

HOUGHTON

FEAST 16



FRI OCT 7TH - SUN OCT 16TH 2016

PRE-FEAST EVENTS

THE HOUGHTON FEAST OPEN GOLF COMPETITION

Tee times available from 7:30am. All competitors will be entered into a free draw for a complimentary four ball voucher. First nett prize of £300. For full terms and conditions, contact the Club prior to the event.

VENUE: Houghton Golf Course

ENTRY: £40.00 per team (£36.00 for members)

DATE: Sat Sept 17th 2016

TIME: 0730-1400

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Golf Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtongolfclub.co.uk or 0191 584 1198

SPONSOR: Elliott Westland Insurance Brokers

HOUGHTON FEAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

The first rounds of the Houghton Feast Open Bowls Tournament will be taking place at Houghton Town Bowling Club at Houghton Sports Centre. The final will be held on Houghton Feast Saturday, October 8th 2016. To participate contact Kenneth Taylor before the day.

VENUE: Houghton Sports Centre & Wellness Centre

ENTRY: Free for spectators

DATE: Sat Oct 1st 2016

TIME: 1000

ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

HOUGHTON FEAST CYCLO- CROSS RACES

A series of cyclo-cross races will take place at Hetton Lyons Country Park, commencing 10am with youths and juniors through to women, seniors and veterans in the afternoon, ending around 3pm. This event is Round 5 of the British Cycling CXNE (Cyclo-cross Northeast) 2016-2017 calendar.

VENUE: Hetton Lyons Country Park

ENTRY: Free for spectators

DATE: Sun Oct 2nd 2016

TIME: 1000-1500

ORGANISER: Houghton Cycling Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtoncc.com

QUEEN OF EVENTIDE AFTERNOON TEA

The Queen of Eventide Afternoon Tea will be taking place in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road. Doors open at 1330 and admission is by pre-purchased ticket only. These are available from the Age UK office in Hetton Centre (Monday mornings) or the Metcalfe Centre or on the telephone number below.

VENUE: Welfare Hall

ENTRY: £3.00 (pre-purchased ticket only)

DATE: Wed Oct 5th 2016

TIME: 1400 (doors open 1330)

ORGANISER: Age UK

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 526 9274

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THE RISE & FALL OF MAUTLAND

STREET 1875 2016

Photographs charting the changing face of Houghton's Mautland Street including the demolition and building of the Methodist churches, Mautland Square shopping precinct, the Co-Op supermarket and the new Lidl store. The images are QR coded so bring along your smart phone or tablet with a QR reader app to watch video clips of the street come alive! Other events are taking place in the venue at the same time and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE & TIME: As follows-

Fri Oct 7th 0930-1130; Sat Oct 8th 1000-1600; Mon Oct 10th 1000-1600; Tue Oct 11th 1000-1600;

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

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. The church is steeped in history and visitors are welcome to explore the many visual displays. Discover the story of Bernard Gilpin our 16th century Rector and Apostle of the North, and meet the Houghton dragons! You can also view the restored Belassis Brass which commemorates Gilpin's friend, the charitable Margery Belassis who had an astonishing 12 children and died in 1587 aged 90 years. Refreshments available.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE & TIME: As follows-

Mon Oct 10th 1100-1300; Tue Oct 11th 1100-1300; Wed Oct 12th 1100-1300; Thur Oct 13th 1100-1300; Fri Oct 14th 1100-1300;

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

HOUGHTON FEAST FAIRGROUND

All the fun of the fair for everyone young and old, featuring the latest thrill rides, such as Waltzers, Jump 'n' Smile, Miami and Tagada, plus family favourites including hook-a-duck, hoopla, side stalls and coconut shy. The Houghton Feast Fairground is organised by Mr John Murphy of the Showmen's Guild and will operate for the duration of the Festival.

