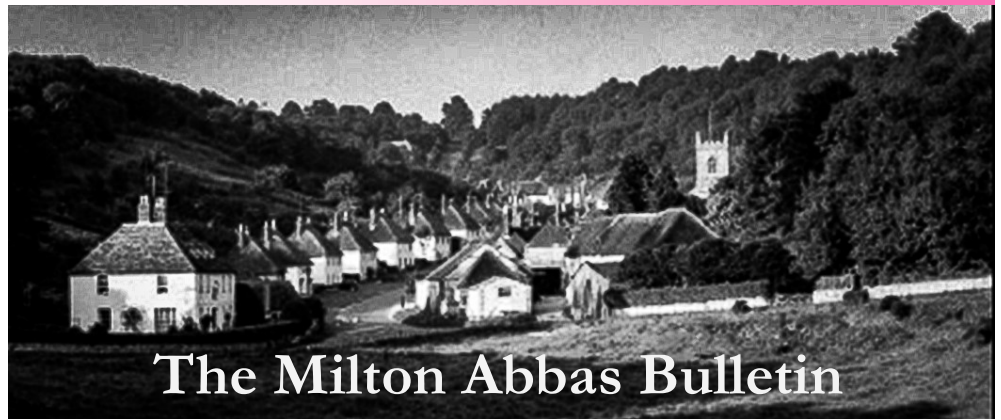


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## Welcome!

Hello and welcome to our August edition and a whole year has gone by since we re-launched the bulletin, so Happy Birthday to us!

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August is the month named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar. It is also a wonderful month for Stargazing and astronomy, with one of the most prolific meteor shower (Perseid) reaching its maximum between August 11 and 13, so be sure to keep an eye out. Plus we have August's full Moon, the full Sturgeon Moon, reaching peak illumination on the night of Saturday, August 9.

In the northern hemisphere, August is considered to be the last month of summer, whilst in the southern hemisphere, it's the opposite of course, and is the last of their winter months!

Other interesting facts regarding this wonderful summer month is that on 3 August 1926, Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appeared on the streets of London and August 6, 1762, the first-ever sandwich was created, named after the Earl of Sandwich when he requested a dish involving meat between two pieces of bread!

On 7<sup>th</sup> August 1840, Britain banned the employment of climbing boys as chimney sweeps and back in 1963 on 8<sup>th</sup> August the Great Train Robbery took place, when £2.6M was stolen from Royal Mail.

Elvis Presley died on August 16, 1977; and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1940, marked the first night of the Blitz as German planes bombed the city of London. August 24<sup>th</sup> 79AD proved a fateful day for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii as Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city, spewing out great clouds of ash, smoke, pumice and molten lava. 27<sup>th</sup> August 1900 marked the beginning of Britain's first long distance bus service between London and Leeds with a journey time of 2 days! And finally on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1900, Coca Cola was sold for the first time in Britain.

Here are some people whose Birthdays are in August; Barack Obama, Usain Bolt, Sean Connery, Jennifer Lawrence, Whitney Houston, Jennifer Harrison, Paula Kelsall and Baz Towers.

So all of us northern hemisphere dwellers, let's get outside and enjoy the last days of summer, you'll regret not doing so come winter!

Regards, Mrs Ed!



*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

## **Milton Abbas Street Fair!**

An early start for some and a long day stretched ahead for many, but once again the village was transformed with craft stalls, eating places, bale-tossing, music, dancers, Punch and Judy, Maypole dancing, singing, choirs, horse logging, falconry, R.D.A, tea, coffee, cakes, scones, Pimms, face-painting, ice-cream, medical quiz, raffle, archery, bush craft, beer tent and an art and history display plus interesting historical facts dotted about! Lots going on all day!

Here is the day celebrated in pictures, the weather was a little inclement, but it did not dampen spirits!

Thank you to all who worked so hard both behind the scenes and boldly in front.

Without you all, Milton Abbas would not have a Street Fair at all.

