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FREE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



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The Houghton Feast is an ancient festival held every October in Houghton-le-Spring, near Durham and Sunderland in the North East of England.

The festival dates back to the 12th century when it originated as Michaelmas, the dedication service to the parish church of St Michael & All Angels.

It is now a popular 10 day event which typically features an ox roasting, a fairground, church events, carnival parade, shows, music, dance, community events, exhibitions, talks, tours, fireworks and more!

FOR THE DURATION

□ THE JOHN MAWSTON COLLECTION

Historical items from the collection of the late Councillor John Mawston, former Mayor of Sunderland and Chairman of The Houghton Feast Steering Committee, will be on display at Houghton Library for the duration of Houghton Feast 2021. Some of the items are very rare and include: Houghton Area Office ceremonial stone-laying mallet, leather-bound Freedom of the City of Sunderland scroll, Houghton Urban District Council trinkets and visitors' book plus the Mayor of Sunderland photo album.

VENUE	Houghton Library, Newbottle Street, DH4 4AF	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	During the Library's published opening times	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARK	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH	EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

□ THE FAIRGROUND

All the fun of the fair for everyone young and old, featuring the latest thrill rides, such as Dodgems, Waltzers, Jump 'n' Smile Frogs, 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 (Northern Section) and will operate in a COVID-19 secure way on Rectory Field for the duration of the Festival. Please obey all signage and guidelines at the site.

VENUE	Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 5BH	LESSEE	Mr John Murphy
DATE & TIMES	Fri Oct 8 th 6:00pm – 10:00pm Sat Oct 9 th 1:00pm – 10:00pm Sun Oct 10 th CLOSED Mon Oct 11 th – Fri Oct 15 th 6:00pm – 10:00pm Sat Oct 16 th 1:00pm – 10:00pm	FACEBOOK	/funfairmurphys
CAR PARKS	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB		

FEAST LAUNCH DAY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2021

☐ TIME FOR TEA - COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton's 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	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Methodist Church
DATE & TIME	Friday October 8 th 2021 9:30am - 11:30am	WEB	www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghtonmethodist
CAR PARK	Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA	TEL	0191 584 3206

☐ 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 Henry Trueman. This event was first held in 2001 and now celebrates its 20th anniversary which has seen thousands of invited children and carers from local Special Educational Needs & Disability schools enjoying supervised free rides thanks to the generosity of Murphy's Fun Fairs (please see other event listing for opening times of the fairground for the general public). If you would like to involve your S.E.N.D. school, please contact Houghton Heritage Society by e-mail no later than September 24th 2021.

VENUE	Rectory Field, Dairy Lane, Houghton, DH4 5BH	ORGANISERS	Murphy's Fun Fairs & Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Friday October 8 th 2021	FACEBOOK	/funfairmurphys
ADMISSION	By invitation only	TEL	N/A
CAR PARK	N/A	E-MAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk

OPENING CEREMONY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2021

☐ 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 The Houghton Feast 2021 at 7pm. The organ is being presented by Mr Michael Houlden whose family has owned it for over 80 years. It will also be performing tomorrow from 12 noon.

VENUE	The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Mr Michael Houlden
DATE & TIME	Friday October 8 th 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeast.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/HoughtonFeast
CAR PARK	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee		

☐ FACE PAINTING & FUN!

Decorated stilt-walkers from around the world will be entertaining the crowds in The Broadway as we eagerly await the launch of The Houghton Feast 2021! Fantastic face painters and a balloon modeller will also be around to occupy the children until the main show kicks off at 7pm!