VENUE: Rectory Field

DATE & TIME: As follows-

Fri Oct 7th 1800-2200; Sat Oct 8th 1300-2200; Sun Oct 9th Closed;

Mon Oct 10th 1800-2200, Fireworks at 1930;

Tue Oct 11th 1800-2200; Wed Oct 12th 1800-2200; Thur Oct

13th 1800-2200; Fri Oct 14th 1800-2200;

Sat Oct 15th 1300-2200, Movie Characters at 1400;

Sun Oct 16th Closed;

LESSEE: John Murphy, member of the Showmen's Guild

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

A selection of Ghostbusters memorabilia and merchandise from the collections of Peter Corfield, founder of the Houghton-le-Spring GhostCorp branch of Ghostbusters, will be on display in the glass cabinets of Houghton Library for the duration of the Festival.

VENUE: Houghton Library

ENTRY: Free

DATE & TIME: During the Library's usual opening hours

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2016

FESTIVAL LAUNCH

COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome to visit.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016

TIME: 0930-1130

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

MURPHY'S FAIRGROUND: A SPECIAL PREMIERE

The official opening of the Houghton Feast fairground will be performed by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson. Children from local special schools will be given supervised free rides thanks to the generosity of the Houghton Feast showmen.

VENUE: Rectory Field

ENTRY: By invitation only

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016

TIME: 1300

ORGANISER: John Murphy & Son

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs & the showmen of Houghton Feast

NEW BEGINNINGS TODDLER GROUP

The New Beginnings Toddler Group meets every Friday afternoon during school term time. Why not come along with your toddler to play, learn and socialise this Houghton Feast week?

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016

TIME: 1330

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

MARVEL-OUS HEROES IN HOUGHTON!

Mint Management Entertainment presents 'Marvel-ous Heroes in Houghton!', starring your favourite movie superhero characters on stilts. Batman, Captain America and Super Girl will be entertaining crowds in the Broadway while they eagerly await the launch of Houghton Feast 2016. A face painter will be on hand and watch out for the pop-ular modeller from Buddy's Balloons!

VENUE: The Broadway

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016

TIME: From 1800

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.mintmanagement.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Coalfield Area Committee and Gentoo

HOUGHTON FEAST 2016: LIGHTS. CAMERA. ACTION!

Time to experience the Houghton Feast Tattoo and Opening Ceremony with a mix of Hollywood magic! Houghton Pipe Band will be performing along with dancers from Zazz as well as contributions from Houghton Area Youth Brass Band, Hetton Lyons School Choir, the Gilpin Singers Women's Community Choir and the Lion King drummers! School groups will present their Oscar-themed lanterns led by large dancing puppets! At the conclusion, the Houghton Feast illuminations will be switched on by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson, followed by a laser show finale worthy of an Academy Award! This production is not to be missed – and best of all it is free!

VENUE: The Broadway **ENTRY:** Free

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016 **TIME:** 1900

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.sunderlandlive.co.uk

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GO LARGE AT HOUGHTON

FEAST!

Your chance to become a DJ, just like in the 'Kevin & Perry Go Large' film! Thanks to SNCBC, young people can have a try at DJing at Houghton Feast. Qualified Music Project staff will be around to demonstrate how to beat match two songs, adjust pitch control and use the cross faders!

VENUE: The Broadway

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 7th 2016

TIME: 1900

ORGANISER: Sunderland North Community Business Centre

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 537 3231

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2016

FESTIVAL DAY

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITION

Old photographs from the history of Houghton-le-Spring will be on display showing Houghton Feast, the Hillside Cemetery, Rectory Park, pubs, theatres, Houghton's tramways, local sports, shops, schools and the commemorative 'Houghton at War' collection as the Great War Centenary continues. Members of Houghton Heritage Society will be present to answer any questions you have about our town's history.

VENUE: Rectory Park railings, The Broadway

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 0800-1500

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

HOLLYWOOD-LE-SPRING EXHIBITION

Images from the Houghton Heritage Society archive bring to life the story of Houghton's star of stage and screen, Linden Travers, and also features Houghton's three theatres and picture houses which once entertained the masses - plus a selection of well known film posters but with a 'Houghton twist'! The outdoor exhibition will be displayed on the Grey Street wall of B&M, which was originally the Gaiety Theatre.

