



HOUGHTON FEAST 2018

THE GREATEST SHOW



OCTOBER 5TH-14TH

PRE LAUNCH EVENTS

THE VOICE OF HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING 2018 – GRAND FINAL

Come along to the final round of 'The Voice of Houghton-le-Spring' singing competition. Find out who will be the winner and will be walking away with the coveted Voice Trophy! The winner will be able to perform at this year's Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony as well as at other venues throughout the 2018 Festival! The Zazz Theatre is a 120 seat venue in the heart of Houghton-le-Spring and has a licensed bar selling competitively priced drinks and snacks. Free parking to the rear on Station Road. All proceeds from this show are kindly being donated to The Houghton Feast Trust.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

SPECTATORS: £3.00 each (pay on the door)

DATE: SAT SEPT 22ND 2018 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust & Zazz Dance Academy

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: voice@zazz.co.uk

SPONSOR: Gentoo & Sun FM Radio

MUSIC MASH THROUGH THE DECADES

Music for everybody from all the decades – plus raffles, dancing and bingo – plus a stint by the Dubmire Line Dancers! This pre-Feast event promises to be a fun night for everyone and with a low entry fee of £3 per person will help to raise funds for The Houghton Feast Trust! Tickets are available from behind the bar at the Dubmire Royal British Legion or by contacting Julie Maddison on 07910538468.

VENUE: Dubmire Royal British Legion, Britannia Terrace, Fencehouses, DH4 6LJ

ENTRY: £3.00 **DATE:** FRI SEPT 28TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:30

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

TICKET HOTLINE: 07910538468

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

HOUGHTON FEAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT 2018

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 6th 2018. Prospective participants must contact Kenneth Taylor before the day.

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

ENTRY: Free for spectators **DATE:** SAT SEPT 29TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

HOUGHTON FEAST CYCLO-CROSS RACES 2018

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) 2018 - 2019 series. The races will cover youths of all age categories, women only, veteran men, plus junior and senior men. Entry is free to for spectators.

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

ENTRY: Free for spectators **DATE:** SUN SEPT 30TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Cycling Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtoncc.com

FOR THE DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL

HOUGHTON FEAST FAIRGROUND

All the fun of the fair for everyone young and old, featuring the latest thrill rides, such as Dodgems, Waltzers, Jump 'n' Smile, Miami and Tagada, plus family favourites including hook-a-duck, hoopla and side stalls. 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 5TH 18:00-22:00; SAT OCT 6TH 13:00-22:00;

SUN OCT 7TH CLOSED;

MON OCT 8TH - FRI OCT 12TH 18:00-22:00;

SAT OCT 13TH 13:00-22:00 (last night).

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

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

GEEK FEAST: MOVIE CAR COLLECTION

A selection of famous movie vehicles from the memorabilia and merchandise collection 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, Ghostbusters, Jurassic Park, Batman and James Bond!

VENUE: Houghton Library, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

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

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: www.geekfeast.co.uk

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS

This ancient parish church has been at the heart of our community for over a thousand 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 over 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, The Broadway, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Free **DATE & TIME:** Daily as follows-

MON OCT 8TH - FRI OCT 12TH 11:00-13:00;

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Imperial Buildings, DH4 4DJ

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

FEAST LAUNCH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2018

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 5TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

THE FUN FAIR: A SPECIAL OPENING (FOR INVITED S.E.N.D. CHILDREN)

The official opening of the Houghton Feast fairground will be performed by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Lynda Scanlan. This event was first held in 2001 and celebrates its 18th anniversary which has seen thousands of invited children from local S.E.N.D. schools enjoying supervised free rides thanks to the generosity of the Houghton Feast showmen (please see other event listing for public opening times of the fairground).

VENUE: Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

ENTRY: By invitation only **DATE:** FRI OCT 5TH 2018

ORGANISER: Murphy's Fun Fairs

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/funfairmurphys

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs & The Wild Boar (Wetherspoon)

GAVIOLI ORGAN

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: The Greatest Show at 7pm. The Organ is being presented by Mr Michael Houlden whose family has owned it for 80 years and it will also be performing tomorrow.

