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1953 Coronation, 1977 & 2002 Jubilee photos also wanted for a special commemorative book in 2012!





WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTONIAN, the quarterly magazine of the Houghton-le-Spring Heritage Society. In this fifth issue we have a look at the Houghton Feast 2011 celebrations, starting with the photograph above, showing three out of the hundreds of visitors to the Houghton Heritage exhibition in the Broadway. We also take a peek at the conversion of 79 Newbottle Street into a pizza outlet, only its second guise in over 140 years.

WE HAVE 'THEN and now' shots of the new NHS Primary Care Centre, which opened behind the Welfare Hall, followed by your feedback on the Houghton Heritage website and Houghtonian magazine.

THIS ISSUE HAS also the usual features of Photo Focus, Houghton-le-Spring Remembered, Who Do You Think You Are genealogical quests plus a delicious recipe in A Taste of Houghton.

FOR THOSE CURIOUS about the numbering of the Houghtonian magazines, each volume relates to a year. Volume 1 covers all that happened in 2011, volume 2 will cover 2012, and so on. So this issue, even though printed in 2012, relates to happenings in 2011 and is therefore the last issue in volume 1.

PAUL LANAGAN BA HONS
CHAIRMAN, H-L-S HERITAGE SOCIETY

@ WEB UPDATES @

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The HH website is updated frequently. Just click on the **UPDATED** link on the home page to see what's new. Some of the updated pages during the past three months include:

- :: **Houghton Feast Time Line** – updated with more details from the Feast's history.
- :: **Bernard Gilpin's Tomb** – a card craft activity in the School Zone section – build your own Gilpin tomb with this free printable.
- :: **Pubs & Clubs** – the section has been updated with a new article on the Robinson Bros Brewery, Durham Road, plus an article on the Red Lion Inn. Others have been updated with newly discovered landlords.
- :: **Houghton Grammar School** – names from the Book of Honour have been added to the website.
- :: **Nesham Place** – a house-by-house guide to the street, like the Newbottle, Sunderland and Church Streets versions.
- :: **The Wheatleys of H-L-S** – illustrated article on the confectioner, George Wheatley and his descendants including Linder Travers and Penelope Wilton.
- :: **Pottery Yard** – a house-by-house guide.
- :: **The Church Clock** – article updated with names of donors plus the amounts given.
- :: **Houghton Colliery Lamps** – as found in Houghton's churches.
- :: **Houghton Colliery Banners** - a new time line for Houghton's seven colliery banners.

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THE END OF AN ERA

GREENHOW
YOUR LOCAL HARDWARE & GARDEN STORE

TELEPHONE:
0191
584 2149



THE END OF AN ERA

OCTOBER 2011 SAW the end of an era when the old hardware store on the corner of 79 Newbottle Street opened as a Domino's Pizza outlet, the sixth pizza outlet in Houghton town centre. The building had long since lain empty but will be remembered by many as Greenhow & Son Hardware Merchants and in more recent years as Houghton Hardware & DIY. Further photographs of the building's conversion can be seen on the [HH](#) website.



YOUR WELFARE



OCTOBER 2010

THE WELFARE GROUNDS have been out of action for a while now, most noticeably during Houghton Feast, when the Carnival parade had to have its start location moved while a new Primary Care Centre was under construction. Work began in January 2010 and the building received an Outstanding BREEAM rating of 86.38% for sustainable buildings during its design stage. In July 2011, pupils from the nearby Burnside Primary School interred a time capsule in the Community Garden of the £21 million development. The facility opened in August 2011, as seen below alongside its old-age neighbour, the Miners' Welfare Hall.



AUGUST 2011



POST BAG

Your Comments, Criticisms and Feedback

FAMILIAR FACES

Hope you are well. I have enjoyed looking through the web site its lovely to see so many familiar faces after all these years.

*Denise Ward
(formerly Ramshaw)*

A BRILLIANT AFTERNOON

Hello Paul, Just a note of thanks for the brilliant afternoon you organised at Houghton. I see that you are booked for our next meeting, so I look forward to meeting you again. Keep up the good work!

*Pat
Silksworth*

LOVE THE SITE

Re: Houghton Feast 2011 video. Many thanks Paul for taking the time to watch and for your kind comment. P.S. love your Houghton Heritage Site.

