

YEAR	DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
924		Athelstan becomes king	A
933		Edwin, Athelstan's brother drowns	T
934		foundation of Milton Abbey by King Athelstan, date uncertain, +/- 3 years, with 114B	
937		Athelstan defeats Scots and Danish armies at battle of Brunanburh	T, H3
938	circa	Middleton granted a fair on eve and day of St Sampson, and a market on Mondays	H3
939		Athelstan dies	T
964		King Edgar expels priests and introduces 40 monks from Glastonbury at Mitlon Ab	B
964		Cyenward first Abbot of Milton Abbey, until 974	B
964		monastery converted to Benedictine Abbey	B
973	11 May	Edgar's coronation at Bath	T
974		Cyneward leaves Middleton to become bishop of Wells	T
975	July	King Edgar dies, his eldest son Edward becomes king	T
980		Danish raids begin along south coast	T
982		Danes raid Portland	T
1075		see of Middleton transferred from Sherborne to Salisbury	T
1086		Domesday survey includes Milton Abbey, assessed at £90, total 120 hides	B
1180	circa	St Catherines Chapel built	DHTS
1209		King John visits Milton Abbey	B
1222	8 Nov	William de Stokes elected as Abbot	T
1236		Henry III visits Milton Abbey	B
1289		William de Mileburn vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1291		Walter de Sydelinge elected Abbot	T
1298		Sir William de Goviz buried in the abbey	T
1307		William de Asschehurst vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1309	2 Sep	Milton Abbey fire, abbey razed to ground, muniments destroyed	RCHM
1314	26 Dec	Robert le Fauconer elected Abbot	T
1315		Walter de Middleton vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1315		new Abbey building started by by Abbot Walter de Sydeling (1292–1315)	RCHM
1317		Henry de Halswyke vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1322		William de Widdecombe vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1331		Richard Maury elected Abbot	T
1348	Jun	Plague enters Melcombe Regis	B
1352		Richard Maury resigns abbacy	T
1352	30 Nov	Robert Burbahce elected abbot	T
1358		abbot and convent granted licence to acquire land	T
1373	Nov	Abbot Robert appears before King Edward to pay £80 for licence to buy land	T
1378	Sep	Bishop Ergham of Salisbury visits Milton Abbey	T
1382	Oct	Abbot Robert dies	T
1382	24 Oct	John Henkins elected abbot	T
1383	Jan	abbot John dies	T
1383	Jan	Walter Archer elected abbot	T
1384		John Bryce of Bryte vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1385		description of the boundaries of the Manor of Middleton	T
1392		king grants licence for £100 to buy manor of East Ringstead	T
1397		John Pepperay vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1401		John Tanner alias Snell vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1417	10 Jan	Abbot Walter dies	T
1417	Feb	Richard Cley elected Abbot, only 15 members of the community	T
1425	Mar	bishops visitation of Milton Abbey	T
1432	Mar	Richard Cley resigns abbacy	T
1432	Mar	John Hasilbere elected abbot	T
1458	19 May	abbot John dies	T
1458		John Bruton elected abbot	T
1464		John More vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1465		Thomas Fowey vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1481	Dec	abbot John dies	T
1482	Jan	William Middleton elected abbot, resigns 1525	B
1498		Abbots Hall built	RCHM
1500	circa	central tower of Milton Abbey completed	T

1500	circa	elaborate pyx-shrine suspended from ceiling over the altar	T
1509		Robert Gaskin vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1513		Matthew Hayford vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1521		Milton Abbey Grammar School established by grant of abbot William	B
1525		commissioners from Parliament assess Milton Abbas at 136 householders £15. 12T	T
1525		John Stephens alias Bradley last abbot of Milton Abbey	B
1533		John Wilson vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1535		commsiioners survey abbey estate, assess it at £720 gross income pa	T
1538		John Stoyte vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1538		Richard Hall vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1538		John Tregonwell (c1498 – 1565) commissioner to receive resignation of religious h	B
1539	11 Mar	John Tregonwell and John Smythe receive resgnation of Milton Abbey	B
1540	23 Feb	John Tregonwell buys Milton Abbey for £1000	B
1542		John Tregonwell appointed chancellor of Wells Cathedral	T
1544		John Tregonwell appointed commissioner in chancery	T
1550		Roger Crocket vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1553		Queen Mary knights John Tregonwell, he also becomes MP for Scarborough and ST	ST
1554		Sir John Tregonwell appointed to the Queen's council	T
1565		Death of Sir John Tregonwell, widow Lady Elizabeth was a recusant	B
1571		John Warren vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1573	12 Dec	Battle of the Barn between Lady Elizabeth and her grandson also John Tregonwell	B