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** FRI OCT 5TH 2018 **TIME:** 18:00-20:00

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

PRESENTED BY: Michael Houlden

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

CIRCUS FUN TIME!

Mr Ringmaster and his circus friends from Mint Management Entertainment will be entertaining the crowds in the Broadway as we eagerly await the launch of Houghton Feast: The Greatest Show! Fantastic face painters and Buddy the Balloon Modeller will also be around to occupy the children 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 5TH 2018 **TIME:** From 18:00

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

OPENING CEREMONY

HOUGHTON FEAST: THE GREATEST SHOW

This is the Greatest Show - the Houghton Feast Tattoo and Opening Ceremony in the Broadway features Houghton Pipe Band performing along with dancers from Zazz as well as contributions from Houghton Area Youth Brass Band and the new Houghton Feast Children's Choir, made up of pupils from Gillas Lane, Dubmire, Hetton Primary, Eppleton, Hetton Lyons, Newbottle and Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary. At the conclusion, the Houghton Feast illuminations will be switched on by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Lynda Scanlan. This event is not to be missed – live entertainment by the community for the community - and best of all it is free!

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** FRI OCT 5TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

FESTIVAL DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2018

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. 2 x Pairs 4BBB Stableford. 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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 07:30-14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Golf Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

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

SPONSOR: Elliott Westland Insurance Brokers

HOUGHTON HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION

Newly shared 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 the Houghton Feast fairgrounds, Houghton Piper Band, Houghton's pubs, shops, theatres, tramways, sports, schools, the old Hillside Cemetery, Rectory Park, Mautland Street developments and the 'Houghton at War' collection. Members of Houghton Heritage Society will be present in the Broadway to answer any questions you have about our town's history. Over 3,500 people viewed the photographs last year – can we beat that record?

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

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

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

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS – SELFIE SPOT!

Meet your favourite comic book and movie characters in the TARDIS themed tent in Houghton's Broadway and get a selfie in exchange for a small donation! Funds raised by this event will be donated to Houghton Heritage Society. Depending on the conditions of the space-time continuum, our friends from Doctor Who, Guardians of the Galaxy and Ghostbusters will be making an appearance! The characters will also be appearing at the Geek Feast TV-Movie-Game-Comic Convention on Sunday October 7th – ask the team for further details when you pop along to say 'hello'!

VENUE: The Broadway, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Small donation **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-12:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

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 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 later in the day.

VENUE: Welfare Hall, Station Road, DH4 5AH

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Lambton & Houghton Banner Group

NEAREST CAR PARK: Brinkburn Crescent, DH4 5HA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SPONSOR: Patricia Simmons

PARISH CHURCH 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 and cakes. Refreshments will also be available. Everybody is welcome to have a browse, pick up some bargains and take in the historic surrounds. This event is extremely popular and is the ideal place to take time out from the festivities in the Broadway.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, The Broadway, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-15:00

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

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

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 Fairground and Circus 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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

FAIRGROUND MODEL EXHIBITION

A special exhibition of fairground models celebrating showman John Murphy's 70th annual visit to Houghton Feast. John made his first visit to the Feast with his father's Waltzer and Dodgems in 1948, setting up on the fairground in the Lake. On display will be working and static models, many of which have been skilfully made by the members of the Fairground Association of Great Britain.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH
ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events
SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

HOUGHTON FEAST MAKERS' MARKET & TABLE TOP SALE

A Craft and Table Top Sale will be taking place in Houghton Centre for the Blind (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. Tarot cards and psychic readings by resident medium Tracy Jane will also be taking place throughout the day. Refreshments and light snacks available.

VENUE: Houghton Centre for the Blind, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE
ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 11:00-15:30
ORGANISER: From the Heart Craft Fairs
TELEPHONE: 07890720718
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/groups/434810676686127

GREATEST SHOWMAN – MEET, GREET & SING-A-LONG!