*Suealby1
YouTube*

A WONDERFUL GROUP

What a wonderful group, well done Paul, love reading it all although I am an immigrant.

Graeme Scott

EXCELLENT TURNOUT

Excellent show Saturday Paul and what seemed a good turnout. Anyone that couldn't get there missed a treat. Well worth the trip. Well done, Paul, You must really love Houghton to put all that work in for love.

Harry Smith

INFORMATIVE WALK

Thank you very much for the interesting informative day out heritage walk. Thank you also for your book which I enjoyed and will treasure for reference. Good Wishes.

Norma Baynham

FROM NEWBOTTLE

Just to say that this site is brilliant. I lived in Newbottle as a child but just love reading all of the postings on here. Fantastic dedication!

Sandra Elvins

AMAZING

Paul, the Houghton Heritage site never ceases to amaze me. I am away in Australia and the site makes me home sick although we have been here since 1961. Maybe next year I might be lucky to visit. Thank you again for this bit of nostalgia.

Shirley Ramsbottom

LOVE IT!

WOW - well done! Printing it out to enjoy with a coffee - love the genealogy requests section Paul. Unfortunately I'm not living or teaching in the North East now but I would like to still receive your info and pass this on to my old students from Houghton, many thanks again.

Judith Richardson

THE HOUGHTONIAN

Nice work. love it!

*Guido Kuwas
Houghton-le-Spring*

A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

Hi Paul, I've been away and just come back to your wonderful surprise! Thank you so very much for all your effort and trouble - it is much appreciated. I just wish my mother was still alive to know the grave had been found. She would have been so happy. Once again, I must thank you for your help. I will not be able to visit until at least the end of the summer - but we have a location! All down to you. Best wishes and appreciation.

Jacquie Rusalen

GREAT MEMORIES

Dear Paul Lanagan, I came across your site whilst trying to find out where I could locate an art teacher from Houghton Le Spring Grammar School (around 1968/69) called Helen Joseph, possibly Josephs. It brought back great memories of school there (I was at the Grammar). And of course Dimis. Keep up the good work.

George Blacklock

CHURCH STREET

I sent some information to you a couple of years ago regarding our house on Church Street and I must say that it is a very interesting read on your website.

Vicki Peck

THANK YOU

Hi Paul, just checked out the latest photos mate, brought a lot of memories flooding back, keep up the good work mate and have a lovely Christmas and a great new year, All the best from Chuck in Perth, Western Australia.

Richard Fletcher

GREENHOW ARTICLE

Dear Paul, I received your letter and enclosures this morning and I'm afraid the family tree and booklet are way off line so please do not publish them anymore! This weekend I will correct them for you and email the corrections to you. Suffice it to say my grandmother and grandfather Greenhow had only three children the eldest being my mother and then her two brothers William and Robert Swales. I have no idea who the others are. The Swales did not come to Houghton from Whitby and Mahala Greenhow did not die soon after the birth of her daughter Ada. There are so many other errors that it will take some time to sort them out. Can you send a copy to my cousin Robert who lives in Sunderland? He will be horrified but will help me. Regards.

*Mahala Rochfort Hyde
York*

My attention has been drawn to a page on the internet regarding R. Greenhow & Son formerly of 79 Newbottle Street which is so full of inaccuracies as to be almost a work of fiction, and should be taken down.

*Robert Greenhow
Sunderland*

I hope you have now removed all traces of this travesty from your website.

*Mahala Rochfort Hyde
York*

GREENHOW REPLY

Upon receiving notification that the Greenhow article contained errors, namely the relationship lines on the visual family tree, the article was swiftly removed from the Houghton Heritage website. Sincere apologies have been conveyed to the family from Dr Jack Morley, who carried out the Census research, and Paul Lanagan, who created the Greenhow information pack in tribute the family who had a long established business at 79 Newbottle Street.

Articles and information are presented in good faith, occasionally based on people's recollections and memories, which can be fallible. While every effort is made to ensure the website content is accurate and up to date, some errors may exist, such is the nature of recording local history. No responsibility can be held for any errors contained herein and Houghton Heritage Society would like to invite any recommendations, corrections or additional information from the site's visitors. Further information about this can be found online at: www.houghtonlespring.org.uk/about.htm

THRILLED

Just stumbled across this group and am thrilled. I do a lot of genealogy and some of my ancestors originated from Houghton Le Spring, back as far as 1800.

