

Honiton Hot Pennies

Tuesday 29th July

Starting in Honiton High Street
At The Volunteer (Bottom of Town)
at 12 noon.



No
Umbrellas
or
Buckets
Allowed

(Due to health and safety)

Hoisting up a garlanded pole with a gloved hand at the top, it is proclaimed that *"No man may be arrested so long as this glove is up"* - a reference to when everyone would come to Honiton for the fair which followed the ceremony without fear of being arrested for their debts.

All are welcome to join the procession that follows the garlanded pole to a number of locations in the town from which 'hot pennies' are tossed. Pennies were originally hot so that the affluent people who threw them could delight in seeing the peasants burn their fingers whilst collecting them.

Nowadays the pennies are merely warm!

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