

## Welcome!

Welcome to the April edition of the bulletin.

Interesting facts for April are the flowers of April are the daisy and sweet pea.



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The word April comes from the Latin word “aperire” which means to open, referring to the opening of flowers and fruits.

On the 6th of April 1896 the 1st Olympics of the modern era were held.



Along with Easter we have April fools day and St George's Day.

The Titanic sank in April 1912.



In Dorset we have a welcome blast of camellia, cherry trees, magnolia, daffodils, bluebells and of course wild garlic.



We wish you all a very happy April!



(The other Mrs Ed! x)

# *Milton Abbas Dog Show*



MILTON ABBAS DOG SHOW  
Saturday, 19 April 2025

Milton Abbas Cricket and Sports Field,  
Milton Abbas, Dorset  
DT11 0BB

**Saturday 20th April 2025**

Registration and events start from **12 noon**  
Dog show and judging starts at **2pm**

You can enter your beloved friend in any of the following categories:-

- **Most Fabulous Fella** - Best Male Dog - 1 yr +
- **Loveliest Lady** - Best Female Dog - 1 yr +
- **Cool Pup** - Best Puppy – up to a year in age
- **Best Rescue Dog**
- **Dog with the Waggiest Tail**
- **Golden Oldie** - Best veteran (Small breeds are considered senior dogs when they turn 10 to 12 years old. Medium breeds are considered senior dogs when they hit 8 to 9 years old. Large and giant breeds are considered senior dogs at around 6 to 7 years old.)
- **Best Trick**
- **Junior handler**- under 14 years of age

**The rosette winners of each category will be invited back to see who is overall Best in Show!**

Judge - Eleanor Morton of Eleanor Rose Dog Training

Entry is only £2 per category and all profit raised will go towards St James Church

*If you can donate any tombola prizes, then please contact Bev Martin at:*

[beverley.martin11@btinternet.com](mailto:beverley.martin11@btinternet.com)

## *Steeptonbill Farm Shop*

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

### **Opening hours:**

Monday to Saturday 09:00 - 17:00

Sunday 09:00 - 16:00



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

Steve is busy planting at Steeptonbill, beautiful spring greens will soon be available at the farm shop!



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## *Coffee Stop*



### **Coffee Stop at St James Church.**

Each Tuesday from 11am until 12 noon, come and enjoy a chance to catch up with fellow villagers over a hot drink and a piece of cake.

We meet inside the church in the south aisle, all are welcome.

£1 for a hot drink and £1 a slice of cake.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of St James.

# ***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 **9th of Apr** and have a delicious meal with us? To book your place, please register your name with **Milton Abbas Post Office** by **Friday the 4th April**, or email **Jennifer**:

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

The main course in April is going to be Chicken and Leek pie with new potatoes and spring veg!

Pud is "Jennifer's Surprise"



# *The View*

Come and visit us, we are located at the Milton Abbas Sports Field and offer a welcoming spot with scenic Dorset views. We have a cosy indoor space, and beautiful expanding covered outdoor area sheltered from sun or rain, dogs are very welcome!

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.

## **WINTER OPENING HOURS**

From October 1st

MONDAY: 9AM-4PM  
TUESDAY: CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY: 9AM-4PM  
THURSDAY: 9AM-4PM  
FRIDAY: 9AM-4PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM-4PM  
SUNDAY: 10AM-3PM



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

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# *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



## Milton Abbas Local History Group

The Milton Abbas Local History Group (MALHG) works to unearth, understand, transcribe, collate and archive the recorded history of Milton Abbas, and there is a group of expert volunteers working on various aspects of this.

The Group have begun to add pages to their website which will look at the interesting buildings, parks, monuments and memorials to be seen around Milton Abbas. We will be posting images along with a short description and history.

We are looking forward to contributions from the readers of The Bulletin of their favourite views. All of these are interesting and give us a sense of this amazing place.

