 AM – FESTIVAL CIVIC SERVICE** in St Michael & All Angels Church. A grand service of thanksgiving for community life attended by the Lord Lieutenant; Cllr Norma Wright, the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland; Members of Parliament; civic dignitaries; many other public servants; and the people of Houghton-le-Spring. This year's preacher is The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, the Dean of Durham Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**9:00 AM & 10:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP** at Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

**1:00 PM & 4:00 PM – OLD SCHOOL SPORTS DAY & TUG OF WAR** at Houghton Rugby Club. Events include: 3 legged race, sack race, egg and spoon race, throw the welly and more. There will be two competitions, adults and U12s, consisting of 6 players per team. The Tug of War, featuring teams of 8, will take place at 4PM. If you would like to enter, contact Julie on 07801124222.

**2:00 PM & 7:00 PM – THE KING & I MUSICAL** at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £8/£7 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

**6:00 PM - FEAST COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING**, which was introduced to the Feast in 1949 by Rector Oswald Noel Gwilliam. A chance to join together in song and listen to some of our talented local young musicians at St Michael's Church.

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## MONDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2011 – FEAST MONDAY

**4:00 PM - ROASTING THE OX.** Traditional ceremony, which was introduced at the Feast Revival in 1967. A roasted ox prepared by Houghton Rotary Club at the Rectory Field will be carved by the Mayor of Sunderland, Cllr Norma Wright. All proceeds from the sale of sandwiches will be donated to local charities. Get there early as the sandwiches sell out fast!

**7:30 PM – FREE FIREWORK SPECTACULAR,** sponsored by the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (Northern Section), launched from Durham Road playing fields.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2011

**9:00 AM - COFFEE MORNING** in Houghton Methodist Church, with an exhibition by Houghton Art Club, followed by a 20 minute **SHOPPERS SERVICE** at 10:30 AM.

**2:30 PM - ECUMENICAL SERVICE** for senior citizens at St Michael's Church. A hearty invitation is extended to all senior members of the community to meet together for worship. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

**7:00 PM – THE KING & I MUSICAL** at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £8/£7 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2011

**7:00 PM – ASTRONOMY EVENING** in Houghton Sports Complex with BBC Radio Newcastle's Astro Dave. If you ever wanted to know about the wonders of the night sky then this talk will provide lots of useful answers. Members of Sunderland Astronomical Society will also be present with telescopes and (weather permitting) some observing will take place in the car park opposite the hall

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2011

**7.00 PM - HOUGHTON FEAST GRAND VARIETY SHOW** at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £5/£4 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

**9:00 PM - HOUGHTON FEAST PUB QUIZ GRAND FINAL.** Quiz teams are invited to the battle for the Feast Championship along with the winning teams from the heats (a limit of 6 persons per team).

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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2011

9:30 AM – COFFEE MORNING in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

7:30 PM – 11:00 PM – THE LAMBTON WORM DINNER. A celebration of the North East in St Michael's Church. Licensed bar, meal and live entertainment. Period dress optional. Tickets £15 from Malcolm Foster on 07860250300.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL will see John Mawston, Houghton Feast Chairman, honoured with Freedom of the City of Sunderland in recognition of his outstanding contributions to local democracy, culture and leisure. Congratulations are extended to John from all on the Houghton Feast Steering Committee.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2011

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM - CARNIVAL TIME EXHIBITION. A photograph and video exhibition on the history of Houghton Feast, commemorating the Round Table's 45<sup>th</sup> Carnival Parade, in Houghton Library. Also on display will be old photographs of Houghton. Free admission.

9:30 AM – COFFEE MORNING in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

10:00 AM - HOUGHTON FEAST HORTICULTURAL SHOW in Houghton Sports Centre.

2:00 PM - HOMICIDE IN HOUGHTON 6. Join bestselling author Sheila Quigley and local historian Paul Lanagan on an exclusive investigation of the fictional murder scenes from Sheila's Seahills Estate books. The free tour departs from the corner of the Rectory Field, next to Houghton Police Station, and returns to Houghton Library for refreshments, when Sheila will talk about her new novel, 'Nowhere Man'. Places, which are strictly limited, can be booked on 0191 561 6383 or email: [info@houghtonfeast.co.uk](mailto:info@houghtonfeast.co.uk)

7.00 PM - HOUGHTON FEAST GRAND VARIETY SHOW at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £5/£4 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

**10:00 AM – HOUGHTON FEAST HORTICULTURAL SHOW** in Houghton Sports Centre. The presentation of prizes and grand charity auction will take place at 5:00 PM.