No names will be listed for fear of missing someone out and causing offence, but Milton Abbas cheers you a great big

**THANK YOU!**







*(Mark Castle Smith has promised to write an article in a future bulletin, giving details of how the fair went from an organisers perspective, including attendance numbers, finances, beneficiaries etc. )*



## *Thought for the Month*

As I write I am preparing to go away for a few nights on retreat. I do this once a year and this time I will return to a place I stayed at a few years ago. A hermitage set in some woods, a time of solitude, for prayer, writing, reading and resting. I recognise it's a privilege that I am able to have these days each year and that it's an expectation from the Bishop that I should do so.

But slowing down is hard and it's definitely scary. Because slowing down not only brings us wonder, joy and enjoyment, it also gives us time to think, to re-connect with how we are feeling.

Many of us have become very good at suppressing our real thoughts and feelings by keeping going, by working and above all not stopping. Well, slowing down means we do stop and take notice of how we are feeling, what we are feeling.



And that can be quite scary.

There's nothing wrong with working hard. My view is the God has given us all gifts and talents and enjoys it when we use those. But he doesn't want us keep running without ever taking a break, doesn't want us to be so busy doing, that we never have time to just be.

**God wants us to wonder.**

It's God who has created our souls with that very longing. In the words of the poet Mary Oliver's 'Instructions for living a life'

***“Pay attention.***

***Be astonished.***

***Tell about it.”***

Blessings

Rev'd Lewis

# ***Milton Abbas Surgery***

## **Lung Cancer Screening**

Lung Cancer Screening is a new service in Dorset that will be offered to those aged 55 to 74 who are current or former smokers. For those who fall into this criteria, keep an eye out for your letter.

Following an initial telephone conversation with a health professional and, if needed, a simple scan, the Targeted Lung Health Check can identify signs of lung conditions at an early stage when treatment is likely to be more successful- saving lives.

For more information, please visit [www.dchft.nhs.uk/service/lung-health-check](http://www.dchft.nhs.uk/service/lung-health-check)

## **Only Order What You Need**

Around 50,000 people in Dorset receive repeat GP prescriptions for multiple medications every month. However, it is estimated that 1.6 million items are wasted every year in Dorset alone! Last year's campaign run by NHS Dorset helped save:

65,000 fewer prescriptions

£450,000

Nearly 300 tonnes GHG emissions

Over 1000 hours of healthcare professional time

Thank you to everyone who have already been mindful when ordering their prescriptions this past year. Please can we ask that when ordering repeat prescriptions, you continue to check what medications you have and only order what you need – remember that you can request more in the future.

Thank you for helping your community to reduce medicine waste.

## **Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic**

We will be running our annual flu vaccination clinic for our over 65yrs old eligible patients on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date as we would like as many of our eligible patients to attend; further details including whether we will also be doing Covid vaccinations will follow closer to the time. Details of dates and locations for the flu vaccination clinic for our eligible patients under 64yrs old will also follow.



## ***Milton Abbas Surgery (cont)***

### **Community Coffee Morning**

We would like to warmly invite all our carers and anyone who would like a cuppa and some company, to a coffee morning at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025** 10.30am till 12.30pm.

Our surgery Health Champions will be available to chat about the different local groups they help to run. We are also pleased to have attending representatives from our Mid Dorset Primary Care Network Occupational Therapy Team and from Dorset Council Adult Care. Tea, coffee, and cake will be available.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know either by calling the surgery or by sending an email to our surgery Wellbeing Team [mawellbeingteam@dorset.nhs.uk](mailto:mawellbeingteam@dorset.nhs.uk). Alternatively, please feel free to just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!

### **Surgery Closures**

The surgery will be closed on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** and **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025** for the Summer Bank Holiday.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

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## ***The Hambro Arms***

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that the Hambro Arms will cease trading at close of business on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This decision has not been taken lightly and is due to the financial performance the pub has achieved post COVID. We would like to thank those people who have supported us during these challenging times.

We are planning a **Hambro Farewell Fest** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August** from 1pm where we will have an afternoon of live music and would love you to come along and enjoy the event.

Please keep an eye out for the poster.

Once again, a huge thank you for the support shown to us over the years.

Keith & Bev.