1576		Edward Florence vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1580		Milton Abbey house raided, Sir John's widow Elizabeth, accused of harbouring prieT	T
1580		George Darlow vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1585		John Tregonwell dies, buried in N aisle of Milton Abbey under tomb, estate passes T	T
1590	circa	John Tregonwell buys Bagber	T
1595		Richard Budge vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1605		John Tregonwell (great grandson of first John Tregonwell) falls from abbey roof and F	F
1617		Henry Lambe BA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1617		James Rawson vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1620		John Tregonwell buys manor and farm of Abbots Court, Bere Regis	T
1620		John Tregonwell buys manor of Anderson	T
1621		Arthur Young headmaster	P
1622		John Tregonwell builds manor house at W Anderson	T
1624		John Tregonwell moves to his manor at W Anderson	T
1624		marriage of John Tregonwell, moves into Milton Abbey house	T
1630		new school house built in Market Street	P
1631		Thomas Merry headmaster	P
1638		45 males and 36 females buried when epidemic hit	H1, p430
1640		John Talbot MA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1642		Protestation Returns show 143 males over 18	T
1647		John Tregonwell (grandson of Sir John Tregonwell see 1540) endows Almshouses fD	fD
1656		Robert More vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1658		Francis Frampton BA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1658	4 Aug	fire at Milton Abbey school and a quarter of the town, 37 families homeless	T, B, H3
1660	circa	map shows Market, High, Newport, Broad, Duck, Back Streets, Whiteway, FishweH3	H3
1662		school rebuilt	T
1669		John March BA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1674	circa	Alms Houses built in Newport Street, Middleton, endowed in will of John TregonwellDHTS, H3	DHTS, H3
1680		John Marsh headmaster to 1699	P
1680		Mary Tregonwell marries Francis Luttrell	B
1696		Milton Abbey house and estates pass to Bancks family by marriage	F
1699		George Marsh BA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church and headmaster to 1737	V, P
1703		Death of Mary	B
1712		19 males and 19 females died of smallpox	H1, T
1723		John Hutchins appointed curate and usher to George Marsh, vicar of Milton and mēT, F	T, F
1730		Abbey cloisters demolished	A
1733		Engraving of Milton Abbey	B
1736	circa	Jacob Bancks asks John Hutchins, master at Abbey School to investigate local hi:W	W
1737		Abbey kitchen demolished	A

1737		James Martin BA vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church and headmaster to 1757	V, P
1737	Dec	Jacob Bancks II dies intestate, Milton estate passes to John Strachan, contested	T
1742		Joseph Damer marries wealthy Caroline Sackville	DHTS, T
1751		Abbey Barn 250' long, 32' wide mostly rebuilt	B, H3
1752		turnpike diverted through Milborne	B
1752		Joseph Damer buys Milton Abbey estate from John Strachan	B
1753		The Still Hosue, building outside the north gate of the Abbey was demolished	H3
1753		Joseph Damer made an Irish peer as Baron Milton of Shronehill, co Tipperary	T
1755		Caroline dies	DHTS
1755		Damer commissions sculptor Carlini for monument	DHTS
1757		Rev John Wood vicar at Milborne St Andrew headmaster till 1780	P
1758		Thomas Metcalfe vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1762		Damer made English peer Baron Milton	T
1763		3 roads closed	W
1763		Capability Brown comissioned to landscape the park north of Abbey	F
1767	14 Jun	Anne Seymour Conway marries John Damer	ODNB
1768		John Damer(?) Lord Milton's uncle dies	B
1769		Cheselbourne Lane closed	W
1769		Survey of Milton estate, plan of Middleton Old Town by Woodward shows 104 build	B, T
1771		tithe barn demolished and rebuilt	H3
1771		old Abbey House demolished	B
1771		new house designed by Sir William Chambers, finished 1774	B
1775		Caroline, Lady Milton dies	W
1776	Aug	Lord Milton's son John Damer shoots himself at The Bedford Arms, Covent Garden	W
1776		George March vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1779		Alms Houses relocated to The Street	B
1780		Vicarage and Vicarage Cottage built	DHTS
1780		Milton Brewery built	DHTS
1780		footbridge over the road to St Catherines Chapel built	DHTS
1780		John Warton headmaster	P
1780		Hambro Arms built	DHTS
1785		Milton School removed to East Street, Blandford by act of parliament	B
1786	15 Oct	St James church consecrated by Bishop of Bristol, designed by James Wyatt	B
1787		Milton Abbey "restored" by Damer, James Wyatt's design	R
1791		Fanny Burney visits Milton, and writes about it in her diary	W
1792		Lord Milton created Earl Dorchester, his son George now Lord Milton	W
1794		King George III visits abbey	F
1795		Gilbert Langdon vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1786		Chaloner Byng Baldock vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1798		Mansell-Pleydell of Milborne succeeds in suing Lord Dorchester for £3 000	W