VENUE: B&M Bargains, Grey Street

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 0900-1800

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

SPONSOR: Precision Printing Sunderland

COFFEE MORNING & LIGHT LUNCHESES

Hot drinks and light lunches will be served in the Methodist Church. This is the ideal opportunity to have a rest from the festivities and view the exhibitions also taking place there. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 0930-1200

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

GRAND DISPLAY OF MINING BANNERS

Members of Houghton & Lambton Banner Group will be on hand in the Welfare Hall to share their knowledge about the history of the many mining banners on display there. The Houghton banner, which was commissioned in 2004 using funds raised by the late George Rowe and Patrica Simmons, will be there before it is paraded. This banner is Houghton's 7th and was made by Dr Aidan Doyle of Great Northern Banners.

VENUE: Welfare Hall

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1000-1600

ORGANISER: Lambton & Houghton Banner Group

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SPONSOR: Patrica Simmons

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CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

The historical heart of Houghton Feast, St Michael's Church, will be throwing open its doors and hosting a variety of stalls which will be selling crafts, the Houghton Beer, plus fresh produce including cakes, fruit and vegetables. Refreshments will also be available.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1000-1600

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

CORONATION STREET: A COLLECTION

Michael Adams, who has appeared on CBBC, presents his unique collection of props and memorabilia from the long-running TV drama Coronation Street. Michael, who also famously created a Geordie themed Love Heart sweet, will be talking to visitors about his appearances on television and how the collection came about. Other events are taking place in the venue at the same time and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1000-1300

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

SPONSOR: Keith Turner & Sons, members of the Showmen's Guild

HOUGHTON FEAST ART EXHIBITION: DAY 1

Houghton Art Club will stage a 3 day exhibition of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church (Sat, Mon and Tues), and their members will be available for advice and discussion. Pop in and see the artwork which has been created by the Club's talented members and look out for

the movie themed pieces including a portrait of Linden Travers. Most of the artwork may be purchased. Other events are taking place in the venue at the same time and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1000-1600

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

MOVIE CHARACTER MEET & GREET LIVE!

Meet your favourite movie characters on Houghton's Broadway and get a selfie with them! A Ghostbuster, Deadpool and a movie princess will be visiting Houghton Feast this year!

VENUE: The Broadway

ENTRY: Small donation

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1000-1200

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

THE PIPES & DRUMS LIVE!

Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band, ably led by Pipe Major Malcolm D. D. Robertson, will be performing in the Broadway and Newbottle Street as the pipers and drummers make their way to the Carnival Parade starting point. The band has been contributing to the Feast for decades and this is your opportunity to see and hear professional local musicians for free!

VENUE: The Broadway/Newbottle Street

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016

TIME: 1230-1330

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band

FURTHER DETAILS: www.hlsbp.co.uk

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14TH PRIMARY SCHOOL DASH

Local primary schools will compete along Newbottle Street for a trophy and medals. Please show the participants your support and cheer them on along the route which will end at St Michael's Church archway.

VENUE: Newbottle Street/The Broadway **ENTRY:** Free
DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016 **TIME:** 1345
ORGANISER: Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonharriers.org
SPONSOR: Lewis Stokes, member of the Showmen's Guild

THE CARNIVAL PARADE

A colourful community production starring local schools, pipes and drums, cars from the Fast & the Furious, plus movie characters such as Darth Vader, Stormtroopers, Ghostbusters, Batman, Captain America, Deadpool, Super Girl, Transformers, legends of the Silver Screen and our traditional favourites - the King and Queen of Eventide, marching bands, Billy Purvis the Clown and vintage steam vehicles in the 49th anniversary Parade. The procession will travel along Newbottle Street and carry on into the Broadway before ending at Rectory Park. Please dig deep in your pockets as proceeds of the en-route collection will be donated to local charities.

