

HOUGHTON FEAST 50



OCTOBER 6TH - OCTOBER 15TH 2017



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PRE-LAUNCH EVENTS

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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 7th 2017. Prospective participants must contact Kenneth Taylor before the day.

VENUE: Houghton Sports Centre, Station Road, DH4 5AH

ENTRY: Free for spectators

DATE: Sat Sep 30th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

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) 2017 - 2018 series. The races will cover youths of all age categories, women only, veteran men, plus junior and senior men. Entry is free to the spectating public.

VENUE: Hetton Lyons Country Park, Hetton-le-Hole, DH5 9DT

ENTRY: Free for spectators

DATE: Sun Oct 1st 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Cycling Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtoncc.com

QUEEN OF EVENTIDE AFTERNOON TEA

The traditional Queen of Eventide Afternoon Tea will be taking place in the Miners' Welfare Hall, Station Road. Doors open at 13:30 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, Station Road, DH4 5AH

ENTRY: £3.00 (pre-purchased ticket only)

DATE: Wed Oct 4th 2017 **TIME:** 14:00 (doors open 13:30)

ORGANISER: Age UK

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 526 9274

SPONSOR: Sunderland City Council Community Chest

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MURPHY'S 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, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

DATE & TIME: As follows-

Fri Oct 6th 18:00-22:00; Sat Oct 7th 13:00-22:00;

Sun Oct 8th Closed;

Mon Oct 9th 18:00-22:00; Tue Oct 10th 18:00-22:00; Wed Oct 11th 18:00-22:00; Thur Oct 12th 18:00-22:00; Fri Oct 13th 18:00-22:00;

Sat Oct 14th 13:00-22:00 (last night).

LESSEE: John Murphy (member of the Showmen's Guild)

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

BACK TO THE FUTURE: A COLLECTION

A selection of Back to the Future memorabilia and merchandise from the collections of Peter Corfield will be on display in the glass cabinets of Houghton Library for the duration of the Festival. This is your chance to see rare collectible versions of the DeLorean time travel machine plus Doc Brown and Marty McFly!

VENUE: Houghton Library, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

ENTRY: Free

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

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

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

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

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 the Apostle of the North, Bernard Gilpin our 16th century Rector, who was born 500 years ago, and meet the Houghton dragons! Take this opportunity to view Gilpin's altar tomb as well as the colourful Gilpin stained glass window. Refreshments will be available.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Free

DATE & TIME: As follows-

Mon Oct 9th 11:00-13:00; Tue Oct 10th 11:00-13:00; Wed Oct 11th 11:00-13:00; Thur Oct 12th 11:00-13:00; Fri Oct 13th 11:00-13:00;

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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

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TIME FOR TEA: COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton Town Centre (located next to Lidl). Everybody is welcome to visit – just pop your head through the door and a friendly welcome is guaranteed!

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE FUN FAIR: A SPECIAL OPENING

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

VENUE: Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

ENTRY: By invitation only

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** 13:00

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 in Houghton Methodist Church during school term time. Come along with your toddler to play, learn and socialise during this Houghton Feast week.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** 13:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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GAVIOLI ORGAN & CHURCH BELLS: A MUSICAL MEDLEY

The Gavioli 86 Key Trumpet Barrel Organ, which dates from 1886, will be in operation at intervals throughout the night giving the Broadway an old time musical atmosphere as we await the official opening of Houghton Feast 50 at 7pm. Plus - for the first time in many years - the Feast will be welcomed in with a peal of bells! The eight bells in St Michael's Church tower, including one which weighs 96 stone, will ring out loud across the Broadway, seeing a welcome return to this Houghton Feast tradition!

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** 18:00-20:00

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPER HEROES IN HOUGHTON!

With thanks to Mint Management Entertainment, our favourite heroic characters from over the years will be entertaining the crowds in the Broadway as we eagerly await the launch of Houghton Feast 50! Fantastic face painters and Buddy the Balloon Modeller will also be around to help you 'while away the time' until the main show kicks off at 7pm! Donations from this event will go towards The Houghton Feast Trust, helping to sustain the Festival for future generations.