Nicky Winkworth

EXCELLENT WEBSITE

I have just been reading your excellent website re my family history, in particular the pub lists. I shall continue reading your excellent site & many thanks for all the hard work that must have gone into it. It must be of much interest both to locals & those further afield (such as myself) researching family history etc. Regards.

Linda Rowley



If you have any feedback, drop us a note via the **HH** website

HOUGHTON FEAST 11

MEMBERS OF THE HH SOCIETY WERE KEPT VERY BUSY DURING HOUGHTON FEAST 2011 WITH A WIDE RANGE OF HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES. FOR THE 13TH YEAR RUNNING, AS MANY FEAST EVENTS AS POSSIBLE WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY PAUL LANAGAN, ALL RECORDED FOR POSTERITY IN THE FEAST ARCHIVE. THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL WHO HELPED INCLUDING DAMIEN WRIGHT, OZZIE MASTERS, CAROL BELL AND SHEILA QUIGLEY.



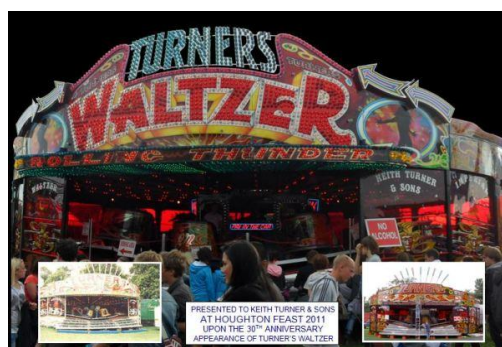
- (1) Hundreds of visitors came throughout the day to the heritage photograph exhibition in the Broadway.
 (2) The stall was manned by Damien Wright, pictured with visitor George Peebles, Church Organist (left).
 (3) A gurning competition was held in the Robbie Burns pub on Saturday October 8th 2011.
 (4) A framed photograph and bottle of Gilpin Ale was presented to the Gavioli Organ crew on its 50th anniversary appearance at Houghton Feast.



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Houghton is a little ex-mining village with not a lot happening except for Houghton Feast. The Feast takes place every October and for the last few years I have helped out by taking photographs and playing the part of a very convincing dead body for the murder walk. I've helped out on the Broadway stall, the Houghton Library Exhibition and also the Homicide in Houghton Murder Walk, all of which I have given me great pleasure. I feel every year seems to be a history lesson just on Houghton, as if I was back in school; getting to hear people's fascinating stories and tales is fun! Each year you never know what you are going to be shown or told. I learn so much.