**10:00 AM - ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH.** A family celebration of Holy Communion with hymns and a sermon (plus a crèche and Young Church).

**10:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP HARVEST THANKSGIVING** in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – HOUGHTON HERITAGE WALK.** Join local historian Paul Lanagan on a heritage walk visiting Houghton's historical buildings and locations. Places are limited and filled on a first come first served basis, and can be booked by emailing [info@houghtonlespring.org.uk](mailto:info@houghtonlespring.org.uk) or telephoning 0191 268 4688. Free admission.

**1:00 PM – HOUGHTON FEAST FAMILY WALK** at Herrington Country Park. Registration for a 'rolling start' between 1PM and 2PM from the main building. For further details contact 0191 561 8433.

**5.00 PM – SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD.** Congregational music for the Eucharist at St Michael's Church. A Royal School of Church Music event. Details from George Peebles on 0191 584 1628 or 0191 512 1769. **Please note the correct start time of 5:00 PM – earlier editions stated 2:30 PM, which is in fact the practice session.**

**7.00 PM - HOUGHTON FEAST GRAND VARIETY SHOW** at Zazz Theatre, Empire House, Newbottle Street. Tickets £5/£4 concession. Call the Box Office on 0191 584 0764.

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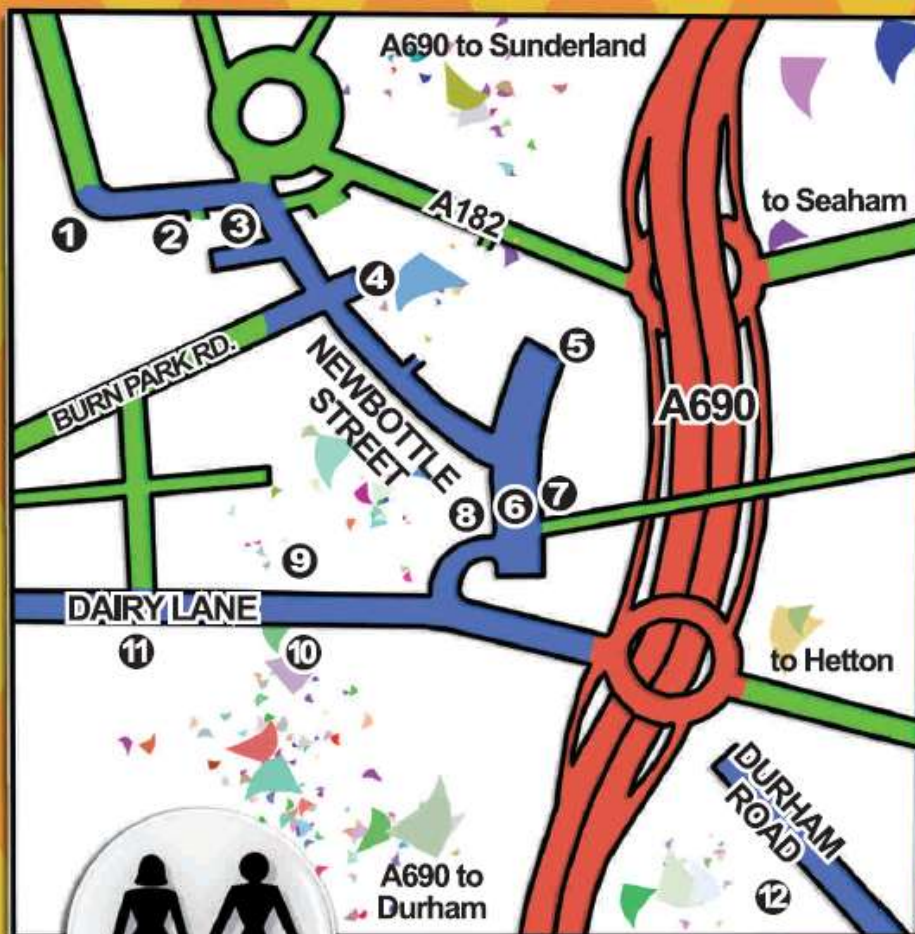




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