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free (Donations welcome)

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** From 18:00

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

OPENING CEREMONY

HOUGHTON FEAST 50: JOURNEY THROUGH TIME LASER SHOW

It is time to experience the Houghton Feast Tattoo and Opening Ceremony with a mix of time travelling magic! Houghton Pipe Band will be performing along with dancers from Zazz as well as contributions from Tom 'Mouse' Smith, Houghton Area Youth Brass Band, Hetton Lyons School Choir and others! School groups will present their Doctor Who-themed lanterns led by large dancing puppet versions of The Doctor and the villainous Missy/Master! At the conclusion, the Houghton Feast illuminations will be switched on by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Doris MacKnight, followed by a laser show finale which will transport attendees across the Time Vortex! This event is not to be missed – and best of all it is free!

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 6th 2017 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

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SATURDAY

OCTOBER 7TH 2017

FESTIVAL DAY

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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, Copt Hill, DH5 8LU

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

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 07:30-14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Golf Club

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

SPONSOR: Elliott Westland Insurance Brokers

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST EXHIBITION OF HOUGHTON HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHS!

For one day only, celebrating the 500th birthday of Bernard Gilpin, over 500 photographs from the collections of Houghton Heritage Society will be exhibited around Houghton Town Centre. Old photographs from the history of Houghton-le-Spring will be on display showing scenes of Houghton's pubs, shops, theatres, tramways, sports, schools, the old Hillside Cemetery, Rectory Park, Mautland Street developments and the 'Houghton at War' collection. A special selection will focus on Bernard Gilpin as well as Houghton Feast from years gone by as part of the commemorations for the 50th anniversary of the Great Feast Revival. Members of Houghton Heritage Society will be present in the Broadway to answer any questions you have about our town's history. Over 1,500 people viewed the photographs last year – can we beat that record?

VENUE 1: Rectory Park railings, The Broadway, DH4 4BB

VENUE 2: Houghton Blind Centre, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE

VENUE 3: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

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

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

MINI-FEAST AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Tasty light lunches and hot refreshments will be served in Houghton Methodist Church. This is the ideal opportunity to have a rest from the festivities and view the exhibitions also taking place in the Church. Everybody is welcome and a friendly welcome is guaranteed.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-13:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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DALEK MEET & GREET – LIVE!

Meet a terrifying DALEK or two in Houghton's Broadway and get a selfie - if you dare risk EXTERMINATION! The TARDIS might even materialise nearby. One of our Daleks appeared in the 1975 story 'Genesis of the Daleks' which featured actor James Garbutt who was born in Houghton-le-Spring (if the weather is inclement, this event will not take place).

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Small donation

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-12:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

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

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

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 exhibit there. The Houghton banner, which is the town's 7th and was made by Dr Aidan Doyle of Great Northern Banners in 2004 using funds raised by Patricia Simmons and the late George Rowe, will be on display before it is carried along the Parade route.

VENUE: Welfare Hall, Station Road, DH4 5AH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Lambton & Houghton Banner Group

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SPONSOR: Patricia Simmons

PARISH CHURCH: 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, fresh produce, cakes, fruit and vegetables. Refreshments will also be available. Everybody is welcome to have a browse, pick up some bargains and take in the historic surrounds.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-15:00

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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

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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 time travel and Bernard Gilpin themed pieces. 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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

HOUGHTON FEAST MAKERS' MARKET & TABLE TOP SALE

A Craft and Table Top Sale will be taking place in Houghton Blind Centre (behind the Fun Fair) where local people will be selling their handmade gifts. This is the perfect opportunity to get an early Christmas present for your loved one or something special not found in the shops. Refreshments and light snacks available. Outside of the Feast, the Makers' Market takes places in the Welfare Hall, Station Road, every third Saturday of the month between February and December, 10am – 3pm.