DAMIEN WRIGHT
H-L-S HERITAGE SOCIETY

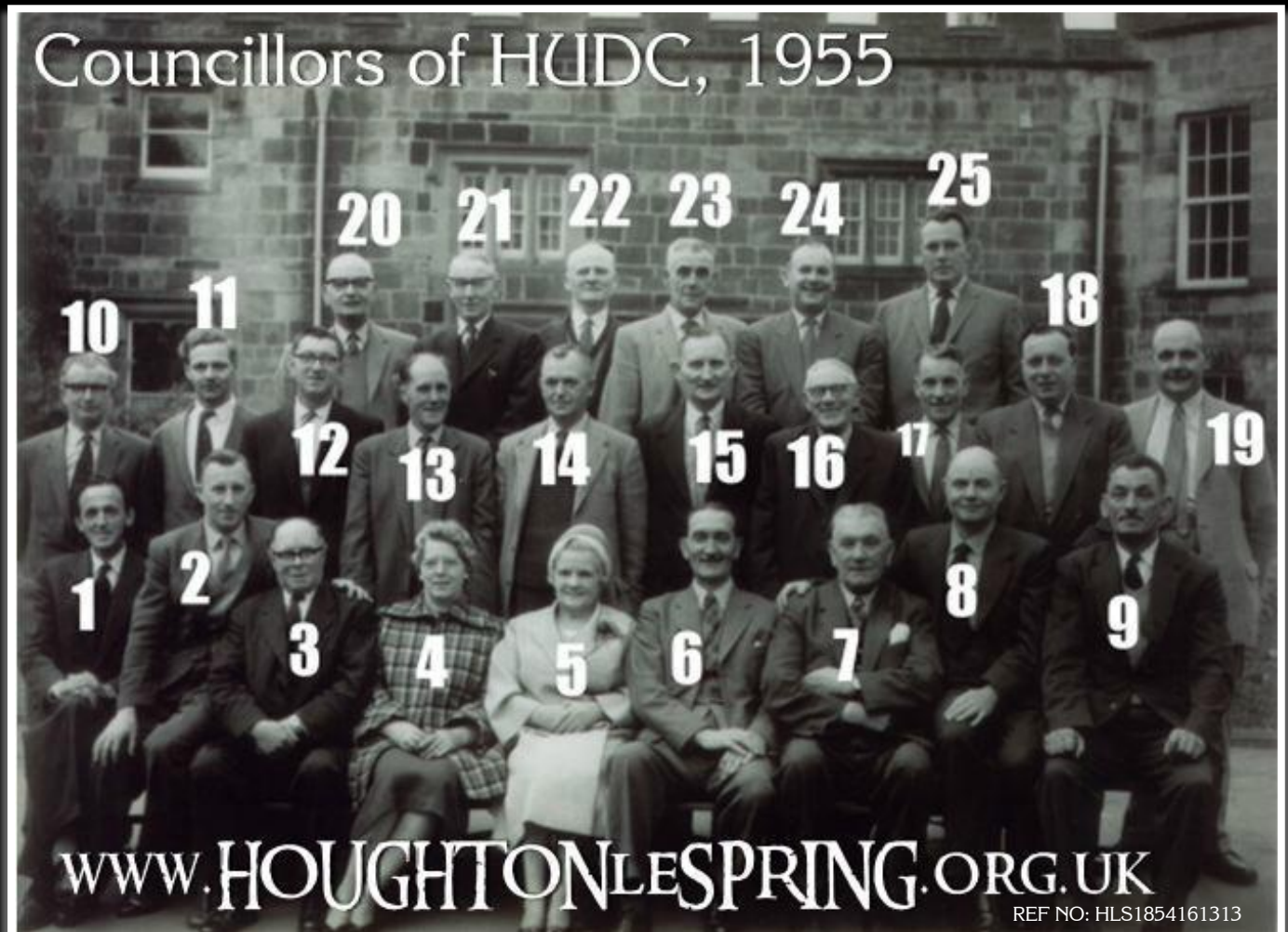


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(5) Houghton Feast 2011 also marked another anniversary – the 30th anniversary appearance of the Imperial Waltzer under the ownership of showman Keith Turner. A framed photograph was presented to the Turner family in acknowledgement of this special occasion. As always, the last ride played out to the Shirelles 'Will you Still Love Me Tomorrow'.

(6) Billy Purvis the Victorian Clown returned to help celebrate the Round Table's 45th Carnival Parade and also judged the Robbie Burns' gurning competition. This was his third reappearance since 1848 and much fun was had by all he met, as seen in this photograph taken on the Broadway after the parade.

PHOTO FOCUS



THIS MONTH'S PHOTO FOCUS looks at a photograph from the Houghton Heritage Archive showing members of Houghton Urban District Council (HUDC) in 1955. The councillors are stood in front of the old Rectory building, which had been converted into council offices and the council chamber several years earlier. HUDC celebrated the centenary of local government in 1954 with much fanfare and thoughts about the past and future; 20 years later it ceased to exist and was superseded by Sunderland Borough Council, when Houghton left County Durham upon the formation of Tyne & Wear.

The following have been identified and if you can help with any other names, please do get in touch on 0191 268 4688 or via the **HH** website:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 – Cllr Edward Kelly; | 2 – Cllr Eric Bramfitt; | 8 – Cllr John Avery; |
| 9 – Cllr Tom Urwin; | 10 – Cllr Barney Bircham; | 11 – Cllr Donald Cockburn; |
| 13 – Cllr Lovett Holmes; | 14 – Cllr Thomas Hunt; | 17 – Cllr Bob Allison; |
| 18 – Cllr John Mawston; | 24 – Cllr Joe Bartley; | 25 – Cllr W. J. McKinley. |

Cllr Alwin Hodgson is pictured but his number is to be confirmed.



HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING Remembered

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING REMEMBERED IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES OF HOUGHTON IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS. THE FOLLOWING MEMORIES, FROM THE LATE ELIZABETH PORTER, WERE FIRST SHARED IN THE 2002 BOOK ABOUT HOUGHTON FEAST.

