Arthur Courtier

Swaling in the past.

Gorse wasn't like it is now, six foot high nearly, it was kept fairly low because we burnt it off regularly, and there was none of this messing about burning this little bit today, and this little patch next year, something like that – when it needed burning the commoners burnt it off, and the locals, as children they came up from the village, we'd burn it day or evenings as well.