VENUE: Newbottle Street/The Broadway/Rectory Park
ENTRY: Free **DATE:** Sat Oct 8th 2016 **TIME:** 1400
ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/hls589

FAST & THE FURIOUS CAR SHOW

A free classic and vintage car show will take place in the grounds of Kepier Academy, Dairy Lane, after the Carnival Parade. This is your opportunity to view the vehicles close at hand, including some like those seen in The Fast & the

Furious movie franchise. You can even meet the owners.

VENUE: Kepier Academy
ENTRY: Free
DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016
TIME: 1430+
ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/hls589

HOUGHTON FEAST RUGBY MATCH

Your chance to support Houghton RUFC at the Dairy Lane ground at the special Houghton Feast Rugby Match sponsored by Houghton's 41 Club (former Round Tablers). Come along and enjoy a skilled game played for the Houghton Feast Trophy. The clubhouse has full social facilities including a bar, food, TV screens and car park.

VENUE: Houghton Rugby Club
ENTRY: Free
DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016
TIME: 1500
ORGANISER: Houghton Rugby Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonrugby.co.uk
SPONSOR: Houghton 41 Club

HOUGHTON FEAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT FINAL

The final round of the Houghton Feast Open Bowls Tournament will be taking place at Houghton Town Bowling Club at Houghton Sports Centre. The winner will be presented with a trophy by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson.

VENUE: Houghton Sports Centre & Wellness Centre
ENTRY: Free for spectators
DATE: Sat Oct 8th 2016
TIME: 1500
ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club
FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2016

HOUGHTON FEAST SUNDAY

FESTAL CIVIC SERVICE

A grand service of thanksgiving for community life, attended by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson; the Member of Parliament; civic dignitaries; public servants; and the people of Houghton-le-Spring. This year's preacher is the Reverend Canon Sue Pinnington MBE. Everyone is welcome to attend.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

DATE: Sun Oct 9th 2016

TIME: 1030

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

Come along and support this traditional Houghton Feast event which was established in 1949. This year's theme is 'inspirational people' and is your opportunity to enjoy singing your favourite hymns in the historic Parish Church.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

DATE: Sun Oct 9th 2016

TIME: 1800

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

MORNING WORSHIP

Houghton Methodist's Morning worship and Junior Church will be taking place at the Methodist Church at Hetton-le-Hole as we have a very special guest - Rev Gareth Powell will be coming to take the service. All are welcome to join us at Hetton.

VENUE: Hetton Methodist Church

DATE: Sun Oct 9th 2016

TIME: 1030

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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MONDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2016

HOUGHTON FEAST MONDAY

HOUGHTON FEAST ART

EXHIBITION: DAY 2

The second day of Houghton Art Club's 3 day exhibition of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church. Club members will be available for advice and discussion. Other events are taking place in the venue at the same time and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church **ENTRY:** Free
DATE: Mon Oct 10th 2016 **TIME:** 1000-1600
ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

CRAFT GROUP

A Craft Group will be taking place at the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome to join in.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church **ENTRY:** Free
DATE: Mon Oct 10th 2016 **TIME:** 1400
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

ROASTING THE OX

A roasted oxen, prepared overnight by the Rotary Club, will be carved by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson, in commemoration of Rector Bernard Gilpin who would roast an ox or hog to feed the poor in the 16th century. All proceeds from the sale of the tasty sandwiches will be donated to local charities.

VENUE: Rectory Field **ENTRY:** See posters for sandwich price
DATE: Mon Oct 10th 2016 **TIME:** 1600
ORGANISER: Rotary Club
FURTHER DETAILS: www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=145

FIREWORK CAFE (BROTH & BUN)

Hot broth and freshly baked buns will be available at the Bethany Christian Centre, Durham Road, prior to the launch of the Houghton Feast Fireworks. Free controlled parking available.