VENUE	The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Sunderland City Council
DATE & TIME	Friday October 8 th 2021 6:00pm – 7:00pm	WEB	www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/seeitdoitsunderland
CAR PARK	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Coalfield Area Committee		

☐ OPENING CEREMONY 2021

The Festival of Houghton Feast 2021 will be launched with a spectacular community show in The Broadway. Houghton Pipe Band, Zazz dancers, Houghton Area Youth Brass Band, and The Houghton Feast Children's Choir will entertain the gathered crowds! At the conclusion of the outdoor show, the new Houghton Feast illuminations will be switched on by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Henry Trueman. 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, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Sunderland City Council
DATE & TIME	Friday October 8 th 2021 7:00pm – 8:00pm	WEB	www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/seeitdoitsunderland
CAR PARK	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Sunderland City Council, Coalfield Area Committee		

FESTIVAL DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2021

☐ HOUGHTON HERITAGE PHOTO EXHIBITIONS

A new photograph exhibition commemorating Houghton's Colliery, which closed 40 years ago, will be on display on the Welfare Centre railings, Station Road, throughout the day. Other vintage photographs from the collections of Houghton Heritage Society will also be on display, showing scenes from Houghton's past, on the Rectory Park railings in The Broadway. A third selection of images, depicting the shows and rides at the Houghton Feast fairgrounds in years gone by, will be on display at the Centre for the Blind, Thornhill Street.

VENUES	1) Rectory Park Railings, The Broadway, DH4 4BB 2) Houghton Welfare Hall, Station Road, DH4 5AH 3) Centre for the Blind, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 9:00am - 4:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

☐ 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 Colliery banner, which is the town's 7th and was made in 2004 using funds raised by Patricia Simmons and the late George Rowe, commemorating the 40th anniversary since the pit closed. Free entry to the public with a free public car park nearby with 80 spaces.

VENUE	Houghton Welfare Hall, Station Road, DH4 5AH	ORGANISER	Houghton & Lambton Banner Group
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 9:30am - 3:30pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeast.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/HoughtonFeast
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A

☐ PARISH CHURCH OPEN DAY & LIGHT LUNCHES

The historical heart of The Houghton Feast, St Michael's Church, will be throwing open its doors and is the ideal place to take time out from the festivities in the nearby Broadway. Coffee, cake, soup and sandwiches will be available. You can also pay a visit to the tomb of Bernard Gilpin and discover the secrets of this ancient building on the informative display boards throughout.

VENUE	Houghton Parish Church, The Broadway, DH4 4DN	ORGANISER	St Michael & All Angels Church
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 10:30am - 3:30pm	WEB	www.stmichaels-hls.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/stmichaels-hls
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	0191 512 1769

☐ ART EXHIBITION

Day 1 of Houghton Art Club's exhibition of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street. Their members will be on hand for advice and discussion. Some of the artwork is available for sale and light refreshments will be available. The exhibition then continues on Monday October 11th 2021.

VENUE	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Art Club
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 9:30am - 4:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonartclub.webs.com
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghton-Art-Club-613535218708029
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A

☐ GEEK FEAST: FAMOUS CARS SELFIE-SPOT

A small selection of vehicles from our favourite movies and TV shows will be on display in The Broadway, including: Ecto-1 from *Ghostbusters*, the *Jurassic Park* Ford Explorer, the *Back to the Future* DeLorean ... and Derek 'Del Boy' Trotter's knackered, old three-wheeled van from *Only Fools & Horses!* Take a selfie - you know it makes sense!

VENUE	The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	The Houghton Feast Trust
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 10:00am - 12:30pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeasttrust.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/TheHoughtonFeastTrust
CAR PARK	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Stan's Auto Services, South Shields		

□ FAIRGROUND MODEL SHOW

The John Murphy Fairground Model Show is a special exhibition of fun fair models, named in honour of the late showman John Murphy who supported Houghton Feast for 70 years. On display will be working and static models, many of which have been skilfully made by local fairground enthusiasts. The show will be complimented with rare photographs of the Houghton Feast fairgrounds from the collections of Houghton Heritage Society. This year you can also gain entry into the exhibition directly from within the fairground on Rectory Field – watch out for the signs!

VENUE	Centre for the Blind, Thornhill Street, DH4 5BE	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 11:00am - 4:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

□ 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 over 80 years.

VENUE	The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Mr Michael Houlden
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 12:00pm - 4:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeast.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/HoughtonFeast
CAR PARK	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee		

□ 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!