Go to our website to see the pages under Milton Abbas – [Your sense of Place](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

<https://miltonabbashistorygroup.com/>

Our next talk will be on **2 April at 19:30** in the Reading Rooms - Brian Bates will be talking on "Dorset People and Places"

A reminder that this group's meetings are open to anyone to attend, either in person, or via Zoom from the comfort of your home. Meetings cover a wide range of topics, either directly or tangentially to the rich history of Milton Abbas.

Please contact [simonmartin@btinternet.com](mailto:simonmartin@btinternet.com) for more information or questions

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## *Thought for the Month*

Churches in the Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas

In the middle ages laughter was banned during the season of Lent. Therefore the Pope encouraged Clergy to begin their Easter Sunday sermons with a joke. Last Easter my alarm went off at 5am after a fitful nights sleep. It felt like a joke but not of the kind I expect the Pope was envisioning. Some of us gathered early that morning, very early. It was dark and cold and we huddled, around a fire outside the doors of St Andrew's Winterborne Houghton. The new Benefice Paschal (Easter) candle was lit from the bonfire. A simple flame that whispered to us that darkness hadn't won the day. We then lit our own candles from it and that whisper became louder as we proclaimed that Christ is Risen.

The days of Holy Week invite us to journey through the full range of human emotions including the tiredness of rising at 5am on Easter Sunday to watch the sunrise and to make the declaration, as the sunlight overtakes the darkness, that Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed Alleluia.

There is something significant and deeply spiritual about making this journey with others. The high and lows, the laughter and the tears, the faith and the doubts. All are welcome to join us as we begin this Easter journey anew, however tentative you may feel about doing this. You will find all of the details overleaf and please do get in touch if you'd like any more information.

With prayers for all who live in this area

**Rev'd Lewis Pearson**

Rector of the Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas Benefice

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WINTERBORNE VALLEY & MILTON ABBAS  
BENEFICE

# Holy Week

## **PALM SUNDAY - 13TH APRIL**

10:30AM - CLENSTON (BENEFICE SERVICE)

2:30PM - WHITECHURCH

(MESSY EASTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES)

## **MONDAY 14TH APRIL**

6:30PM-TURNWORTH (PRAYER & REFLECTION)

## **TUESDAY 15TH APRIL**

6:30PM - HOUGHTON (PRAYER & REFLECTION)

## **WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL**

6:30PM - CLENSTON (PRAYER & REFLECTION)

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 17TH APRIL**

7PM -WHITECHURCH (INFORMAL COMMUNION)

## **GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL**

1PM - HOUGHTON (WALK TO STICKLAND)

2PM- STICKLAND (GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION)

## **EASTER DAY CELEBRATIONS - 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

6AM - WINTERBORNE HOUGHTON


GATHER AROUND THE FIRE-PIT FROM 5:30AM IF YOU  
WANT TO WATCH SUNRISE!

9AM- TURNWORTH

10:30AM - WINTERBORNE STICKLAND

10:30AM - WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

10:30AM - MILTON ABBAS



## ***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)



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## ***VE Day 80th Celebrations***

On **Thursday 8th May** we are joining in the country-wide 80th VE Day celebrations. Please keep this date for the raising of the flag, church bells ringing and bbq and fire pit lighting on the Milton Abbas sports field.

We are hoping to be joined in this celebration with the Milton Abbey school cadets.

Posters and advertising will be completed soon. Any profits from this day will go to Help the Heroes.



# *Milton Abbas Surgery*

## **Plant and Veg Swap**

Our Plant & Veg swap is back for 2025! If you have any spare seedlings, plants, or vegetables, please drop them off in our surgery foyer and then anyone who comes to the surgery can pick up something on their way out.

Nothing beats the taste of fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs grown in your own garden - or the satisfaction and enjoyment you can get from doing it. Not sure what to grow or where to start? The Royal Horticultural Society have all the tips and advice you need, including a Grow Your Own newsletter featuring handy fruit and vegetable tips, advice on what to do in your garden or allotment. Go to [www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own) for more information.