VENUE: Bethany Christian Centre
ENTRY: Free
DATE: Mon Oct 10th 2016
TIME: 1830
ORGANISER: Bethany Christian Centre
FURTHER DETAILS: www.bethanychristiancentre.co.uk

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

The must see Houghton Feast fireworks spectacular! Rockets are being launched from the Durham Road playing fields and can be viewed from the surrounds including Dairy Lane. If travelling by car, please park in an appropriate place in the town centre.

VENUE: Durham Road
ENTRY: Free
DATE: Mon Oct 10th 2016
TIME: 1930
ORGANISER: SunderlandLive
FURTHER DETAILS: www.sunderlandlive.co.uk
SPONSOR: SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs & the showmen of Houghton Feast

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2016

COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Tue Oct 11th 2016

TIME: 0930-1130

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

HOUGHTON FEAST ART

EXHIBITION: DAY 3

The final day of Houghton Art Club's 3 day exhibition of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church. Club members will be available for advice and discussion. Look out for the movie themed pieces including a portrait of Linden Travers. Most of the artwork may be purchased. Other events are taking place in the venue at the same time and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Tue Oct 11th 2016

TIME: 1000-1600

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

SHOPPERS SERVICE

A 'pop in' short service at Houghton Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Tue Oct 11th 2016

TIME: 1030

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING ON THE BIG SCREEN

John Murphy & Son proudly presents 'Houghton-le-Spring on the Big Screen', a journey through the town's past featuring vintage footage of Houghton in the 1930s, Houghton Feast in the 1950s plus a then-and-now montage showing all the changes. During the interval, local historian Paul Lanagan will give a short talk on Houghton's 1940s star of stage and screen, Linden Travers, and items from the Houghton Heritage Archive will be on display. Tickets are available from the Box Offices at Zazz Theatre or the Dance Boutique shop, both on Newbottle Street, costing £5.00 each. DVDs of the film will be available for sale at the event along with the new Houghton Calendar 2017 (use your admission ticket to get a discount on both items). The Zazz Theatre is a 120 seat venue in the heart of Houghton-le-Spring. It has a licensed bar and food will be available. Free parking to the rear on Station Road.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre

ENTRY: £5.00 (pre-purchased ticket only)

DATE: Tue Oct 11th 2016

TIME: 1930 (doors open 1900)

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2016

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A Women's Fellowship meeting will be taking place at Houghton Methodist Church. The group meets every week and has a guest speaker with a mix of religious and informative subjects.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Wed Oct 12th 2016

TIME: 1300

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

OUR WAR MEMORIAL, OUR FAMILY

Join Fay Judson and the members of Houghton War Memorial Group talk about their recent experiences of compiling family histories for each of the names on Houghton's cenotaph. Copies of their book will be available for sale priced at £4.99 each with proceeds going to SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, and Houghton Racecourse Community Association. Afterwards, the group will visit the cenotaph (weather permitting). Further information about the event can be found at: www.facebook.com/houghtonlespringwarmemorial

VENUE: Kepier Hall

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Wed Oct 12th 2016

TIME: 1030

ORGANISER: Houghton War Memorial Group

FURTHER DETAILS: ww1houghtonwarmem@yahoo.co.uk

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH 2016

COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Thur Oct 13th 2016

TIME: 0930-1130

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

FROM PAGE TO SCREEN

Your chance to join in with a screenplay and script reading session from a well-known Hollywood blockbuster! Everyone will be given a speaking part and the informal session aims to recreate what happens at a read-through, one of the early stages of film production. To register your interest and be sent a copy of the screenplays being used, please email: houghtondramaclub@hotmail.com before the day.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Thur Oct 13th 2016

TIME: 1930

ORGANISER: Houghton Drama Club

FURTHER DETAILS: houghtondramaclub@hotmail.com

SPONSOR: Zazz Dance Academy

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2016

COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Fri Oct 14th 2016

TIME: 0930-1130

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

PIANO RECITAL

Master Musicians International hosts recitals of classical musicians from all around the world. For Houghton Feast, 17 year old Will Bracken will be performing in the Parish Church and playing Bach, Beethoven, Liszt and Prokofiev. Tickets available on the door. Refreshments will be served.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

ENTRY: £7.00 per person

DATE: Fri Oct 14th 2016

TIME: 1300

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk or 0191 257 7401

SPONSOR: Master Musicians International

NEW BEGINNINGS TODDLER GROUP

The New Beginnings Toddler Group meets every Friday afternoon during school term time. Why not come along with your toddler to play, learn and socialise this Houghton Feast week?