VENUE: Houghton Blind Centre, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 11:00-15:00

ORGANISER: From the Heart Craft Fairs

TELEPHONE: 07890720718

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/groups/434810676686127

HOUGHTON FEAST: 800 YEARS YOUNG!

Houghton Feast is Houghton-le-Spring's ancient festival at over 800 years old! This special outdoor photograph exhibition has been put together by The Houghton Feast Trust, a newly formed charity which aims to preserve and help to keep the Houghton Feast traditions, and features photographs of the ox roasting, fairground, carnival parade, fireworks and community events.

VENUE: Houghton Blind Centre railings, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 11:00-15:00

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events

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CORRIE: TV THROUGH TIME

Michael Adams, who has appeared on CBBC, presents his unique collection of props and memorabilia from the long-running TV drama Coronation Street which was first broadcast in 1960. 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 Blind Centre, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 11:00-15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

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

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

GAVIOLI ORGAN

The Gavioli 86 Key Trumpet Barrel Organ, which dates from 1886, will be in operation at intervals throughout the day giving the Broadway an old time musical atmosphere. The Organ is being presented by Mr Michael Houlden whose family has owned it for 80 years.

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 12:00-16:00

PRESENTED BY: Michael Houlden

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

BACK IN TIME AT THE OLD RECTORY

The Old Rectory (in the grounds of the Park) is hosting a community open day especially for Houghton Feast 50. The building, which dates from the 17th century, was home to several of Houghton's famous Rectors and become home to the Council in 1949. Call in and take part in a wide range of activities and have a look around the ancient building including the former Houghton Urban District Council chamber!

VENUE: The Old Rectory, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free (Donations welcome)

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 12:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Acumen Community Buildings at the Old Rectory

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 386 9785

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THE PIPES & DRUMS – LIVE!

Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band, ably led by Pipe Major James Hall, will be performing in the Broadway and along 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, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 12:30-13:30

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band

FURTHER DETAILS: www.hlspb.co.uk

SPONSOR: Coalfield Area Committee

15TH PRIMARY SCHOOL DASH

Local primary schools will compete in a race along Newbottle Street for a trophy and medals. Racing of all kinds has always been a traditional part of Houghton Feast, so please show the participants your support and cheer them on along the course which will end at St Michael's Church archway in the Broadway.

VENUE: Newbottle Street/The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 13:45

ORGANISER: Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonharriers.org

SPONSOR: Houghton Rugby Club

CARNIVAL PARADE: 50TH ANNIVERSARY

It is carnival time at Houghton Feast 50! Come along and watch this colourful community production starring time travelling heroes and villains from Doctor Who and Back to the Future - plus our traditional favourites: local school children in fancy dress, the pipes and drums, classic cars, the King and Queen of Eventide, marching musical bands, Billy Purvis the Clown, Bernard Gilpin and the wild boar, Zazz dancers and vintage steam vehicle. The procession starts at Houghton Library car park and will travel along Newbottle Street into the Broadway (where you can listen to the narration) before ending at the Dairy Lane entrance to Rectory Park. Please dig deep in your pockets as proceeds of the 41 Club's en-route collection will be donated to local charities.

VENUE: Newbottle Street/The Broadway/Rectory Park

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/houghton41club

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THE HOUGHTON FEAST CLASSIC 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 close at hand the vehicles which were in the Parade – you can even meet the owners who will tell you the story of their favourite wheels.

VENUE: Kepier Academy, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 14:30+

ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/houghton41club

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 Table members). Come along and enjoy a skilled game played for the coveted Houghton Feast Trophy. The Rugby clubhouse has full social facilities including a bar, food, TV screens and car park.

VENUE: Houghton Rugby Club, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 15:00

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 Doris MacKnight.

