



# HOUGHTON FEAST '14



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## KEY VENUES



## BUS DIVERSIONS

There are changes to bus services in Houghton-le-Spring while Houghton Feast is on. Find out how this could affect you at:

<http://www.simplygo.com/service-disruptions/>

## CAR PARKING

Please be aware that restrictions will be in place at key times for Houghton Feast. Please follow local signage. If you need to park in a different place, please be respectful of other road users and residents. **RECTORY PARK CAR PARK** - This car park will close at 4:30pm on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> (tbc). Access will also be restricted on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> between 1:30pm and 4:00pm (tbc). **DAIRY LANE (LEADING INTO THE BROADWAY)** - This road will be closed on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> between 4:30pm and 10:00pm, and on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> between 1:30pm and 4:00pm (tbc). Other road closures may be in operation, particularly on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Carnival Parade, and Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> for the fireworks display (crowd control).

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### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 2014

10:00 AM

**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 1ST 2014

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 or the Hetton Centre. For further details telephone 0191 553 6619 or 0191 561 6385.

### DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL

**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 6th to Friday October 10th, inclusive. Discover the story of Bernard Gilpin, 16th century Rector and Apostle of the North, and meet the Houghton dragons. Refreshments available. Free admission.

**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 3rd until Saturday, October 11th. Opens 6:00 PM weekdays, 1:00 PM Saturdays, and closes at 10:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

**ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR PHOTO EXHIBITION.** Houghton Heritage Society's colourful photographs from the 2013 Feast, which commemorated showman John Murphy's 65th anniversary, will be on display in Houghton Methodist Church for the duration of the Festival (from Sat Oct 4<sup>th</sup>). Light refreshments available. Free admission.

**TOMMY'S STORY.** A First World War story of a North East soldier and his brother, told in photographs and documents. Exhibition in Space4, on the ground floor of Houghton library building. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 AM - 2 PM. Other people's stories in pictures and words are encouraged to be added to the display. For further details contact Space4 on 0191 512 0676. Free admission.

**BAD MOON RISING.** A professional production written and directed by Derek Lawson and adapted from the best selling novel by Sheila Quigley, Bad Moon Rising follows the successful adaptation of Run For Home which premiered in Houghton and Manchester earlier this year. Tickets, costing £10 - £12.50, are available by calling 0191 584 8283. Performances on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> only at Zazz Theatre. For further information visit: [www.theseahills.co.uk](http://www.theseahills.co.uk)

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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD 2014 – 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 Stuart Porthouse. 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). Costumed characters will be making an appearance on Saturday October 11th (weather pending).

FROM 6:00 PM

**PRE-LAUNCH STREET ENTERTAINMENT.** Face painters, story tellers, Disney characters, and a balloon artist will be in the Broadway to entertain the crowds while they eagerly await the launch of Houghton Feast 2014. Free admission.

7:00 PM

**THE HOUGHTON FEAST OPENING CEREMONY & ILLUMINATIONS SWITCH ON.** Experience the traditional HOUGHTON FEAST TATTOO with a modern twist! Houghton Pipe Band and others will be performing with Houghton Area Youth Brass Band, dancers from Zazz, as well as contributions from choirs and drummers. This musical spectacle is not to be missed - and best of all, it is free! The life sized framework of a model soldier, built by members of the public in workshops run by community artists, will be on display. At 7:45 PM the illuminations will be switched on by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Stuart Porthouse, in the Broadway and a FIREWORK FINALE will see rockets launched from the Rectory Park.

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### SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2014 – FESTIVAL DAY

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**HOUGHTON HERITAGE GREAT WAR CENTENARY 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 Houghton at War. 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 BDAZZLED FLORALS, NEWBOTTLE STREET.

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**COFFEE MORNING** and 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.

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET** in St Michael & All Angels Church, with a variety of stalls selling crafts, Houghton Beer, fresh produce including cakes, fruit and vegetables. Refreshments available.

