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HOUGHTON FEAST 2013 PROGRAMME

HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ HEATS

The Houghton Feast Quiz heats will be held in the run-up to the Festival, where teams (with a maximum of 6 members) compete for prizes. The heats start at 9:00 PM and the winners will receive a £25 voucher, redeemed only by attending the Quiz Finals on October 10th at Houghton Dairy Lane Bowling Club. For further information, contact Paul Purdham on 0191 584 6091. Sponsored by Houghton Traders Association.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH 2013

10:00 AM

THE MAYOR'S HOUGHTON FEAST BOWLS TOURNAMENT. First rounds at Houghton Town Bowling Club, Houghton Sports Centre. For further details please contact Kenneth Taylor on 0191 584 7268.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND 2013

2:00 PM

QUEEN OF EVENTIDE AFTERNOON TEA in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road (doors open at 1:30 PM). Admission by pre-purchased ticket only, costing £3 each and available from the Age UK Office in Houghton Library (from August 5th). For further details telephone 0191 553 6619 or 0191 561 6385.

DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL

HOUGHTON DIAMOND JUBILEE FEAST EXHIBITION. Colourful photographs taken by Houghton Heritage Society during last year's special Houghton Feast will be on display in **the Broadway on Saturday October 5th with the heritage exhibition.**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS. This ancient parish church has been at the heart of our community for over 1,000 years and will be open daily during the Festival, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday October 7th to Friday October 11th, inclusive. Discover the story of Bernard Gilpin, 16th century Rector and Apostle of the North, and meet the Houghton dragons. Refreshments available.

HOUGHTON FEAST FUN FAIR. The Rectory Field Fairground is organised by Mr John Murphy of the Showmen's Guild and will operate for the duration of the Festival from Friday, October 4th until Saturday, October 12th. Opens 6:00 PM weekdays, 1:00 PM Saturdays, and closes at 10:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

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The clubhouse is also available for functions, christenings, parties or funerals.

Contact 0191 5841460 after 6pm.



FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2013

FESTIVAL LAUNCH

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

COFFEE MORNING held at Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

12:30 PM

A SPECIAL OPENING OF THE FEAST FUN FAIR. The opening will be performed by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Robert Heron. Thanks to the generosity of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (Northern Section), the fairground will be open to children for supervised free rides (by invitation only).

FROM 6:30 PM

HOUGHTON HAS TALENT. Local young people will show off their musical talents in the Broadway. Come along and see our 'Stars of the Future'. Sponsored by Gentoo and with support from Gentoo's Genfactor competition.

STREET ENTERTAINERS, including face painters, story tellers, Disney characters, a magician, circus acts and a balloon modeller, will be in the Broadway to entertain the crowds while they eagerly await the launch of Houghton Feast 2013.

7:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST TATTOO. Your chance to experience the traditional Houghton Feast Tattoo with a modern twist! Pipe bands, Houghton Youth Brass Band, Zazz dancers, African drummers, local schools and the Underground Project will entertain you. This musical spectacle is not to be missed – and best of all, it is free!

OPENING CEREMONY & ILLUMINATIONS SWITCH ON. The Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Robert Heron, will switch on the illuminations in the Broadway.

FIREWORK FINALE. Rockets will be launched from the Rectory Park, with the best viewing area being the Broadway.

WHITE'S MAMMOTH GAVIOLI ORGAN, presented by the Show Organ Society on the Broadway, will play at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2013

FESTIVAL DAY

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOUGHTON HERITAGE PHOTO EXHIBITION. Old photographs from the history of Houghton-le-Spring will be on display in the Broadway next to the Gavioli Organ, including Houghton Feast, the old Hillside Cemetery, Rectory Park, public houses and more. Members of Houghton Heritage Society will be present to answer any questions about our town's fascinating history.

FROM 9:30 AM

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. Free admission. Craft materials kindly supplied by Pet Partners, Newbottle Street.

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

COFFEE MORNING & LIGHT LUNCHES will be served throughout the day in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

HOUGHTON BOXING CLUB OPEN DAY. Houghton & District Boxing, Health & Fitness Club will be opening their doors at Wheeler House, Newbottle Street (above Food Weighouse). Coaches, young boxers and Club members will be on hand to show visitors what the club offers for our area's young people.