Visit Rugrats Play Den for a morning of fun and amazing entertainment with special guests P.T. Barnum & Anne Wheeler from smash hit movie, The Greatest Showman! Children will enjoy meeting the characters, singing the songs and joining in with the activities - plus there'll be food and drinks afterwards! Tickets, costing £10 per child and £2 per adult, are available from Rugrats Play Den or White's Candy, both on Newbottle Street. Tickets are issued on a first come, first served basis. Maximum of two adults per child. Thanks to the generosity of Rugrats Play Den, £1 from every ticket sold will be donated to The Houghton Feast Trust.

VENUE: Rugrat's Play Den, 7 Newbottle Street, DH4 4AN
ENTRY: £10 child / Adults £2
DATE: SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 11:00-13:00
ORGANISER: Rugrat's Play Den
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/whites.co.uk

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. Other events are taking place at the venue at the same time.

VENUE: Houghton Centre for the Blind railings, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE
ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 11:00-15:30
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events

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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 12:00-16:00

PRESENTED BY: Michael Houlden

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

THE PIPES & DRUMS – LIVE!

Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band, ably led by Pipe Major Paul Hamilton, 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! This year is the band's 50th anniversary so please show them your appreciation throughout the day!

VENUE: The Broadway/Newbottle Street, DH4 4BB

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 12:30-13:30

ORGANISER: Houghton-le-Spring Pipe Band

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: www.hlspsb.co.uk

SPONSOR: Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee

16TH PRIMARY SCHOOL DASH

Local primary schools will compete in a road 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 young 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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 13:45

ORGANISER: Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: Brinkburn Crescent, DH4 5HA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonharriers.org

SPONSOR: Houghton Rugby Club

CARNIVAL PARADE

It is carnival time at Houghton Feast! Come along and watch this colourful community production starring characters from The Greatest Showman plus our traditional favourites: local school children in fancy dress, the pipes and drums, classic cars, marching musical bands, Billy Purvis the Clown, Bernard Gilpin and the wild boar, the 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: Station Road/Newbottle Street/The Broadway/Rectory Park

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 14:00

ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: Brinkburn Crescent, DH4 5HA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/houghton41club

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council

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 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 14:30+

ORGANISER: Houghton 41 Club

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/houghton41club

HOUGHTON FEAST RUGBY MATCH

Your chance to support the Wild Boars 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 clubhouse has full social facilities including a bar, food, TV screens and car park. The Club will also be showcasing their junior sides with the 13-16 boys and girls playing a game of Touch Rugby before the main game.

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

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Rugby Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonrugby.co.uk

SPONSOR: Houghton 41 Club

HOUGHTON FEAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT FINAL 2018

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 Lynda Scanlan.

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

ENTRY: Free for spectators **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 15:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Town Bowling Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 584 7268

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

AN EVENING WITH KAY CARMAN

“An Evening With....” will see professional entertainer Kay Carman sharing stories of her long career in the entertainment industry along with a selection of her favourite songs. Kay is described as “a delightful lady and a joy to watch and listen to....she creates a real party atmosphere” and is best known for her beautiful soprano voice and for her work in theatre and concert performances around the UK. Local residents, however, may remember her as ‘Kay Dowell, Head Girl of Houghton Grammar School’! Do not miss this intimate night of live entertainment! Refreshments served in the interval. Free parking to the rear in Pottery Yard. Proceeds from this show are kindly being donated to The Houghton Feast Trust. Tickets, costing £8 each, are available from the Houghton Feast Box Office at Zazz Theatre Boutique shop on Newbottle Street (opposite Lloyds Bank).