~~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](http://www.quintet-promotions.co.uk) or telephone 0191 522 9533. Cancelled.~~

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### SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2014 – FESTIVAL DAY (CONT)

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

**12TH 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. **Walking participants will end at Kepier Academy's field; vehicles will travel along Wallace Street and Wheler Street, back to the Parade starting point.**

2:00 PM

**HOUGHTON FEAST RUGBY MATCH** at Houghton Rugby Club. Your chance to support Houghton RUFC at the Dairy Lane ground. Free admission. For further information contact 07801124222. Sponsored by HOUGHTON ROUND TABLE.

**AROUND 3:00 PM**

**VINTAGE CAR SHOW** featuring beautifully restored classic vehicles will be on display in the car park of Houghton Library, Station Road, after the Carnival Parade. Free admission.

4:00 PM

**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.

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### SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2014 - 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 Stuart Porthouse, 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 Right Reverend, Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham. Everyone is welcome to attend.

10:30 AM

**MORNING WORSHIP** at Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

FROM 11:00 AM

**CYCLOCROSS RACES.** Houghton Cycling Club's Cyclocross event at Hetton Lyons County Park. There are races to suit all ages and the winner of the Senior Men's Race will be presented with the Houghton Feast Trophy. Free admission for viewing. For full details visit [www.houghtoncc.com](http://www.houghtoncc.com)

6:00 PM

**FEAST COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING** in St Michael & All Angels Church. Come along and support this traditional Feast event which was established in 1949.

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### MONDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2014 - 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 Stuart Porthouse. 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), will be launched from Durham Road playing fields.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2014 - HOUGHTON FEAST TUESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**COFFEE MORNING** held at Houghton Methodist Church.

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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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. Cancelled.~~

7:30 PM

**SHE'S FIRED.** The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust Presents "She's Fired" - a musical drama about the 1880 Seaham mining disaster and the emotions of families and friends as the grim reality unfolds. Musical drama at its best, "She's Fired" has attracted full houses wherever it has played. Licensed bar and other refreshments available. Tickets £5 available from St Michael & All Angels Church, weekdays 11AM-1PM. For further information telephone 0191 512 1769.

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7:00 PM

**BRASS BAND CONCERT.** Houghton Brass will be performing their annual concert in St Michael & All Angels Church. For further information telephone 07944247433, email: houghtonbrass@hotmail.com or visit: [www.houghtonbrass.com/events.html](http://www.houghtonbrass.com/events.html)

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2014

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**COFFEE MORNING** held at Houghton Methodist Church.

2:00 PM

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE** in St Michael & All Angels Church. A service for the older generation in association with HOPE. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

9:00 PM

**HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ** will take place in Dairy Lane Bowls Club. Teams of 6 welcome. Sponsored by HOUGHTON TRADERS ASSOCIATION.

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2014

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**COFFEE MORNING** held at Houghton Methodist Church.

7:30 PM

**DINNER FOR TOMMY** in St Michael & All Angels Church. A themed tribute to Tommy and the lads who volunteered for travel and adventure for King and Country in 1914. Tickets £15, includes a meal, entertainment and a licensed bar. Tickets available from John Lambton on 07917817879.

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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2014**

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.

10:00 AM

**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 – 2:30 PM

**HOUGHTON FEAST GYMNASTICS DISPLAY** by Houghton Gymnastics Club. Houghton Sports Centre, Station Road. £1.00 admission.

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, £6 each and concessions £5. For further information telephone 0191 584 0764 or visit [www.zazzuk.com](http://www.zazzuk.com)

9:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

**HAUNTED HOUGHTON.** Dare you join local historian Paul Lanagan and his fellow ghost hunters on a scary look at Houghton's most haunted locations and an indoor investigation? 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Tickets can only be obtained from the Heritage Exhibition in the Broadway on Saturday October 4th 2014 between 9:30 am – 12 noon. (The collection point had previously been the Craft Fair in Kepier Academy)

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2014**

**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.

**5:30 PM**

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