Mrs Elizabeth Porter, Chairman of Houghton Urban District Council (1970-1971) and Mayor of Sunderland (1975-1976) sadly passed away on June 25th 2011 at the age of 101 years. She is remembered with fondness by Paul Lanagan, for her wit and kind smile when they renewed acquaintance at each Houghton Feast:

I remember going to Houghton Feast before I was married in 1932. It was a treat and I have happy memories. I would walk there and back with school friends; stalls lined the Broadway in front of the Church. I remember a funny incident at the Sunday evening [outdoor] hymn singing. A Mrs Turnbull was there wearing a hat made from feathers. A gale blew up just as the hymn was finishing and she said: 'I'll have to buy a hairnet to go over these feathers'. It went out over the loudspeaker and everyone in the Broadway heard! I can also remember charabancs coming from Shields for day trips. Houghton was alive!

Elizabeth Porter, 2002



HLS



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Can you help solve these Genealogical Quests?

Further quests can be found on page 13

SOLDIER SOLDIER

Looking for information on the soldiers stationed in Houghton during WWII. As one of them was my father from Oldham. He met my mother Ivy Graham. Not sure how long he was stationed here and for what reason. Don't know the regiment either.

Lesley Clough

FREDERICK CLARK

Having spent the last 12 months researching the CLARK family, Grandad Clark just seemed to have vanished off the radar. However after picking the brains of the few relatives that are alive, we managed to put together enough information with the "ancestry sites". The outstanding missing pieces were: what year did he die? where did he die? where was his grave? With the help of the Houghton Heritage website we managed to put everything together, and hopefully can put a closure on it. We are planning to visit Hillside Cemetery. Will his grave be marked or just a plot no? Thanking you in anticipation, Sincerely,

*Jacqueline Pinkney
Scarborough*

A CENTURION

Hi Paul, I wonder if you could help me? I have been searching your records for the birth of Howard Nicholson. He said he was born in H-L-S. His date of birth is 1st Feb 1912. As you can see he will be 100

years old next Wednesday! His mother was Sarah Nicholson nee Harrison (I'm pretty sure she is the daughter of Elizabeth Harrison nee Skipsey) Dr Nicholson is related somewhere along the line to Joseph Skipsey. His father was Frederick Nicholson who died in WW1 in 1916. I have ordered your book via Amazon as I thought it would be a lovely birthday present. It's just gone midnight and I've just remembered that he may have the original birth certificate - I will check later when I see him. Now I've started I am intrigued by his family tree and will attempt to find out more and show him. He is totally compos mentis, fit and healthy. Must be the upbringing! Look forward to seeing the book. Kind regards.

Kathryn Muir

PIT SHAFT

Anyone know anything about pit shaft right behind Beehive Pub. I remember a brick cap there in the 1960-1970s. It was same as the one at Philly over road from the bus depot.

*Paul Sykes
Fencehouses*

SCHOOL TIME

Hello. I am planning on teaching my class of Year 3 children about the land use of Penshaw during World War Two to link in with our Cross-curriculum topic. I

was wondering if you are able to provide me with information of any sort. Thank you very much,

*M. Dickinson
Penshaw*

THE WILD BOAR

Dear Paul, I enjoyed looking through the Houghton - le - Spring Heritage website. I lived in Fence Houses and knew Houghton quite well, and I am now living in the USA so I suppose I got a touch of nostalgia there. Could you tell me, though, the origin of that big hog or pig on your masthead. Thank you!

*Jamie Tubmen
Virginia, USA*

THE WHEATLEYS

What a fascinating site. Just been having a browse around the site and came across a PDF on my maternal relatives - the Wheatleys!

My grandmother was Nora Wheatley (born January 1920) and her sister was Eva... They was always telling me about the factory and the shed load of relatives that I had! I'll show my mother and her sister the PDF and see what more they can tell me! I'll find out from my mother tonight about which Wheatley they came from. I'm based in Sunderland as that is where my Grandmother moved to when she married. I've been told I have the "Wheatley look". I know that I do look similar to my m

maternal great grandfather. Again, any info I do glean I shall pass on to you. Thanks.