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 14th 2016

TIME: 1330

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH 2016

COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in the Methodist Church. Everybody is welcome.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 0930-1130

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE HOUGHTON HERITAGE WALK

This guided walk around Houghton-le-Spring will be led by local historian Paul Lanagan and will visit many of Houghton's historical buildings and locations. Attendees will be given a free illustrated guide map which was produced to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday earlier in the year. Please dress for the weather with appropriate walking shoes. Starting point is the blue railings of Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church railings

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 1230

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events

SPONSOR: City of Sunderland Council, Coalfield Area Committee

HOUGHTON FEAST FAIRGROUND: MOVIE MAGIC

Your favourite superhero movie characters will be making special appearances at the Houghton Feast fairground throughout the afternoon (weather permitting). The big rides will also be playing well-known songs from popular films!

VENUE: Rectory Field

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 1400

ORGANISER: Murphy's Fun Fairs

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD CONCERT

Come along to the Bethany Christian Centre for "The Greatest Story Ever Told" concert, where the Reg Vardy Brass Band will be playing all your favourite movie theme tunes. Listen out for those recognisable pieces that instantly transport us back into the world of the Silver Screen! This free event is not to be missed!

VENUE: Bethany Christian Centre

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 1900

ORGANISER: Bethany Christian Centre

FURTHER DETAILS: www.bethanychristiancentre.co.uk

HOUGHTON BRASS BAND CONCERT

Houghton Brass Band will be performing their annual concert in St Michael & All Angels Church. This year's guest soloist is Jim Hayes. Tickets are available on the door. Refreshments available during the interval.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church

ENTRY: £5.00 (concessions £3)

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 1900

ORGANISER: Houghton Brass Band

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/HoughtonBrassBand or houghtonbrass.com

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HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY

SHOW: ZAZZ DOES HOLLYWOOD

Zazz is pleased to present the 33rd Annual Houghton Feast Variety Show which has been running every year since 1984. You will be entertained by pupils of Zazz who will be performing and singing routines and medleys - all with a Hollywood and movie theme. Tickets are available from Zazz Theatre or the Dance & Theatre Boutique, both on Newbottle Street,

costing £6.00 each (£5.00 concessions). The Zazz Theatre is a 120 seat venue in the heart of Houghton-le-Spring. It has a licensed bar and food will be available. Free parking to the rear on Station Road.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre

ENTRY: £6 each (concessions £5)

DATE: Sat Oct 15th 2016

TIME: 1900

ORGANISER: Zazz

BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764

FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazzuk.com

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship and Junior Church will be taking place at the Methodist Church on Mautland Street. Why not come along and bring your Children to Junior Church? We have children aged 0 - 18 and play games, crafts, stories and discussion. Everyone is welcome

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church

DATE: Sun Oct 9th 2016

TIME: 1030

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY

SHOW: ZAZZ DOES HOLLYWOOD

It's a wrap! Houghton Feast 2016 concludes with the final performance of the 33rd Annual Houghton Feast Variety Show. You will be entertained by pupils of Zazz who will be performing and singing routines and medleys - all with a Hollywood and movie theme. Tickets are available from Zazz Theatre or the Dance & Theatre Boutique, both on Newbottle Street, costing £6.00 each (£5.00 concessions). The Zazz Theatre is a 120 seat venue in the heart of Houghton-le-Spring. It has a licensed bar and food will be available. Free parking to the rear on Station Road.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre

ENTRY: £6 each (concessions £5)

DATE: Sun Oct 16th 2016

TIME: 1800

ORGANISER: Zazz

BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764

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