VENUE: Houghton Sports Centre & Wellness Centre, Station Road, DH4 5AH

ENTRY: Free for spectators

DATE: Sat Oct 7th 2017 **TIME:** 15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

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SUNDAY

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HOUGHTON FEAST SUNDAY

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HOUGHTON FEAST 50: CIVIC SERVICE

A grand service of thanksgiving for community life, attended by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Doris MacKnight; Bridget Phillipson, Member of Parliament for Houghton & Sunderland South; civic dignitaries; public servants; and the people of Houghton-le-Spring. As part of the Houghton Feast 50 celebrations, the former Mayors of Sunderland have also been invited along in acknowledgement of their contributions to the Feast since 1974. This year's preacher is the Right Reverend Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

DATE: Sun Oct 8th 2017 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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

MORNING WORSHIP

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

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Sun Oct 8th 2017 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING: GILPIN 500

A great evening of hymns and singing in St Michael & All Angels Church on the theme of Bernard Gilpin, commemorating the quincentenary of his birth. This traditional Houghton Feast event was established in 1949 by Rev Oswald Noel Gwilliam who was also at the heart of the Houghton Feast Revival in 1967. This is your opportunity to sing and rejoice at Houghton Feast in the historic Parish Church.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

DATE: Sun Oct 8th 2017 **TIME:** 18:00

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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MONDAY

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HOUGHTON FEAST MONDAY

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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. Art Club members will be available for advice and discussion. Look out for the time travel and Bernard Gilpin themed pieces. 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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Mon Oct 9th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Mon Oct 9th 2017 **TIME:** 14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

ROASTING THE OX: 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A roasted ox, prepared overnight by the Rotary Club, will be carved by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Doris MacKnight. The practice of roasting an ox was re-introduced at the Houghton Feast Revival of 1967 by the Rotary Club in commemoration of Rector Bernard Gilpin who would roast an ox or hog to feed Houghton's poor in the 16th century. All proceeds from the sale of the tasty sandwiches will be donated to local charities. The event is very popular and the ox sandwiches do sell out quickly.

VENUE: Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

DATE: Mon Oct 9th 2017 **TIME:** 16:00

ORGANISER: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

FURTHER DETAILS: www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=145

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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. Everyone will be given a warm welcome by the Bethany team. Free controlled parking for cars is available on site.

VENUE: Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, DH5 8PF

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Mon Oct 9th 2017 **TIME:** 18:30

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 as there is no car parking at the launch site. Road Closures will be in operation (for full details see www.sunderland.gov.uk/roadworks or the local press). Volunteers from The Houghton Feast Trust will be collecting donations during the event to help sustain the Festival for future generations.

VENUE: Durham Road, DH5 8NF

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Mon Oct 9th 2017 **TIME:** 19:30

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

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

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TIME FOR TEA: COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton Town Centre (located next to Lidl). Everybody is welcome to visit – just pop your head through the door and a friendly welcome is guaranteed!

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Tue Oct 10th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

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. Art Club members will be available for advice and discussion. Look out for the time travel and Bernard Gilpin themed pieces. 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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Tue Oct 10th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

SHOPPERS' SERVICE

A 'pop in' short service at Houghton Methodist Church. A warm welcome is guaranteed to anybody who comes along to the Methodist Church which is located in the heart of the town centre (next to Lidl).

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Tue Oct 10th 2017 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Wed Oct 11th 2017 **TIME:** 13:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

OUR WAR MEMORIAL, OUR FAMILY

Step back in time with Fay Judson and the members of Houghton War Memorial Group who will be giving an illustrated talk about their recent experiences of compiling family histories for each of the men listed on Houghton's cenotaph. Copies of their book will be available for sale at the event. Afterwards, the group will visit the cenotaph (weather permitting). Kepier Hall is a community facility located behind St Michael & All Angels Parish Church and has a car park with 20 spaces.

VENUE: Kepier Hall, Church Street, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Wed Oct 11th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00

ORGANISER: Houghton War Memorial Group

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/houghtonlespringwarmemorial

HOUGHTON BRASS BAND CONCERT

Houghton Brass Band will be performing their annual Houghton Feast concert in St Michael & All Angels Parish Church. Tickets are available on the door and refreshments will be available during the interval. The award winning band, which was formed in 1983 by local teacher Tom Gibson, performs an array of concerts throughout the year and has even toured many European countries. Do not miss this chance to see them performing live on your doorstep!