1798	12 Feb	Death of Earl Dorchester aged 50, estate passes to his son George	W, H3
1801		Parliamentary return gives 70 houses, 117 families, 262 males, 282 females	H3
1804	10 Oct	King George III visits	T
1805	27 Sep	King George III visits	H3
1808		George Damer, 2 nd Lord Dorchester dies, Earldom becomes extinct, Lady Caroline	B
1811		Parliamentary return gives 80 housesm 120 families, 287 males, 332 females	H3
1825		Henry Masterman vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1828		Lady Caroline dies, estate passes to Henry Dawson Damer	DHTS
1830		2 cottages near St James burned, replace by brick	DHTS
1842		Richard Roberts vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1851		census records population Mitlon Abbas 915	B
1852	8 Mar	Lady Caroline Hambro dies	TH
1852	May	Milton Abbey estate sold to Carl Joachim Hambro £240 000	B
1853		Baron Hambro commissions Jerichau Baumann to sculpt bust Caroline, completec	TH
1857		Charles Hambro, eldest son of Carl, marries, dinner for all village at the Hambro A	TH
1860		village school built	B
1861		census 502 males, 512 females	H3
1861		Baron Hambro marries 35 year old Eliza Greathead, nee Turner	TH
1862		Baron Hambro commissioned Sir George Gilbert Scott to restore the Abbey, £50	ODHTS, TH
1865		Abbey restored by G G Scott	H3

1865		Milton Abbas village school built	Pe
1872		Wyvern House built, now Deer Park House	DHTS
1872		Cottage Hospital opened	B
1877		Baron Hambro dies, eldest son Charles inherits	TH
1882		parish redrawn , no longer to include Lyscombe and Holworth	RCHM
1886		C J Johnstone vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1886		St James south aisle and vestry built, chancel elarged, design by W J Fletcher	DHTS
1887		Brewery house burned down	DHTS
1880		44/45 rebuilt in brick after fire	B
1888		St James chancel and south aisle built, design by W J Fletcher	Pe
1888		brewery House rebuilt in brick after fire	B
1891		Charles hambro dies, estate passes to his nephew Harry, agriculture in decline	TH
1892		E H G Bousfield vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1896		Harry Hambro marries, celebrations	TH
1896		Wesleyan chapel built	B
1900	June	Harry Hambro sells the estate for £152 000 to his uncle Everard	TH
1901		Herbert Pentin vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1902		cottages refitted internally	B
1905	June	Everard Hambro's wife mary dies	TH
1908		Everard haambro created Knight Commander of the Victorian Order	TH
1909	4 Dec	King Edward VII visits Milton Abbey house for pheasant shoot	F
1911		Everard Hambro aged 69, marries Ebba Whyte	TH
1914		F W Aldous vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1914	4 Aug	WW1 began	B
1919		war memorial erected in St James cemetery, later moved to churchyard	F
1922		Walter Greswell vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1927		G J Ellwood vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1932		Milton estate sold	B
1932		Almshouses transferred to The Board of Charity Comissioners	D
1933		parish redrawn, no longer to include W Whitechurch	RCHM
1933		estate bought by Church Commissioners	B
1934		A W Hatherley vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1937		proposal that Almshouses be wired for electric light	D
1938		C J Collis vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1939		Cottage Hosptial closed	B
1940		company of the Rifle Brigade billeted in Milton Abbas	F
1940	May	Reading Rooms and 2 Almshouses requisitioned for local Home Guard	D
1948	circa	12 Houses built Catherines Well	TH
1950		Brewery closed	B
1952		28 houses built Catherines Well	TH
1953		grounds bought by trust to create Milton Abbey School	B
1954	Jan	chestnut trees between houses in The Street felled	D
1954		first children bussed to Blandford School	TH
1955		blacksmith closed, Evans family worked here for 70 years	B, F
1955		vicar moved out of vicarage	B
1956		Almshouses refurbished	D
1957		37 – 44 Catherines Well built	R
1958		16 houses built Catherines Well	TH
1958		thatched cricket pavilion struck by lightning and burned to ground	TH
1959		new cricket pavilion built £800	TH
1960		K K Laws vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1963		severe winter 78 days frost, Milton Abbas cut off by snow	TH
1969		St James east window design by Laurence Lee	Pe
1970		Wesleyan Chapel closed	B
1973		village bicentenary celebration	F
1974		R A Evans vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1975	Jan	Almshoouse Trust becomes an Housing Association	D
1975		chairs either side of the Reading Room entrance consecrated	D
1976		D B Pennal vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1976	Jul	First Street Fair estimated 10 000 attended	TH

1976		BBC 1 Episode or Ripping Yarns filmed at Milton Abbey School	TH
1976		surgery opened at Catherines Well	TH
1976		Almshouses refurbished	
1976		bank closed at No 57	F
1977		villagers fail to purchase lake – bought by ??	