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

ENTRY: £8.00 **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust

BOX OFFICE: Zazz Theatre Boutique, 10 Newbottle Street, DH4 4AB

TELEPHONE: 0191 584 0764

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

BACKBEAT BLUES BROTHERS

Zazz Live Events presents ‘Backbeat Blues Brothers’, an upbeat musical tribute show to the Blues Brothers! It’ll be dark, they’ll be wearing sunglasses....and you’ll be hand-clappin’, foot-stompin’ and singing along before your know it! Tickets are available from Zazz Theatre or the Dance & Theatre Boutique, both on Newbottle Street, costing £8.50 each. You can also book online via zazz.co.uk The Zazz Theatre is a 120 seat venue in the heart of Houghton-le-Spring and has a licensed bar selling competitively priced drinks and snacks. Free parking to the rear on Station Road. A portion of the proceeds from this show is kindly being donated to The Houghton Feast Trust.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF

ENTRY: £8.50 **DATE:** SAT OCT 6TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:30

ORGANISER: Zazz Live Events

BOX OFFICE: Zazz Theatre Boutique, 10 Newbottle Street, DH4 4AB

TELEPHONE: 0191 584 0764

NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH

FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazz.co.uk

HOUGHTON FEAST

SUNDAY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2018

HOUGHTON FEAST CIVIC SERVICE

A grand service of thanksgiving for community life, attended by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Lynda Scanlan; Bridget Phillipson, Member of Parliament for Houghton & Sunderland South; civic dignitaries; public servants; and the people of Houghton-le-Spring. This year's preacher is the Venerable Stuart Bain, Provost of Sunderland Minster. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, The Broadway, DH4 4DN

DATE: SUN OCT 7TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Imperial Buildings, DH4 4DJ

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship and Junior Church, led by Lesley Dowell, will be taking place at Houghton Methodist Church on Mautland Street (next to Lidl). You can also bring your children along to Junior Church (we have children aged 0 - 18 and play games, make crafts, tell stories and have discussion). Everyone is welcome and a warm reception is guaranteed.

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

DATE: SUN OCT 7TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:30

ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

GEEK FEAST: A TV-MOVIE-GAME-COMIC CONVENTION

Houghton's very first geek convention featuring dozens of geeky stalls selling movie merchandise, collectibles, comic books, movie props, pop vinyls, and more! Special guest, actor MELANIE HILL (well known as Cathy in 'Coronation Street', Madeline in 'Bread', Maggie in 'Waterloo Road' and Mary in the BBC's 'Merlin') will be signing autographs and taking part in a Q&A session on stage.

Come along and see Stormtroopers from the 99th Garrison plus your favourite heroes from the North East Avengers and Ghostbusters! Cumbria Superheroes will be presenting Deadpool, Captain America, Chewbacca – and Michelangelo from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! Cowabunga! Many other characters are expected!

Enter the cosplay costume competition for a chance to win £25 (junior & adult categories)! The Coronation Street Collection will be on display for lovers of ITV's popular drama.

Cosplayer and costume creator AMY TELFORD will be sharing secrets and advice on how to make your own cosplay costume! Bestselling author SHEILA QUIGLEY will be sharing her story of how her TV screenplay led to a six figure book deal!

The event will end with a 'War of the Worlds' & 'Ready Player One' themed LASER SHOW! With lots to see and do, including a Dalek, this event is not to be missed! Tickets are available online from www.geekfeast.co.uk or from the Houghton Feast Box Office at Zazz Theatre Boutique shop on Newbottle Street (opposite Lloyds Bank). Guests appear subject to work commitments and can cancel at any time. Event details correct at time of publication however the right to amend the event without notice is reserved.

For further event details visit: www.facebook.com/GeekFeast

VENUE: Houghton Sports & Wellness Centre, Station Road, DH4 5AH
DATE & TIME: SUN OCT 7TH 2018 11:00-16:00
ENTRY: £5 adults/£3 children (12 & under)/£14 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
ONLINE TICKETS: www.geekfeast.co.uk
BOX OFFICE: Zazz Theatre Boutique, 10 Newbottle Street, DH4 4AB
TELEPHONE: 0191 584 0764
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
FREE CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/GeekFeast

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

A great evening of hymns and singing in St Michael & All Angels Church on the theme of the 100 year anniversary of Votes for Women. 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 where a warm welcome is guaranteed.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, The Broadway, DH4 4DN
DATE: SUN OCT 7TH 2018 **TIME:** 18:00
ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Imperial Buildings, DH4 4DJ
FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

HOUGHTON FEAST

MONDAY

MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2018

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 Fairground and Circus 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. The exhibition continues on Tuesday.