VENUE	The Broadway, Houghton, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Houghton & District Piping Society
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 12:30pm - 1:30pm	WEB	www.hlspb.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghton-le-spring-pipe-band-128701247203136
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee		

□ PRIMARY DASH

Local primary schools will compete in the 18th annual 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. School's wishing to register their involvement should contact Peter Dodsworth of Houghton Harriers no later than September 24th 2021.

VENUE	Newbottle Street / The Broadway, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 1:45pm	WEB	www.houghtonharriers.org
ADMISSION	Free for participating primary schools	FACEBOOK	/HoughtonHarriersAC
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	07849403313
SPONSOR	Houghton R.U.F.C	E-MAIL	padodsworth@hotmail.co.uk

□ CARNIVAL PARADE 2021

Carnival time returns to Houghton Feast after last year's absence! Come along and watch this colourful community production starring our friends and family, local school children waving colourful flags, the pipes and drums, classic cars, marching musical bands, Billy Purvis the Clown, the Zazz dancers, vintage steam vehicles and professional costumed characters. The procession starts at the 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 observe a sensible social distance when spectating.

ROUTE	Station Rd/Newbottle St/The Broadway/Rectory Park	ORGANISER	Houghton 41 Club
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 2:00pm	WEB	www.houghton41club.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghton41Club
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A
SUPPORTED BY	Sunderland City Council		

□ 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, from around 2:30pm. You can view close at hand the vehicles which were in the procession and you can even meet the owners who will tell you the story of their favourite wheels!

VENUE	Kepier Academy, Dairy Lane, Houghton, DH4 5BH	ORGANISER	Houghton 41 Club
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 2:30pm	WEB	www.houghton41club.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghton41Club
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A

AN ANCIENT TRADITION



ROASTED OX SANDWICHES

A roasted whole ox, prepared overnight by The Houghton Feast Trust, will be served up in sandwiches in the grounds of The Old Rectory, near The Broadway, where the first oxen were roasted by Rector Bernard Gilpin to feed Houghton's poor in the 16th century. The ceremonial first slice will be carved by the Right worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Henry Trueman. All proceeds from the sale of the tasty sandwiches will be used towards next year's event.

You can pre-purchase your sandwiches online at: www.oxsarnies.com

The ox sandwiches are very popular and do sell out quickly and are therefore available strictly while stocks last.

VENUE	The Old Rectory, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	The Houghton Feast Trust
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 From 3:00pm		
PAYMENTS	Cash – Card	PAY ONLINE	www.oxsarnies.com
CAR PARKS	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA		
SUPPORTED BY	Sunderland City Council; Marian Johnson; The Beehive PH, Sedgeleth (Tel: 0191 584 2867); Asa James Smith; Arthur Newsome & Son.		

? DID YOU KNOW?

The date of Houghton Feast fluctuates slightly each year! Houghton Feast, or Michaelmas as it is also known, is meant to be celebrated on September 29th, however in 1752 the people of Houghton refused to accept the introduction of the Gregorian calendar and continued to celebrate Michaelmas according to the Julian calendar, on October 10th, eleven days behind the new calendar. This year is the first time since 2010 that Houghton Feast has coincided with Sunday October 10th, and it won't happen again until 2027!

□ FAMILY FUN IN RECTORY PARK

An afternoon of fun in Houghton's Rectory Park after the Carnival Parade. There'll be garden games, glitter to wear and giant bubble-making mixture for all! Everyone welcome - bring the whole family for some children's crafts and activities before we stay to turn on the new Rectory Park lights when it gets dark.

VENUE	The Rectory Park, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISERS	Houghton Residents C.I.C. & The Old Rectory
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 3:00pm – 6:00pm	WEB	www.theoldrectory.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghtonlespringresidents
CAR PARK	Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA		

□ HOUGHTON FEAST RUGBY MATCH

Support the Wild Boars at the Dairy Lane ground at the special Houghton Feast Rugby Match 2021. Come along and enjoy watching a skilled game played for the coveted Houghton Feast Trophy! The clubhouse on Dairy Lane has full social facilities including a bar, food, TV screens and car park. Houghton will be playing Newton Aycliffe. Kick-off is at 3pm.