1977		No 53 shop run by Mrs Parsons closes, becomes The Tea Clipper	T
1978	Feb	deep snow Milton Abbas cut off	TH
1978		BBC series “To Serve Them All My Days” filmed at Milton Abbey School	TH
1978		J W C Meredith vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1979	25 Nov	tea party to celebrate 200 years of Tregonwells Almshouses	D
1981		S M Boyle vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1980		the Maltings converted to 8 Dwellings	Ellie Payne
1982		BBC Martin Luther filmed at Milton Abbey School	TH
1983		Brewery Farm closes	CF
1985		Sports Field purchaed for £7 500	TH
1987		S S Ferguson vicar of Milton Abbas Parish Church	V
1988		Milton Abbey indoor swimming pool opened	TH
1991		Reading Rooms refurbished	D
1992		BBC “One Foot In the Grave” filmed	TH
1993	Jul	Paramount Pictures “The Browning Version” filmed at Milton Abbey School	TH
1993		Milton Abbas school federated with W Whitechurch, W S, W K	TH
1996		MATCH formed to buy Lake	
1997	7 Jan	Western Gazette report Villagers fail to buy Lake	Ellie Payne
1997		Alsmshouses roof refurbished	D
1998	Mar	new bus shelter built	TH
1998		Mitlon Abbas Historic Society formed	JF
2002		Millenium Green opens	
2004	May	Princess Alexander visit Milton Abbas school 50 year anniversary	TH
2004	Dec	Village school closed	
2006		BBC 4 “The Perfect Village” screened	TH
2007	9 Sep	Tea Cliiper closes	
2007	Sep	Heritage Trail opens	TH
2007		Rainbow playgroup moves to Luccombe Farm, formerly Reading Rooms	TH
2009		First Fun Day at Milton Abbey School	TH
2009	18 Jun	after major refurbishment £365k, Almshouses rededicated	D
2010	Oct	Reading Rooms roof refurbished	D
2010	Dec	Reading Rooms kitchen renewed	D
2011	20 Nov	dedication and blessing fo reconfigured south ailse of St James	Ellie Payne
2011		St James north boundary retaining wall rebuilt	Ellie Payne
2012	1 Apr	Community Gardens open	BP
2012	4 Jun	jubilee orchard	
2013		Milton Abbey school goes co-ed	
2013	Jun	work starts on 6 dwellings Damer Close	TH
2014	3 Apr	6 dwellings, Damer Close handed over to Signpost	BP
2014	30 Oct	Terry hawker awarded 'Dorset volunteer of the Year'	The Bulletin Dec
2014	27 Nov	broadcast of Penelope Keith in Hidden Villages, Channel 4, featuring Milton Abbas	BP

A	The Greater Abbeys of England, 1908	H1	Hutchins, 1 st Ed, 1741
B	The First Forty Years, David Baggaley, 1995	H2	Hutchins 2 nd Ed
T	Milton Abbey, Peter Traskey, 1978	H3	Hutchins 3 rd Ed, 1888
DHTS	Dorset Historic Town Survey	ONDB	Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
V	Vicars of Milton Abbas, c1970	R	Milton Abbey, H Pentin, revised 1964
RCHM	Royal Commission on Historic Monuments	Pe	Buildings of England, Dorset, N Pevsner, 1972
F	Milton Abbas, Dorset, Chris Fookes, 1999	TH	The Hambros, Bramsen and Wain, 1979
P	Milton Abbey and Its School, R Pentin.		
D	Tregonwell Almshouses, David Duncombe-Anderson	W	A Tale of Milton Abbas, Richeldis Wansborough, 1974