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

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** MON OCT 8TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club

NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonartclub.webs.com

ROASTING THE OX

A roasted ox, prepared overnight by the Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring, will be carved by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Lynda Scanlan, at the Rectory Field. 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, which is in its 51st year, is very popular and the ox sandwiches do sell out quickly.

VENUE: Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH

DATE: MON OCT 8TH 2018 **TIME:** 16:00

ORGANISER: Rotary Club of Houghton-le-Spring

NEAREST CAR PARK: Houghton Area Office/Rectory Park Car Park, DH4 4BB

FURTHER DETAILS: www.rotary-ribi.org

SUPPORTED BY: Sunderland City Council

BROTH & BUN FIREWORK CAFE

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 (subject to availability).

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

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** MON OCT 8TH 2018 **TIME:** 18:30

ORGANISER: Bethany Christian Centre

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

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 but can be viewed from the surrounds including Dairy Lane and higher ground. 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 8TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:30

ORGANISER: Sunderland City Council

FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeast.co.uk

NEAREST CAR PARKS: Station Road & Brinkburn Crescent, DH4 5HA

SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2018

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 9TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
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 Fairground and Circus 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 9TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00-16:00
ORGANISER: Houghton Art Club
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
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 9TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

AROUND THE STATES IN 180 DAYS

The amazing true story of Houghton explorer Vikki Birbeck, who will be sharing photos and stories from her crazy adventure visiting all 50 of the United States of America in a 180 day long once-in-a-life-time trip! Did Vikki succeed? What problems did she encounter along the way? What were the American people like? How many buses did she ride? And how did she cope with temperatures ranging from an icy minus 32 to a sweltering 43 degrees Celsius? Come along and find out at this special one-off event. Sample some of America's weirdest and wonderful delights including recipes from the Deep South as Vikki did on her adventures. Miss Nancy's Brasserie will be supplying small samples of some of Vikki's favourite American foods giving you the chance to experience their unique cultures. This unique event is being held in aid of The Houghton Feast Trust with admission by way of a £2.50 donation.

VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF
ENTRY: £2.50 (donation) **DATE:** TUE OCT 9TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:00
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/aroundthestatesin180days
SPONSOR: Miss Nancy's Brasserie

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2018

OUR WAR MEMORIAL, OUR FAMILY

Commemorating the end of the Great War Centenary, 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 10TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00

ORGANISER: Houghton War Memorial Group

NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

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 with guest vocalists Fiona Havercroft and Kirstie Swirles. 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, The Broadway, DH4 4DN

ENTRY: £5.00 (concessions £3)

DATE: WED OCT 10TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:00

ORGANISER: Houghton Brass Band

NEAREST CAR PARK: Imperial Buildings, DH4 4DJ

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2018

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: THUR OCT 11TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
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 11TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-17:00
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2018

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 12TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
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 12TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:00
ORGANISER: Durham Wildlife Trust
NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue
FURTHER DETAILS: www.durhamwt.com/events

THE LITTLE WASTER – A TRIBUTE TO BOBBY THOMPSON

Relive the wit and humour of The Little Waster in this amazing tribute performed by the multi talented Tony Washington. This really is comedy at its very best! Bobby Thompson (1911-1988) was a stand-up comedian from Peshaw and was renowned for his self-deprecating humour – plus his mother-in-law jokes – all told in his pitmatic accent! Tony Washington is about as close to the real Bobby you can get! Tickets are £10 per person and include a supper and are available from members of the Next 900 Committee – see Church website for full details. A licensed bar will be available at the event.