VENUE	Houghton Rugby Club, Dairy Lane, DH4 5BH	ORGANISER	Houghton R.U.F.C.
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 3:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonrugby.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/HoughtonRugbyClub
CAR PARK	At the venue	TEL	0191 584 1460

□ LIGHT UP HOUGHTON PARK – SWITCH ON

Bring all the family and join The Old Rectory team to switch on the new lighting in Houghton's Rectory Park! The lights and illuminations make a return to the park after many years of absence and have been funded by kind donations from the public. There will be a storytelling performance at 6pm where we will hear about the folklore adventures of Winnie the Witch, the Peacock and some magical fairies who live in the Park. There will be family-friendly activities for all ages, including a treasure hunt through the Park to find Winnie the Witch on her adventures!

VENUE	The Rectory Park, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB	ORGANISERS	The Old Rectory & Houghton Residents C.I.C.
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 9 th 2021 6:00pm	WEB	www.theoldrectory.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/TheOldRectoryHoughtonleSpring
CAR PARKS	The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA		
FUNDED BY	Public donations, community fundraising and The National Lottery Community Fund		
SUPPORTED BY	The Houghton Feast Trust		

FEAST SUNDAY

OCTOBER 10TH 2021

☐ HOUGHTON FEAST CIVIC SERVICE 2021

A grand service of thanksgiving for community life at the parish church of St Michael & All Angels. This year, the Bishop of Durham, the Right Reverend Paul Butler will be our preacher. The service will also be attended by the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Henry Trueman; Bridget Phillipson, Member of Parliament for Houghton & Sunderland South; civic dignitaries; public servants; and the people of Houghton-le-Spring. Refreshments will be served afterwards, everyone is welcome to attend.

VENUE	Houghton Parish Church, Church Street, DH4 4DN	ORGANISER	St Michael & All Angels Church
DATE & TIME	Sunday October 10 th 2021 10:30am	WEB	www.stmichaels-hls-org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/stmichaels-hls
CAR PARK	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ	TEL	0191 512 1769

☐ MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship and Junior Church will be taking place at Houghton Methodist Church on Mautland Street (next to Lidl). You can 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	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Methodist Church
DATE & TIME	Sunday October 10 th 2021 10:30am	WEB	www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghtonmethodist
CAR PARK	Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA	TEL	0191 584 3206

☐ COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING – OUTDOORS!

A great evening of our favourite hymns and singing in the grounds of the parish church. 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. Historically, the event has taken place in the Broadway and in line with this tradition of outdoor hymn singing, this year the service will be held in the grounds of church to the east side of the building between the church and the Kepier Hall. An opportunity to sing and rejoice at Houghton Feast in the grounds of our historic parish church. The service will also be broadcast on the church Facebook page.

VENUE	Houghton Parish Church, Church Street, DH4 4DN	ORGANISER	St Michael & All Angels Church
DATE & TIME	Sunday October 10 th 2021 6:00pm	WEB	www.stmichaels-hls-org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/stmichaels-hls
CAR PARK	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ	TEL	0191 512 1769

FEAST MONDAY

OCTOBER 11TH 2021

☐ ART EXHIBITION

The second and final day of Houghton Art Club's exhibition of local artists' work in Houghton Methodist Church, Mautland Street. Their members will be on hand for advice and discussion. Some of the artwork is available for sale and light refreshments will be available.

VENUE	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Art Club
DATE & TIME	Monday October 11 th 2021 9:30am - 4:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonartclub.webs.com
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghton-Art-Club-613535218708029
CAR PARK	The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB	TEL	N/A

☐ BROTH & BUN FIREWORKS CAFE

Hot broth and freshly baked buns will be available at the Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, prior to the launch of the Houghton Feast fireworks. Everyone will be given a warm welcome by the Bethany team while awaiting the launch of the rockets. Free controlled parking for cars is available on site (subject to availability).