## **Did you know that May is National Walking Month?**

Walking is an easy and accessible way to improve physical and mental health and even a 20-minute walk can reduce the risk of several preventable health conditions, including certain cancers, depression, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

Why not join our Walking Group on a Wednesday at 10am? To see the walking programme for May 2025 please see our surgery website [www.masurgery.co.uk/wellbeing-team](http://www.masurgery.co.uk/wellbeing-team). If you do not have access to the internet and would like a printout of the programme, please let Kelly or Anna, our Social Prescribers, know and they can arrange for one to be sent to you.

Whatever you end up doing this May, let's keep on moving forward. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

## **Community Coffee Morning**

We would like to warmly invite all our patients and carers to a coffee morning at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 10.30am till 12.30pm.

Whether you would like to come on your own for some 'me time' or with the person you care for, it would be great to see you. 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!



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

### **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.

### **Surgery Closures**

The surgery will be closed on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** and **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 2025 for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

We will also be closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** (Early May Bank Holiday) and **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May** 2025 (Late May Bank Holiday).

We apologize 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***

### **April Dates at The Hambro:**

**Sat 12 April 7.30pm** – Charity music night – Bex & the City (in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance)

**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm** – Longdog outside on stage (inside if weather is bad!)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** – The Rhythm Junkie.

*Keep an eye on our Facebook page for posters giving details nearer the dates.*

Lunchtime food service available from 12 noon until 2.30pm on Thursday's, Friday's & Saturdays to start until the season picks up when further days may be available.

**The Hambro Arms** Milton Abbas

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PILATES WITH CATHERINE

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### MILBORNE ST ANDREW VILLAGE HALL

Do you have aches and pains, osteoporosis, joint replacements or sciatica? Still able to get up and down from a mat and want to stay active and supple?



If so, my classes will improve your strength, mobility and balance as well as keep you in better shape.

**FREE TASTER CLASS OFFERED**

**Friday mornings 10.45am - 11.45am and 12 pm - 1pm**

I am a **Pilates Foundation** trained teacher with over 15 years experience of both matwork and rehab apparatus

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE OR FOR MORE  
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# Smiths



## Events at Smiths Kitchens:

Langham wine estates will be open from Wednesdays through to Sundays between 10 am – 5 pm.

Smiths Kitchens provide drop-ins for coffee and cake, lunches and light bites, welcoming walk-ins (with or without dogs!) There are also regular **'Fizz Fridays'** with evening meals, and on selected Saturdays, an **a-la-carte menu** will be available.

Langham's provides a huge heated barn, an indoor Café, dining space and outdoor seating. There is also al-fresco kitchen area with pizza oven which will be fired up on selected nights.

To keep up to date with the latest information, follow them on:

<https://langhamwine.co.uk/#:>

<https://www.smithsdorset.com/>; (why not join Langham's newsletter!)

<https://www.instagram.com/smithsdorset/>

There is free parking available, and there are some gorgeous walks to be enjoyed around the vineyard (please check availability in the tasting room beforehand in case of essential work on the vines).

Equestrian guests are also very welcome; there is a bridle path that comes alongside the estate. Maps and walk routes will be available soon.

**11th April** - Fizz Friday, Cheese, Charcuterie  
- music from Hannah Trim

**25th April** – Fizz Friday, Easter Seafood Feast  
- music from Nina Garcia

**Sundays** - Roast Lunch or a Brunch Menu!



# ***RDA Luccombe Riding Centre***

## **RDA FUNDRAISING AUCTION**

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE**

**HALL & WOODHOUSE VISITOR CENTRE, BLANDFORD**

Dear Friends

As you may be aware, our Riding for Disabled Group has to raise in the region of £4,000 each year, every year, to enable us to continue to provide the opportunity to ride to our young people.

