

Travelling theatre events happening in Badock Gardens, Holsworthy, over the summer:

- * Saturday 20th June 2026 – The Pickwick Papers: by Rain or Shine Theatre
- * Saturday 25th July 2026 – The (Almost) Complete History of Britain: by Pantaloons
- * Saturday 22nd August 2026 – The Sword in the Stone: by Cambridge Touring

Payment is via the Plough Theatre website or on the night. Tea and coffee will be available. People are encouraged to bring a picnic in the park to enjoy during the evening performance.



As the weather in Torridge begins to warm up, many of us are making the most of the brighter days by getting out into our gardens to tidy up and prepare for the summer season, often resulting in a build up of garden waste. Rather than making repeated trips to the recycling centre, residents can choose a more convenient option by arranging for garden waste to be collected directly from their doorstep. Torridge District Council offers a fortnightly garden waste collection service, running from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027, at an annual cost of £57, which includes a 240L green wheelie bin. On average, this service collects 376 tonnes of garden waste each month, reducing thousands of individual car journeys to recycling centres and helping cut congestion and emissions.

Once collected, all green waste is transported to Deep Moor, near Torrington, where it is shredded, composted, and processed. The resulting compost, mainly used in agriculture, is rich in beneficial fungi and microbes that support healthy soils and reduce the need for fertilisers and pesticides.

Residents can apply for or renew the service from 1 April 2026 by visiting

www.torridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste or calling 01237 428700 and selecting option 3.



Clawton Clarion

May 2026

Welcome to the May edition. With longer days ahead we have lots of events going on in and around Clawton.

If you have an item/event you'd like to see published in the next edition, please send via email by the 20th of the month, to:

clawtonclarion@gmail.com.

Views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council. Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	1:30pm	Wednesday 13th May	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service Café Church with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 10th May	St Leonard's Church
Coffee Morning	10:30am	Friday 8th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 8th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 13th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Parish Council AGM and Meeting	7:00pm	Monday 18th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion with Rev Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 24th May	St Leonard's Church
Craft and Plant Fayre	9:30-12	Sunday 31st May	Clawton Parish Hall

PARISH HALL

Maralyn Bailey

We, the hall committee, will be hosting the food Saturday on the 30th at the brewery where a choice of hot food will be available. Please come along and support both our hall and Dave at the brewery. Serving food from 5.30p.m.

2027 will mark the 70th anniversary of the hall's official opening. Our aim is to get the hall and the surroundings looking at their best. Please bear with us during the summer months if things are in progress.

Our community Poppy Appeal totalled £135.82 which included the Church's collection from the service held.

Our monthly coffee mornings continue to attract many people, with the new system of bring and share. It's a great way to meet up and have a chat.

We will have our regular monthly craft/food Sundays from now on, Kim (the plant lady) will not be there until June's event, as the plants have been held back by the weather.

It is proposed that at the coffee mornings we will have a table with plants, which can be either on a swap or a sale basis. If successful, gardeners who have a surplus of produce later in the year, could use the same system.

And finally, it was with great sadness we learnt of Martin's passing. Martin was a staunch supporter of the hall along with his mum Sylv. We will miss his presence around the village. A silent community minded man who would never seek praise or thanks.

Rest easy Martin.



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Bradford, Holemoor

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THE BRIDGE MILL AT BRIDGERULE
SUNDAY 10TH MAY • 2026 • 11AM - 4PM

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www.thebridgemill.org.uk

SUPPORTING Bude Choral Society SALES FROM PLANTS, REFRESHMENTS AND MARKED STALLS

Women On Wednesday

We will be meeting on
Wednesday 13th May
(please note change
of date)

The outing to
Andrew's Corner
Garden will set off
from the parish hall at
1:30pm

We Need You!

Clawton ladies' Skittles team is desperately looking to enrol more players for the upcoming season,

So if you would like an evening meeting people and socialising then please give one of us a call to arrange for you to come along,

To meet the teams and see a game of skittles being played and have some fun we are having a trial sessions on :

Thursday 14th May

Thursday 11th June 2026

Tracey Edwards 07989378129

Tracey Mead 07974652637

Lisa Cornish 07891749819

Veronica Ayers 01409 259055



Tamar Valley Spring Walk

Sunday 10th May
2pm - 3:30pm

Starting at **Tetcott Church**, take a walk with us through the beautiful Tamar Valley to **Luffincott Church** for a traditional cream tea.

£7.50 per person

No booking required - just come along!

Transport back to Tetcott Church will be available

All funds raised will go to The Arscott Hall



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Evelyn's walk

The next walk will be on Monday 11th May. We'll be setting off from the Parish Hall in Milton Damerel at 10am. You are very welcome to contact

me if you would like any information.

Evelyn Sharman

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MUM'S THE WORD

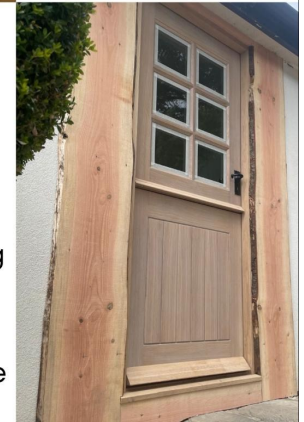
No offering from my mother this month as in her words

'I haven't anything funny to say'



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PARISH COUNCIL

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One of the items which repeatedly comes up at our meetings, is the frustration regarding the state of the roads around the village. We report potholes, blocked drains and the like, but whilst they are acknowledged, only the very worst qualify for patching by DCC.

There is a scheme, similar to our Snow Warden one which enables us to make our own repairs, sooner rather than later. It requires the village to belong to a Road Warden Scheme. Road Wardens are volunteers who are able to carry out minor repairs on minor roads.



Full training is given and equipment provided. If you are a hidden treasure living in the village who could literally get us out of this hole, please get in touch for an information pack.

On the subject of information, our AGM is on Monday 18th May, you are welcome to come along. The agenda will be displayed on the notice board and on the website: clawton.org.uk from Monday 11th May.

THE HEDGE FAIRY

I have been taking a dive into the BBC Sounds podcast, books section. I find that podcasts are a great tool to go to sleep with - they can be interesting enough for you to focus on them, but it does not matter if you fall asleep because you can always re-visit them. It can take me up to 4 sessions to listen to all of a 30 minute podcast. However, I usually set the sleep timer for 30 minutes because the sudden silence after 15 minutes has woken me in the past.

My most recent encounter that has captured my fascination is one called 'The Expectation Effect', these are 8 episodes of 15 minutes. Each episode is self contained, and covers a different aspect of the topic. The most simplistic explanation would be that if unwittingly you take a tablet that is a placebo - you "expect" it to work, and because you expected it to work, it did, even though the tablet was just a "blank". Other subjects covered are: 'How our minds can effect our waistlines?', 'Are you really as young-or-old as you feel?' and 'How do our beliefs shape our reality?' I recommend that you download the BBC Sounds App to your smart phone/iPad/tablet and go to the Books section and have a listen - It gets the mind buzzing.



The Expectation Effect by David Robson
The Super-Agers