# *Strawberry Cottage Studio*



What a day! Of course, Louise has been busy in July working towards the event of the year; the Milton Abbas Street Fair. Bunting was hung, posters presented and the studio and guest room were set up with paintings, crafts and greeting cards.

And then the wait was over. Visitors young and older flooded through the pink door to take a peek. In fact, as many people commented on the studio space as much as the creative work! Louise had a fabulous time chatting with everyone (over three hundred people popped in!) and sales too were positive. So there's a big thank you to all who supported Strawberry Cottage Studio last weekend.

'Art at the Duchess' is next on the agenda ...4th 'til 10th August, where Bertie the Owl acrylic will be making an appearance.

Strawberry Cottage Studio is usually open when Louise is home and the sun is shining, but is also open by appointment.

[www.strawberrycottagestudio.com](http://www.strawberrycottagestudio.com)

[lfreirart@gmail.com](mailto:lfreirart@gmail.com)







## *Milton Abbas Art Group*

Last minute brush strokes, firing, cutting and framing were on the agenda for July in the build up to the Milton Abbas Art Group Exhibition. 11 members of the group displayed their creative pieces in the reading room for 10 days and the team took turns in stewarding across the week.

As the exhibition was part of the street fair, hundreds of visitors were seen to peruse, ponder and purchase the arts and crafts. Sales were a plenty and the group was able to entice new members ready for September.

Some artists have pictures on display in the reading room still so if you are interested in making any further purchases, please contact the committee via their brand new website which shares details of the aims of the group and information about the artists.

If you are thinking about developing your artistic side and joining the friendly, creative team, new informative leaflets have been designed and can be found in the reading room. Please do take one!

<https://miltonabbasart.wixsite.com/miltonabbasart>  
[miltonabbasart@gmail.com](mailto:miltonabbasart@gmail.com)







## Milton Abbas Local History Group

"The Milton Abbas Local History Group put on an exhibition of some of their latest findings in the south aisle of St James. The day turned out to be excellent all round with great comments received on the displays which included Metal Detecting Finds, LiDAR, Medieval Life, Experience Trail, Self-guided tour of the Street and the World War One book. The quiz on old writing which we had extracted from our Churchwardens Accounts proved a challenge for all and especially the children. The numbers of Chris Fookes' Guide book and Michael McAvoy's 'Portrait of a Village' sold exceeded previous Street Fairs. We were delighted that the donations were also higher than the previous exhibition and this will help us in our research.

But most exciting was the number of visitors who were engaged by the history of Milton Abbas as we witnessed by the number and depth of questions that the stewards received.

After many years of searching for academic interest in medieval Milton Abbas, we have recently been contacted by three doctoral research students, two in Cambridge and one at Exeter University. They are researching the objects such as the screen in the Abbot's Hall, the pyx-shrine in the Abbey Church and the Apostle Panels in Hilton Church and how they were used as ritual and symbolic objects, and also how the Abbey Church was used as the Parish Church of St James before the Dissolution. We are sharing information and inspiring each other. Meanwhile, our documentary research into Milton Abbey is flourishing. The LiDAR results are being used to look at some of the many Deserted Medieval Villages once part of the Abbey's manors, particularly Holworth, Lyscombe and Elston so far.

One of our members, Anne Brown, gave a talk to the Sydling St Nicholas Historical Society on her extensive research on the lost village of Elston. There is a report on Anne's talk on our blog:

[Www.miltonabbashistorygroup.com/2025/06/06/discovering-elston-talk-by-anne-brown/](http://www.miltonabbashistorygroup.com/2025/06/06/discovering-elston-talk-by-anne-brown/)

Over 100 people went along to her talk which is interesting as the parish of Sydling has only about half the population of Milton Abbas.

If only more of the people of Milton Abbas were as interested in the history of this amazing place! The visitors to the Street Fair certainly were.

Milton Abbas is so important and extraordinary things have happened here, many of which are explained in detail on our website:

[www.miltonabbashistorygroup.com/](http://www.miltonabbashistorygroup.com/)



## *Coffee Stop*

Did you know that every Tuesday St James Church opens up its south aisle to welcome villagers and passers-by in for a cuppa and a slice of cake?



All are welcome!