Adam Reavley

C OF E ALL ANGELS

When did Houghton Parish Church become known as St Michael & All Angels? I was baptised there in 1938 and have an old Church magazine which states just 'St Michaels'. Was the 'E All Angels' added on to distinguish it from the Catholic Church?

*Fred Inch
Houghton-le-Spring*

I have checked my copies of the Church magazine from 1884 and it is noted throughout as 'Houghton Parish Church'. In the old directories, notably one from 1827, it is stated that the Church is dedicated to 'St Michael'. The Catholic Church was built in 1837. It will be interesting to discover when the All Angels was added on!

Paul Lanagan

CHURCH MAGAZINE

My name is Richard Chadwick and I have a 1944 St Michael's All Angels magazine in good reading order, would you be interested?

Richard Chadwick



Keep reading
for more Family
Tree Quests.

The Northern Echo

No. 16,923 (FOUNDED 1869) TUESDAY, 10 JUNE, 1924

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING BOY FLUNG FROM CAR AND RUN OVER

RUN OVER BY MOTOR CAR IN SIGHT OF PARENTS

A motoring accident, resulting in the instantaneous death of a six-year-old boy, occurred yesterday afternoon about half-a-mile south of the famous Scotch Corner cross-roads on the Great North Road south of Darlington.

The child's parents, who were present in the car at the time of the mishap, were Mr and Mrs Horace Kay, of 28 Sunderland Street, Houghton-le-Spring.

Mr Kay was driving his wife and three youngsters to Manor Cottage, Hudswell Lane, Richmond, where they were going to visit Mrs Kaye's sister. They were driving in the Catterick direction, and were just outside the gates of the Morris Grange Sanatorium, when they encountered a car driven in the opposite direction by Mr Thomas Hartley, of Bracken Ley House, Skipton.

According to an eye-witness, both cars were on their correct side of the road, but for some reason Mr Kaye's car ran on to the bank, its left wheel falling in a gully and then jerking over two heaps of stone.

The boy appears to have been leaning over the offside of the car, and was precipitated into the roadway, with the result that he was run over by the

oncoming car and instantly killed. The body was conveyed to the mortuary at the Hospital of St John at Scorton. Mr Hartley was accompanied by Mr William Ackroyd of Baildon.

Text from the Northern Echo of June 10th 1924.



REF NO: HLS1854161420

A studio portrait of Stanley Horace Kay, 6 year old son of Horace Kay, a master cobbler of 28 Sunderland Street, circa 1924.

The young lad, Stanley Horace Kay, was buried at Houghton Cemetery, Durham Road. The grave is in Section G, and the land behind the two trees in the 1956 photograph later became Warwick Drive, as seen in the 2011 view.

Grateful thanks are extended to Val Lanceley of London for sharing the information about her father's brother, Stanley Horace Kay.



1956

REF NO: HLS1854161417



2011



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More quests to come in the next issue!

LABURNUM HOUSE

Dear Houghton Heritage, After looking through your website, I wondered if you could please offer any information or point me in the right direction in locating information regarding Laburnum House Yard, Houghton Le Spring. My grandfather recently passed away and I am now trying to research his childhood. So far I have discovered that he was born in Laburnum House Yard in 1926 then adopted in 1933. Birth parents Mr Joseph Watson (miner), Mrs Elizabeth Watson (died in childbirth). I am trying to find out what Laburnum House Yard was and the involvement they had with my grandfather, to then hopefully fill in the gap up to the age of seven when he was adopted. I would be most grateful of any information you may have. Many Thanks.

Julie Whyatt

Dear Julie, Thank you for your email regarding Laburnum House, Nesham Place, Houghton-le-Spring. You can see this house on Google Maps. Note the Laburnum tree growing in the front garden! The Nesham Place house-by-house article is now on the Houghton Heritage website. I do hope it proves useful. Kind regards.

Paul Lanagan

COAL RAILWAY

Dear Houghton Heritage, Just wondered if any of your DVDs or books contain any photographs of the Rainton to Seaham coal railway particularly the section from Rainton to Copt Hill? Or, do you know where I could find out about the railway line and particularly some photographs? I was brought up in Bradley Avenue just a few houses away from Ken Richardson. Back in the 1960s to the rear of Bradley Ave in Staffords Farm fields was a raised bank which was the remains of the Londonderry railway line which ran from Rainton to Copt Hill and then to Seaham. Thanks,

Derek Sharp

GEORGE OSWALD

Re: The burial list, St Michael and All Angels Church, I am interested to know more about George Oswald who died 1836, Jane Oswald nee Fell, his wife, died 1842, children William, George, Elizabeth, John and any related earlier Oswalds. Father may be John Oswald born 1707. Your Thomas Oswald may also be related. I look forward to your advice.