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

GRAND DISPLAY OF MINERS' BANNERS in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road. Members of the Lambton & Houghton Banner Group will be on site to share their knowledge about the history of the banners to ensure that this important part of our heritage is never forgotten.

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HOUGHTON ART CLUB will stage a full exhibition and sale of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church. Members will be available throughout the exhibition for advice and discussion, and most of the artwork may be purchased. Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

HOUGHTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, will stage an exhibition of old radios and radio contact demonstrations in Houghton Methodist Church. Free admission.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PRODUCE & CRAFTS MARKET in St Michael & All Angels Church, with a variety of stalls, licensed bar and refreshments. Free admission.

10:30 AM

GAVIOLI SHOW ORGANS. White's Mammoth Gavioli Organ, presented by the Show Organ Society on the Broadway, will be in operation at intervals throughout the day. Bull's Gavioli Street Organ will be playing in the Rectory Park next to the fountain.

10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

CRAFT & COLLECTORS FAIR in Houghton Kepier Academy, Dairy Lane, presented by Quintet Promotions. Free admission for the public. For further information visit www.quintet-promotions.co.uk or telephone 0191 522 9533.

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FESTIVAL DAY (CONTINUED)

12:30 PM

PIPE BANDS. Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band and others will be performing in the Broadway and on Newbottle Street between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM.

1:45PM

11TH PRIMARY SCHOOL DASH organised by Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club. Local primary schools will compete along the Parade route for a trophy. SPONSORED BY LEWIS STOKES, MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE SHOWMEN'S GUILD.

2:00 PM

CARNIVAL PARADE organised by Houghton-le-Spring & District Round Table. Spectators can enjoy colourful community floats, pipes and drums, vintage and classic cars and buses, the King & Queen of Eventide, marching bands, Billy Purvis the clown and steam vehicles. The parade will travel along Newbottle Street and carry on into the Broadway and Dairy Lane. Please dig deep as proceeds of the collection en-route will be donated to local charities.

2:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST RUGBY MATCH at Houghton Rugby Club. Your chance to support Houghton RUFC as they play against Chester-le-Street at the Dairy Lane ground. Free admission. For further information contact 07801124222. Sponsored by Houghton Round Table.

3:00 PM

VINTAGE CAR SHOW. Vintage and classic vehicles will be on display in the grounds of Kepier Academy, Dairy Lane, after the Parade. Free admission.

4:00 PM

THE MAYOR'S HOUGHTON FEAST BOWLS TOURNAMENT FINAL played at Houghton Town Bowling Club, Houghton Sports Centre. The winner will receive a cheque for £100 and a trophy.

7:00 PM

ZAZZ DOES ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. Tickets available from the Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, £5 each and concessions £4. For further information telephone 0191 584 0764 or visit www.zazzuk.com

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2013

HOUGHTON FEAST SUNDAY

10:30 AM

FEAST CIVIC SERVICE in St Michael & All Angels Church. A grand service of thanksgiving for community life attended by Councillor Robert Heron, 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 Venerable Stuart Bain, Archdeacon of Sunderland. Everyone is welcome to attend.

10:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP at Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

FROM 10:30 AM

HOUGHTON FEAST CIRCUIT RACES including a Youth League, a Regional B Race and a National B Race for Elite. Watch as members of British Cycling compete at Hetton Lyons Country Park. For further information visit: www.houghtoncc.com

6:00 PM

FEAST COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING in St Michael & All Angels Church. Come along and support this traditional Feast event.

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

ZAZZ DOES ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. Tickets available from the Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, £5 each and concessions £4. For further information telephone 0191 584 0764 or visit www.zazzuk.com

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MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2013

HOUGHTON FEAST MONDAY

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HOUGHTON ART CLUB will stage a full exhibition and sale of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church. Members will be available throughout the exhibition for advice and discussion, and most of the artwork may be purchased. Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

4:00 PM

ROASTING THE OX. A roasted ox, prepared overnight by Houghton Rotary Club at the Rectory Field, will be carved by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Robert Heron. All proceeds from the sale of sandwiches will be donated to local charities.

6:30 PM

FIREWORK CAFE (BROTH & BUN) will be available at Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, with free controlled car parking, from 6:30 PM.