VENUE	Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, DH5 8PF	ORGANISER	Bethany Christian Centre
DATE & TIME	Monday October 11 th 2021 6:30pm	WEB	www.bethanychristiancentre.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/BCCHoughton
CAR PARK	At the venue	TEL	0191 512 1234

☐ HOUGHTON FEAST FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

The must-see Houghton Feast Fireworks Spectacular returns to the Festival! Rockets are being launched from the Durham Road playing fields but can be viewed from the surrounds including Dairy Lane and higher ground where spectators are asked to gather safely away from each other with a social distance. 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 the local press or online at www.sunderland.gov.uk/roadworks).

VENUE	Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF	ORGANISER	Sunderland City Council
DATE & TIME	Monday October 11 th 2021 7:30pm	WEB	www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/seeitdoitsunderland
CAR PARKS	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH Brinkburn Crescent (80 spaces), DH4 5HA	TEL	N/A

FEAST TUESDAY

OCTOBER 12TH 2021

☐ HOUGHTON FROM ABOVE

Stunning photographs of Houghton-le-Spring and surrounds as captured by local drone enthusiast Lee Harnett of Print2GoGo will be on display outside along the Rectory Park railings in The Broadway next to the Britannia Public House. These rare views present our local area in a different light and are well worth having a look at!

VENUE	Rectory Park Railings, The Broadway, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Tuesday October 12 th 2021 9:00am - 6:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARK	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB	EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	Print2GoGo, Newbottle Street		

☐ TIME FOR TEA - COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton's 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	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Methodist Church
DATE & TIME	Tuesday October 12 th 2021 9:30am - 11:30am	WEB	www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghtonmethodist
CAR PARK	Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA	TEL	0191 584 3206

☐ THE HOUGHTON FEAST VARIETY SHOW

Zazz is pleased to present the 37th Houghton Feast Variety Show, as it returns to the event line-up, featuring many song and dance routines from the world-famous musicals! Tickets are available from Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, at £8.00 per person. Light refreshments available.

VENUE	Zazz Theatre, Newbottle Street, Houghton, DH4 4AF	ORGANISER	Zazz
DATE & TIME	Tuesday October 12 th 2021 7:00pm	WEB	www.zazzuk.com
ADMISSION	£8.00 per person	FACEBOOK	N/A
CAR PARK	Station Road (93 spaces), DH4 5AH	EMAIL	info@zazzuk.com

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 13TH 2021

HOUGHTONIANS AROUND THE WORLD

A new photo exhibition featuring faces and stories about Houghtonians around the world will be on display along the railings of The Rectory Park in The Broadway. The accompanying captions tell the stories of those pictured and their link to Houghton-le-Spring.

VENUE	Rectory Park Railings, The Broadway, DH4 4BB	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Wednesday October 13 th 2021 9:00am – 5:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARKS	Imperial Buildings (44 spaces), DH4 4DJ The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB	EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

AN AUDIENCE WITH AUTHOR GLENDA YOUNG

Join best-selling author Glenda Young as she talks about her new book, *The Miner's Lass*, the latest of her novels set in the neighbouring village of Ryhope in 1919. The online session will give an insight into Glenda's writing process and what it is like to have your stories published, as well as how she has managed to share our mining and farming heritage in her fictional stories. All those attending will be entered into a draw to win a signed copy of the book.

To register your place and be sent the Zoom link, email your name to: info@houghtonlespring.org.uk

PLATFORM	Zoom	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Wednesday October 13 th 2021 7:00pm	BOOK BY EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	Free		

THE GAVIOLI ORGANS - ONLINE

The Gavioli 86 key trumpet barrel organ, which dates from 1886, and Sidney White's Mammoth Gavioli organ, which was built in 1909, have both been popular attractions at Houghton Feast for over 50 years. Footage of their previous visits to Houghton Feast will be broadcast on the Facebook page of Houghton Heritage Society at 8 p.m. Have your speakers turned up as the fairground organ music will invoke memories of the old time fairs!