It is a great way to meet other villagers and catch up on things. The coffee stop runs from 11am until 12 noon and we charge just £1 for a drink and another £1 for a slice of cake!

All proceeds go to the up-keep of our beautiful church





## *Friday Quilters!*

**Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00 in the Milton Abbas Reading Room.**

You do not have to be a quilter! Bring your knitting or anything else that you are currently working on.

We stop for coffee, tea & biscuits or, if you are lucky, a piece of cake! We will be very pleased to see you.

Further details from **Anthea** - 01258 269348

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## *Steeptonbill Farm Shop*

**Selling beautifully fresh, locally-grown produce all year round!**

### **Opening hours:**

Monday to Saturday 09:00 - 17:00

Sunday 09:00 - 16:00



Contact Steve at [steptonbill@gmail.com](mailto:steptonbill@gmail.com)

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## *Street Fair Tote Bags*

Now that the Milton Abbas Street Fair is over, would you like a little useful memento? Look no further than this tote bag featuring the street fair design (on one side). These can be purchased for £10 from Louise at Strawberry Cottage Studio.

Contact via her website: [www.StrawberryCottageStudio.com](http://www.StrawberryCottageStudio.com)

Or pop in when the studio is open.



# ***Milton Abbas Lunch Club***

We meet on **every second Wednesday** of the month in **Milton Abbas' Reading Room**.

Lunch is a two-course meal served at 1pm with a welcoming glass of sherry.

A small group of ladies take it in turns to cook a main and a pudding and we charge £5 per head. We have a 5-star food hygiene rating.

We also hold a small raffle at 50p per ticket and we ask people to bring along something to put into the raffle, ensuring everybody can take something home.

Why not come along to our next lunch meet on the **13th of August** and have a delicious meal with us? To book your place, please register your name with:

**Milton Abbas Post Office by Friday the 8th August, or email Jennifer:**

[hrrssnsup@aol.com](mailto:hrrssnsup@aol.com)

The main course in August is lasagne and salad and pudding a summer Pavlova.

Yummy!





# ***MA Football***

**MA Football kicks off** on Friday evenings @ 6:30pm. We play on Milton Abbas Sports Field where we can see the sea and play on an excellent small sided pitch to suit 5,6 or 7-a-side games.

Our aim was to gather players of 50+ and get a little bit fitter each week. In truth we have some players in their 40's and had some younger ones too in their 20's as occasional visitors supporting their Dad.

**Would you would like to play Football on Fridays?** You don't need to be super fit and only need trainers with a grip for the grass pitch.

Contact Martin Kelly: Tel: 07802 260393

WhatsApp or Email: [martin@redmailer.co.uk](mailto:martin@redmailer.co.uk)





## Summer 2025 is in full swing!

Until September, our new Summer Menu is available Weds-Sat lunchtime!

Expect Seafood dominance, daily market specials, exceptional salads and our rave review Scotch Eggs and Sausage Rolls.

On Friday nights you can enjoy hand-stretched Pizza from our wood-fired oven and on Sundays - Brunch, Pizza and Seafood specials!

Picnics between the Vines and Afternoon Tea available, pre-booked every day throughout

## Seafood Saturdays with Live Music!

**Look out for Benny Wain and Glen Smith on 30th August!**

Please follow us online: <https://www.smithsdorset.com/>

Or to book via telephone, please call **01258 839095**





## *Hambro Arms Farewell Fest!*



**The Milton  
Thatchers**



*Bex and  
The City*

For 1 night only - out  
of retirement

**Chris  
Henderson  
as  
Elvis**



**Hambro Farewell Fest  
Sunday 24th August  
From 1.00pm**



## **SUMMER CLOSURES**

**Monday 18th August to  
Friday 22nd August - CLOSED**

**Saturday 23rd August - OPEN**

### **USUAL OPENING HOURS**

MONDAY: 9AM-4PM

TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: 9AM-4PM

THURSDAY: 9AM-4PM

FRIDAY: 9AM-4PM

SATURDAY: 9AM-4PM

SUNDAY: 10AM-3PM

With a menu featuring hot and cold food, pastries, toasties, and unique treats. Vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options are available. We also sell Jurassic Roast coffee, Clipper teas, and local Piddle Brewery beers.