In order to make this fundraising activity a massive success, we would love you to come along to this great evening ready to bid for your favourite lots or if you are able to offer an auction item that would be fabulous. Here are some suggestions to consider with your friends, family and other contacts who may be willing to help us:

- Do you have a talent or skill that you could offer (design something, teach a skill, offer a service) which someone may want?
- Do you own, or know somebody who owns, a holiday home or property they would be willing to offer as accommodation for a week or weekend?
- Do you have contact with a pub or restaurant or hotel that could offer a meal or accommodation or both that we could auction?
- Do you have tickets for something (undated or post-July) or could you obtain tickets for an event or activity through contacts you have?
- Could you offer some of your time to weed a garden, springclean a house or similar?

Please let Alison King or Sue Hodder know of any lots you can offer via the contact details below

Thank you for your help  
Alison & Sue

**For tickets or to offer any auction items, please contact**  
**Alison King - [alison.king196@gmail.com](mailto:alison.king196@gmail.com) - 07709 255509**  
**or**  
**Sue Hodder - [suehodder01@talktalk.net](mailto:suehodder01@talktalk.net) - 07739 469946**

# Pews News



THE MONTH AHEAD	KEY HC – Holy Communion (music/prayer/reflection & sharing of bread and wine)	CSC - Café Style Church (Food/interactive/craft) SS – SoulSpace (short/contemplative with reflection and silence)	BCP – Book of Common Prayer (a gentle traditional language style)	MW – morning prayer/ worship (a service for all No communion)
Our churches	<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b> <b>Red</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b> <b>White</b> <b>Easter Day</b>
Clenston			10.30am Benefice service for all	
Houghton				6am Sunrise service with breakfast
Milton Abbas				10.30am Family Friendly HC
Stickland	10.30am Benefice Service for all	10.30am MW		10.30am Family Friendly HC
Turnworth		9am HC		9am Family Friendly HC
Whitechurch		10.30am HC	2.30pm Messy Easter	10.30am MW
Milton Abbey				
Old Testament	Joshua 5. 9 - 12	Isaiah 43. 16 - 21	Isaiah 50. 4 - 9	Acts 10. 34 – 43 or (Isaiah 65. 17 to end)
Psalms	32	126	31. 9 – 16 or (31. 9 – 18)	118. 1 – 2, 14 – 24 or (118. 14 – 24)
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5. 16 to end	Philippians 3. 4 - 14	Philippians 2. 5 - 11	1 Corinthians 15. 19 – 26 or (Acts 10. 34 – 43)
Gospel	Luke 15. 1 – 3, 11 to end	John 12. 1 - 8	Luke 22. 14 – 23 or ( Luke 23. 1 – 49)	John 20. 1 – 18 or (Luke 24. 1 – 12)

Website: [www.wvmabenefice.uk](http://www.wvmabenefice.uk) (or a 'Church Near You')

If you would like Pews News as an email, please contact **Jennifer Harrison** on [wvmabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:wvmabenefice@gmail.com)

From Lewis Podcast on Prayer - Lewis interviews Franciscan Brother (Monk) Clarke Berge about prayer.  
<https://open.spotify.com/show/2ud8RWFoYgHBPLW54Ksw4f>

## *Milton Abbas Chilifest #6*

Well it's that time of the year again.!

We have 30 little 'pots of potential' looking for loving homes. The format is exactly the same as last year, £10 per plant ( all to charity).

All you have to do is love it, feed it and talk to it and bring it along to Chilli night at the Hambro on the last Thursday in October.

We've only had three winners in the previous 5 years so it's time to stir the pot. We will be doing T - Shirts again ( new design ) and on the night there will be good food, great music and most importantly loads of fun.

*From Phil Ford*



## *March Picture Quiz Result:*



Richard Saunders recognised last month's image of the gate runner at the village end of the Church Path (sometimes called Monks Path) by the Lodge House there.

The resident of the Lodge controlled access to the Manor, and the gate could be opened remotely

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## *April Picture Quiz:*

*An easy one this month!*

*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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*Articles and Feedback Gratefully Received:*

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