PLATFORM	www.facebook.com/houghton.heritage	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Wednesday October 13 th 2021 8:00pm		
ADMISSION	Free		
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 14TH 2021

☐ TIME FOR TEA - COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton's 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	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Methodist Church
DATE & TIME	Thursday October 14 th 2021 9:30am - 11:30am	WEB	www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghtonmethodist
CAR PARK	Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA	TEL	0191 584 3206

☐ THE QUEEN OF EVENTIDE TEA PARTY

The Houghton Feast Queen of Eventide 2021 will preside over a special tea party at the Cake & Company support group, which meets in St John's Chapel, Station Avenue South, Fencehouses, for social time, light exercise, refreshments and activities. With a range of teas and nibbles from around the world, the Houghton Feast Tea Party will be an afternoon of good fun for the older members of our community.

VENUE	St John's Chapel, Fencehouses, DH4 6HL	ORGANISER	Cake & Company Support Group
DATE & TIME	Thursday October 14 th 2021 2:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeasttrust.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free (contact organiser before attending)	EMAIL	kathydobson576576@yahoo.co.uk
CAR PARK	At the venue	TEL	0191 385 3336
SUPPORTED BY	The Houghton Feast Trust		
SPONSOR	Fat Frank's Street Food		

☐ THE BIG HOUGHTON FEAST QUIZ 2021

The Big Houghton Feast Quiz returns! Rounds will cover general knowledge, sport, music, the news and all the rest – plus we will be playing Card Bingo! This event is raising funds for The Houghton Feast Trust, set up by local residents to help keep our Feast going for future generations. So get a team together and come along for some great fun, amazing prizes 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	ORGANISER	The Houghton Feast Trust
DATE & TIME	Thursday October 14 th 2021 8:00pm	WEB	www.houghtonfeasttrust.co.uk
ADMISSION	£2.00 per person (max 6 per team)	FACEBOOK	/TheHoughtonFeastTrust
CAR PARK	At the venue	TEL	N/A
SPONSOR	Houghton R.U.F.C.		

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 15TH 2021

TIME FOR TEA - COFFEE MORNING

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served in Houghton Methodist Church in the heart of Houghton's 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	Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH	ORGANISER	Houghton Methodist Church
DATE & TIME	Friday October 15 th 2021 9:30am - 11:30am	WEB	www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk
ADMISSION	Free	FACEBOOK	/Houghtonmethodist
CAR PARK	Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA	TEL	0191 584 3206

BOBBY THOMPSON'S BIG CLUB NIGHT

A night of Big Club entertainment and comedy from Tony Washington and his tribute to 'the little waster' Bobby Thompson. Download the Zoom app, pour a pint and grab some peanuts and crisps as you get ready to have your ribs tickled! Register your place and the Zoom link will be sent to you. The night will start with a Quiz and game of Bingo plus everyone who joins in will be entered into the raffle (all included in the ticket price). Suitable for over 18s only. Funds raised by this event will be used towards a project commemorating Houghton Colliery in 2022.

PLATFORM	Zoom	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Friday October 15 th 2021 8:00pm	BOOK BY EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	£5.00 per person	ONLINE BOX OFFICE	www.houghtonheritage.co.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 16TH 2021

☐ THE HOUGHTON HERITAGE WALK

This illustrated 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. The Houghton Heritage Walk will end at the Wild Boar pub where many of the Heritage Society's archived photographs are displayed. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please dress for the weather with appropriate walking shoes. Participants should bring hand sanitizer and strive to keep a social distance along the route. All places must be reserved by e-mailing: info@houghtonlespring.org.uk and details of the meeting point will be sent by return e-mail.

VENUE	Houghton-le-Spring town centre	ORGANISER	Houghton Heritage Society
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 16 th 2021 11:00am	WEB	www.houghtonlespring.org.uk
ADMISSION	£2.00 per person	FACEBOOK	/houghton.heritage
CAR PARK	The Old Rectory (32 spaces), DH4 4BB	BOOK BY EMAIL	info@houghtonlespring.org.uk
SPONSOR	CeX (20 Market Square, Sunderland Tel: 0330 123 5986 webuy.com)		

HOUGHTON FEAST LASER SHOW - ONLINE

"No one would have believed in the last years of the nineteenth century that human affairs were being watched from the timeless worlds of space" Draw your curtains, watch on your flat screen TV with the volume turned right up as our spectacular laser show recreates the Martian invasion from *The War of the Worlds!* Afterwards, we head to the Distracted Globe nightclub from the movie *Ready Player One* where our lasers boogie away to New Order's 1983 hit *Blue Monday!* The video will be broadcast on the Houghton Feast Facebook page at 6 p.m. With thanks to our friends at Zazz Dance Academy.