VENUE: Houghton Parish Church, The Broadway, DH4 4DN
ENTRY: £10.00 **DATE:** FRI OCT 12TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:30
ORGANISER: St Michael & All Angels Parish Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Imperial Buildings, DH4 4DJ
FURTHER DETAILS: www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk

THE HOUGHTON FEAST CEILIDH

Come one, come all! Dance the night away at the traditional Houghton Feast Ceilidh which makes a welcome return to the Festival with music by the Chris Little Ceilidh Band. A ceilidh is a traditional Scottish or Irish social gathering and typically features folk music, dancing and food. From novices to seasoned dancers, our caller will guide you through so you'll be in safe hands! Dance, drink, laugh, relax and meet new friends! Ticket price includes a pie and pea supper. Tickets are available from the Houghton Feast Box Office at Zazz Boutique, 10 Newbottle Street; from behind the bar at the Dubmire Royal British Legion; or by contacting Kevin Reilly on 0191 512 0650. The Houghton Feast Ceilidh is raising funds for The Houghton Feast Trust.

VENUE: Dubmire Royal British Legion, Britannia Terrace, Fencehouses, DH4 6LJ
ENTRY: £7.00 **DATE:** FRI OCT 12TH 2018 **TIME:** 20:00
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
BOX OFFICE: Zazz Theatre Boutique, 10 Newbottle Street, DH4 4AB **TEL:** 0191 584 0764
FURTHER DETAILS: 0191 512 0650
NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH 2018

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VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH
DATE: SAT OCT 13TH 2018 **TIME:** 09:30-11:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
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 including some on bumpy terrain. Please dress for the weather with appropriate walking shoes. The Houghton Heritage Walk will end at the Wild Boar pub where many of the Heritage Society's archived photographs are displayed. Places can be reserved by e-mailing: info@houghtonlespring.org.uk and details of the meeting point will be sent by return e-mail.

ENTRY: Free **DATE:** SAT OCT 13TH 2018 **TIME:** 14:00
ORGANISER: Houghton Heritage Society
BOOK A PLACE: info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/events
SPONSOR: Murphy's Fun Fairs

THE GREATEST HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY SHOW

Zazz is pleased to present the 35th Annual Houghton Feast Variety Show, featuring song and dance routines from some of the best loved films and musicals – including The Greatest Showman! Tickets are available from Zazz Theatre or the Dance & Theatre Boutique, both on Newbottle Street, costing £7.00 each (£6.00 concessions) with £1 from every ticket sold kindly being donated to The Houghton Feast Trust. 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: £7 each (concessions £6)
DATE: SAT OCT 13TH 2018 **TIME:** 19:00
ORGANISER: Zazz
BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764
NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH
FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazz.co.uk

FEAST FINALE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship and Junior Church will be taking place at Houghton Methodist Church on Mautland Street (next to Lidl). You can also bring your children along to Junior Church (we have children aged 0 - 18 and play games, make crafts, tell stories and have discussion). Everyone is welcome and a warm reception is guaranteed.

VENUE: Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH
DATE: SUN OCT 14TH 2018 **TIME:** 10:30
ORGANISER: Houghton Methodist Church
NEAREST CAR PARK: Pottery Yard/Bowlby Street, DH4 4BA
FURTHER DETAILS: www.facebook.com/Houghtonmethodist

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VENUE: Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF
ENTRY: £7 each (concessions £6)
DATE: SUN OCT 14TH 2018 **TIME:** 18:00
ORGANISER: Zazz
BOX OFFICE: 0191 584 0764
NEAREST CAR PARK: Station Road, DH4 5AH
FURTHER DETAILS: www.zazz.co.uk

THE BIG HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ NIGHT!

Following successful quizzes throughout the year, the Big Houghton Feast Quiz is another fun night to help raise funds for The Houghton Feast Trust, a charitable incorporated organisation, 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 of £25) 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 14TH 2018 **TIME:** 20:00-22:00
ORGANISER: The Houghton Feast Trust
NEAREST CAR PARK: At the venue
FURTHER DETAILS: www.houghtonfeasttrust.com/events
SPONSORS: Houghton RUFC.