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: £5.00 (concessions £3)

DATE: Wed Oct 11th 2017 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Brass Band

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

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HOUGHTON FEAST 500



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TIME FOR TEA: COFFEE MORNING

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VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Thur Oct 12th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

HOUGHTON FEAST: 800 YEARS YOUNG!

Houghton Feast is Houghton-le-Spring's ancient festival at over 800 years old! This special outdoor photograph exhibition has been put together by The Houghton Feast Trust, a newly formed charity which aims to preserve and help to keep the Houghton Feast traditions, and features photographs of the ox roasting, fairground, carnival parade, fireworks and community events.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Centre railings, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Thur Oct 12th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-17:00

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events

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VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Fri Oct 13th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE HOUGHTON FEAST WILDLIFE WALK

Durham Wildlife Trust invites you to explore Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve on a guided walk ably led by one of their rangers. Rainton Meadows is home to the Trust's headquarters and has an excellent network of accessible pathways linked to viewing areas which look across the site's grasslands and wetlands. Places are free (donations welcome) but should be reserved online at: www.durhamwt.com/events

VENUE: Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve, Chilton Moor, DH4 6PU

ENTRY: Free (Donations welcome)

DATE: Fri Oct 13th 2017 **TIME:** 10:00

ORGANISER: Durham Wildlife Trust

FURTHER DETAILS: www.durhamwt.com/events

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, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Fri Oct 13th 2017 **TIME:** 13:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE GILPIN 500 DINNER

Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Houghton's famous Rector, Bernard Gilpin, a special dinner with entertainment is taking place in the Parish Church. The Cherry Pickers, a live folk band, will be providing the music and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets can be booked by calling 07917817879.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Tbc

TICKET LINE: 07917817879

DATE: Fri Oct 13th 2017 **TIME:** 19:30

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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

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VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Sat Oct 14th 2017 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE GILPIN 500 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 including some on bumpy terrain. Please dress for the weather with appropriate walking shoes. The walk will also look at the story of Bernard Gilpin, known as the Apostle of the North and Father of the Poor for his many good deeds. Starting point is the blue railings of Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, and will end at the Wild Boar pub where many of the Heritage Society's archived photographs are displayed.

START: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

ENTRY: Free

DATE: Sat Oct 14th 2017 **TIME:** 13:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

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

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY SHOW: TURN BACK TIME

Zazz is pleased to present the 34th Annual Houghton Feast Variety Show which has been running every year since 1984. You will be taken through the centuries with song and dance performances by the pupils of Zazz, featuring many special lighting and laser effects. 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 refreshments will be available. Free parking to the rear on Station Road.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

ENTRY: £6 each (concessions £5)

DATE: Sat Oct 14th 2017 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: Zazz

BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764

FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazzuk.com

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MORNING WORSHIP

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

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE: Sun Oct 15th 2017 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

ENTRY: £6 each (concessions £5)

DATE: Sun Oct 15th 2017 **TIME:** 18:00

ORGANISER: Zazz

BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764

FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazzuk.com

THE BIG HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ NIGHT!

Thanks to the magic of time travel, the Big Houghton Feast Quiz makes a welcome return to the Festival line-up after an absence of 6 years! This fun night is raising money for The Houghton Feast Trust, a charitable incorporated organisation, recently set up by local residents to help keep our Feast going for future generations. Rounds will cover general knowledge, sport, music, the news and all the rest – plus a special “How well do you know Houghton?” multi-choice round! So get a team together and come along for some great fun, amazing prizes (including a BIG CASH jackpot) and plenty of laughs - with a licensed bar, everyone is guaranteed to have a brilliant time while helping a worthy cause!

VENUE: Houghton Rugby Club, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

ENTRY: £1 per person (max 6 per team)

DATE: Sun Oct 15th 2017 **TIME:** 20:00-22:00

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events

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