PLATFORM	www.facebook.com/HoughtonFeast	ORGANISER	The Houghton Feast Trust
DATE & TIME	Saturday October 16 th 2021 6:00pm		
ADMISSION	Free		
SPONSOR	Zazz Dance Academy		

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 17TH 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship and Junior Church will be taking place at Houghton Methodist Church on Mautland Street (next to Lidl). You can 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 Methodist Church, Mautland Street, DH4 4BH

DATE & TIME Sunday October 17th 2021 10:30am

ADMISSION Free

CAR PARK Pottery Yard (48 spaces), DH4 4BA

ORGANISER Houghton Methodist Church

WEB www.eastdurhammethodists.co.uk

FACEBOOK /Houghtonmethodist

TEL 0191 584 3206

HOUGHTON FEAST 2020 REVISITED - ONLINE

Last year's 'Houghton Feast at Home' was predominantly an online festival and this is your chance to re-watch the Virtual Opening Ceremony from October 2020 when Sunderland Music Hub presented a moving performance by The Houghton Feast Children's Choir. The video montage features pupils from local primary schools, plus the virtual switch on of the Houghton Feast illuminations, footage from previous years' opening ceremonies, and sets by Houghton Pipe Band, Zazz dancers, Houghton Area Youth Band and others. The video will be broadcast on the Houghton Feast Facebook page at 6 p.m.

PLATFORM www.facebook.com/HoughtonFeast

ORGANISER Sunderland City Council

DATE & TIME Sunday October 17th 2021 6:00pm

ADMISSION Free

SPONSOR Sunderland City Council, Coalfield Area Committee



HOUGHTON PLATINUM JUBILEE FEAST

Houghton Feast, the ancient festival of Houghton-le-Spring, will return on Friday October 7th and will run until Sunday October 16th 2022, as we commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service to our country.

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS

A great deal of time is given with unfailing enthusiasm to create a varied programme of events and thanks are extended to the following without whose assistance the 43 events at Houghton Feast 2021 would not be possible:

- Bethany Christian Centre
- Cake & Company Support Group
- Glenda Young (author)
- Houghton & Lambton Banner Group
- Houghton Art Club
- Houghton Harriers & Athletics Club
- Houghton Methodist Church
- Houghton Rugby Club
- Houghton-le-Spring & District 41 Club
- Houghton-le-Spring & District Piping Society
- Houghton-le-Spring Heritage Society
- Houghton-le-Spring Residents CIC
- Mr Michael Houlden (street organ)
- Murphy's Fun Fairs
- Print2GoGo, Newbottle Street
- St Michael & All Angels Church
- Sunderland City Council
- The Houghton Feast Trust
- The Old Rectory (Acumen Community Buildings)
- Zazz Dance Academy

COUN. DORIS TURNER



Doris Turner, a councillor for the Hetton Ward of Sunderland City Council, sadly passed away in July 2021 and The Houghton Feast Steering Committee would like to pay tribute and give thanks for her contributions to the festival over the last five years.

CORONAVIRUS

As Coronavirus has not gone away, everyone is asked to continue to act carefully and responsibly during Houghton Feast. Please help to stop the virus spreading further by continuing to:

- Wear a face covering indoors, particularly in crowded areas
- Wash your hands often and meet outdoors when you can
- Socially distance where possible
- Get vaccinated as soon as you can and remember to get both doses

Keep up to date with the latest Government Coronavirus advice online at:

www.gov.uk

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All information correct at the time of going to press. The right to amend the programme content without notice is reserved. Please contact the individual event organisers with any queries before travelling. Updates are also posted to the Houghton Feast social media channels.