7:30 PM

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

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HOUGHTON FEAST TUESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COFFEE MORNING held at Houghton Methodist Church.

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HOUGHTON ART CLUB will stage a full exhibition and sale of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church. Members will be available throughout the exhibition for advice and discussion, and most of the artwork may be purchased. Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

SHOPPERS' SERVICE at Houghton Methodist Church. All welcome.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

MUSICAL MISCELLANY at Houghton Methodist Church.

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7:00 PM

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF BRASS. Houghton Brass will be performing a joint concert in St Michael & All Angels Church with Houghton Area Youth Band to mark the respective 30th and 40th anniversaries of both bands and celebrate their legacy of keeping local music alive. The bands will be joined by some special guest appearances. Admission by ticket, costing £5 (includes free interval refreshments). For tickets or further details please email: houghtonbrass@hotmail.com or telephone 07944247433.

7:30 PM

BELLYDANCE TASTER SESSION in the White Lion. Here's your chance for something a little different! Come and shake and shimmy those winter blues away with a spot of Bellydance. Please wear comfortable, loose clothing. For further information, contact Jennifer Lawson on 0191 584 5837. Free admission.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2013

2:00 PM

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9:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ FINALS at Houghton Dairy Lane Bowling Club. Quizmaster Paul Purdham will oversee the night where teams compete for prizes of £25, £75 and £100. The winner will be presented with the Houghton Feast Quiz trophy. The Quiz is open to any team (with a maximum of 6 members). For further information, contact 0191 584 6091. Sponsored by Houghton Traders Association.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2013

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

COFFEE MORNING held at Houghton Methodist Church.

7:30 PM

MASQUERADE DINNER in St Michael & All Angels Church. Licensed bar, meal and live entertainment. Tickets costing £15 are available from John Lambton by telephoning 07917817879.

9:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

HAUNTED HOUGHTON. CANCELLED Dare you join local historian Paul Lanagan and his fellow ghost hunters on a scary look at Houghton's most haunted locations followed by an investigation indoors? Over 18s only. Admission by way of a £10.00 donation to Houghton Heritage Society. Places must be pre-booked and are on a first come, first served basis. For further information visit: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events where news will be posted about the rescheduled event.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2013

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

COFFEE MORNING held at Houghton Methodist Church.

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST HORTICULTURAL SHOW. Held in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road. Come along and see some of the largest vegetables and impressive flowers as grown by members of the community. Free admission for viewing.

12:30 PM

THE HOUGHTON HERITAGE WALK by Houghton Heritage Society will be visiting many of Houghton's historical buildings and locations. Meet at the entrance to Houghton Library. Free admission.

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST GYMNASTICS DISPLAY by Houghton Gymnastics Club. Houghton Sports Centre, Station Road. Free admission.

4:00 PM

HOMICIDE IN HOUGHTON 8. POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Bestselling author Sheila Quigley presents an investigation of the fictional murder scenes from her Seahills Estate novels which are all set in Houghton. This free tour is not for the faint-hearted.

7:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY SHOW. Zazz is pleased to present the annual Feast Variety Show, which has been running every year since 1984. Tickets available from the Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, £5 each and concessions £4. For further information telephone 0191 584 0764 or visit www.zazzuk.com

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9:00 AM

MORNING WORSHIP at Houghton Methodist Church.

10:00 AM

EUCARIST OF THANKSGIVING in St Michael & All Angels Church.

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOUGHTON FEAST HORTICULTURAL SHOW. Held in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road, the presentation of prizes and grand charity auction will take place at 2:00 PM. Free admission for viewing.

10:30 AM

HARVEST THANKSGIVING in Houghton Methodist Church led by the Rev'd Alf Waite.

2:00 PM

O2 TOUCH FESTIVAL at Houghton Rugby Club. Touch is the fun, non-contact version of rugby played by people of all ages and every level of ability and experience. Join in as a group or individual. For further information contact 07801124222. Free admission.

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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7:00 PM

NORTH EAST CONCERT BAND will be performing a concert in St Michael's Church to close the Festival of Houghton Feast. Free admission but seating is limited. With grateful thanks to the Band's Honorary President, John Mawston.

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