There is free parking, a bike rack, and family-friendly sports field.

Find us on our website: [www.theviewcoffeeshopma.com](http://www.theviewcoffeeshopma.com) or our social media pages





# Pews News

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## Services in August

IN AUGUST WE ARE SIMPLIFYING OUR SERVICE STRUCTURE JUST FOR THIS MONTH. THIS WILL ALLOW PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO VISIT OTHER CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE AND ALSO ALLOW CLERGY, LAY LEADERS AND MUSICIANS A CHANCE TO HAVE A QUIETER MONTH AFTER A BUSY JULY. WE RETURN TO OUR NORMAL PATTERN OF WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER.

### SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

10:30am - Winterborne Whitechurch (Communion)  
6pm - Turnworth (Compline)

### SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST

10:30am - Winterborne Clenston (Traditional Prayer Book Communion)

### SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

10:30am - Winterborne Stickland (Communion)

### SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

10:30am - Winterborne Houghton (Communion)

### SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

10:30am - Milton Abbey (Communion)

## Bible Readings

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Colossians 3. 1-11/Luke 12. 13-21

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16/Luke 12. 32-40

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2/Luke 12. 49-56

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August - 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Hebrews 12. 18 to end/Luke 13. 10-17

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August - 11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16/Luke 14. 1, 7-14

## Events in August

### Thursday - 7th August - Benefice Prayer Walk

On this day Rev'd Lewis will be walking and praying across the Benefice starting at Turnworth & finishing at Milton Abbey (and taking in all churches inbetween). If you'd like to join him for any part of this, please get in touch with him

Saturday - 9th Aug - Houghton Fete  
(1pm-4pm)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - Whitechurch Cream Teas  
(3pm-5pm)

## Services in September

### SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

9am - Turnworth (Communion)  
10:30am - Winterborne Stickland (Morning Worship)  
10:30am - Winterborne Whitechurch (Communion)

### SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

9am - Winterborne Stickland (Prayer Book Communion)  
10:30am - Milton Abbas Pavilion & Sports Field (Animal Blessing Service)  
10:30am - Winterborne Clenston (Prayer Book Communion)  
4:30pm - Winterborne Houghton (Outdoor Harvest in Churchyard)

### SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

9am - Milton Abbas (Prayer Book Communion)  
10:30am - Winterborne Stickland (Communion)  
11:30am - Winterborne Whitechurch (Cafe Church)

### SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

10:30am - Winterborne Houghton (Celtic Style Communion)  
6pm - Turnworth (Harvest)  
6pm - Milton Abbas (SoulSpace)

**Morning Prayer.....** is prayed in Winterborne Whitechurch every Thursday morning 9am-9:25am. All are invited to this time when we pray for the Benefice. If you would like anyone to be prayed for during this time please let Lewis know.

## Future Events

Viva Voce Concert at Stickland  
21st September

New Being With Course launches  
24<sup>th</sup> September

Messy Harvest  
28<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest Lunch  
Stickland - 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Whitechurch - 19<sup>th</sup> October

Please note Lewis is on annual leave  
between 11th-27<sup>th</sup> Aug

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Day Off- Friday

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# *Cream Teas*

*Featuring the amazing Dave and  
his saxophone*

*The Old School Room,  
Winterborne Whitechurch*



## *Saturday*

*30<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

*3.00pm until 5pm*

*£5*

*All welcome!*





## St James' Church Milton Abbas

Animal Service to be held at Milton Abbas  
Sports Club

14th September 2025

10.30 am



Please bring your  
pets to our special  
animal service  
taken by Rev'd  
Lewis Pearson

Any animal  
welcome  
from  
goldfish to  
horse.



Cream teas  
and drinks available to buy after service.  
Vestry clearance table with items for sale.

## *July Picture Quiz Result:*



Last month's photo was part of St James Church door

No takers last month, and I can't believe nobody recognised it!



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## *August Picture Quiz:*

*Do you know where this was taken? Recognise the image?*

*Drop us an email and let us know!*

*The first correct responder gets their name in next month's MA Bulletin.*



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