*Janet Caffin
nee Oswald
Australia*

CELLAR HILL

Hi, I have joined this group today and wondered if anyone had any

information on the building at Cellar Hill which I believe was a school at one time? My daughter recently rented the "Stables" on the same development. I am more interested in the history of the building in the 19th century. As I said earlier my daughter rented the Stables for 6 months and in that time both she and her partner and guests experienced some very strange happenings.

Les Golding

ROBERT LONSDALE ROBSON

Dear Mr Lanagan, Born and raised in Sunderland, I lived in Fencehouses for the first 4 years of my married life until common sense (financial necessity really!) forced me southwards, to live nearer my then work in Middlesbrough. I was therefore more than a little pleased when starting research into my family history, to discover that my great-great-grandfather, Robert Lonsdale Robson, was Houghton born and raised whilst his wife Mary (nee Thornton) was from Newbottle. I have fairly solidly tracked Robert from his birth and upbringing, through his subsequent moves around County Durham with his own family, to his final death, aged 80, in the Houghton Poor Law Institution Hospital whilst resident in New Herrington. It was through my Google search

for the Poor Law Hospital that I discovered your excellent website. My current request is in the hope that your burial record can add even more to the information I already have on him. However, my great-great-grandmother's precise origin is proving elusive to pin down. I would be delighted to be put in contact with anyone also researching the various Robsons and Thorntons around Houghton (even if they are not apparently my particular branches of the families) so that we can compare notes and confirm or correct traces as appropriate, hopefully to our mutual benefit. With thanks and regards.

*Bill Woodward
Middlesbrough*

MICHAEL DOYLE

Re: The plaques for Chairmen of Houghton Urban District Council in the Old Rectory. I wonder whether the ???? for 1953 - 1954 could have been Alderman Michael Doyle (he of the Dubmire clock and the nativity wood carving at Durham Cathedral). I would have thought that he had precedence over Donald Cockburn, English teacher at the Grammar School and later head of Spennymoor Grammar - you had to be a Labour Party member to get that sort of promotion). Regards

*Barry Jones
Hampshire*

Porridge Biscuits

A RECIPE BY HARRY SMITH

This recipe makes a delicious batch of about 20 biscuits and is a recipe which Harry Smith used to make as a youngster and one he has now taught to his 12 year old granddaughter. Harry's family can be seen below: Louise Waite and her son Harold at Sunnyside mining settlement, 1927. Measurements for this recipe are traditional ('old money') – they might arrest people for selling bananas in lbs and ounces but we're pretty sure it's not illegal to use them in recipes (yet)! More recipes from the **Taste of Houghton** series can be found on the **HH** website.

INGREDIENTS

Soft margarine x 4oz
 Sugar x 3 oz
 Golden syrup x 1 desert spoon
 Plain flour x 4oz
 Porridge oats x 4 oz
 Baking powder x 1 tsp
 Bicarbonate of Soda x ½ tsp
 Ground ginger x 2 tsp

METHOD

1. Cream together the sugar and margarine then add the golden syrup.
2. Mix the dry ingredients together and add to the creamed mixture.
3. Divide the mixture into small balls, flatten slightly and place on a greased tray.
4. Bake in an oven heated to Gas Mark 5 (375 Fahrenheit) for around 15 minutes.



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A TASTE OF
 HOUGHTON

CLASSIFIEDS

IN MEMORIAM



ELIZABETH PORTER

1909 - 2011

Mary Elizabeth Dodd was born in 1909. In her early years, Elizabeth (as she was known) worked at Birkbeck's drapery and later with her husband John at Porter's Stores, both businesses based in Shinee Row. Elizabeth was widowed in 1966 after 32 years of marriage. In 1970 she became Chairman of Houghton Urban District Council (HUDC), having always had an interest in politics - she had met many figures from the Labour party, including Peter Lee and Aneurin Bevan, and was probably inspired by her father, William Devine, who was Chairman of Houghton Rural District Council before the Great War. Following the reorganisation of Local Government and the merging of HUDC with Sunderland Borough Council in 1974, Elizabeth remained involved in local politics - she became the first female Mayor of Sunderland on May 12th 1975. In 2006, at the age of 96, Elizabeth was still active in the community and was appointed life president of Houghton's Age Concern in acknowledgement of her 50 years' of service having been involved at the Houghton Day Club in 1956. Elizabeth celebrated her 100th birthday on October 23rd 2009 and received a special mention in Parliament, as well as a telephone call from Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. Elizabeth passed away on June 25th 2011 at the age of 101 years. She is remembered with fondness by many in the community, especially her colleagues at Age UK, where she championed the rights of the older generation, and those in the Labour Party of which she was a lifelong member and supporter.

IN MEMORIAM



GEORGE WESTGARTH

1924 - 2011

We're sad to report the death of local artist George Westgarth, who passed away on December 18th 2011, aged 87, following a battle with lung cancer. Paul Lanagan knew George from his time on the Houghton Feast Steering Committee ("George was a very friendly gentleman, always smiling"), but many will remember him for his fantastic pieces of artwork - pit scenes often painted on old mining helmets. George was a blacksmith, having worked at Eppleton Colliery for 43 years. A fitting tribute can be read on the Sunderland Echo website, where the above image was sourced, at:
www.sunderlandecho.com/community/tributes_to_wearside_artist_george_1_4108814



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CONGRATULATIONS



REF NO: HLS1854161233

Congratulations are extended to Richard and Ethel Rose who celebrate 58 years of marriage on March 27th 2012. Richard and Ethel were married in Mautland Street Methodist Church in 1954. Both have been great supporters of the work of Houghton Heritage Society.

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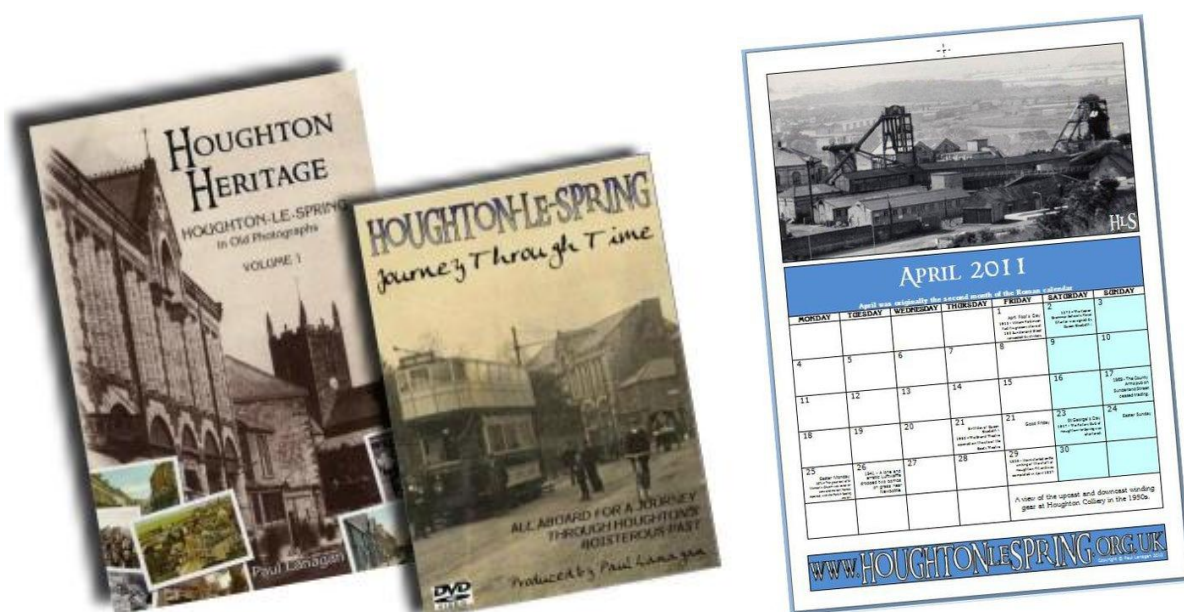
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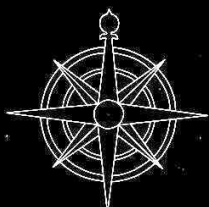
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