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'The time of my life'

at the July 2024 WI

THE planned talk by a local charity had to be cancelled due to the speaker's illness, so our very own Josie Wright stepped into the breach.

Josie started by admitting that her talents did not include baking, knitting or painting, but she could write. Retirement, with its promise of endless free time, brought with it the chance to take up education, begin to write and literally *'have the time of her life'*.

She related entering a writing competition, coming third and having to stand up in front of a large audience to read out her entry. Did she win? No – but the experience was the beginning. Attending a college course for two hours a week with a group of 16-year-olds, she remembers studying poetry and Shakespeare, becoming in the process a classmate and 'granny' to her fellow students. Sharing time and education with these young people was one of the most joyful and happy times of her life, she said.

Other courses followed, and Josie continued to write, reading out to us some of her now extensive collection of poetry and short stories. Clearly Josie's 'hidden talent' has blossomed; we look forward to hearing more from her in the future.

Business: Our summer outing is to Sculpture by the Lakes on 8th August, names to be confirmed. Those taking part in the WI Quiz will meet on 20th August at Josie Wright's house. We are now in the Skittles League and Lesley is putting a team together. Bookends members met to discuss *'Room with a View'* by E M Forster, a great classic and much enjoyed by the majority. We move on to *'Act of Oblivion'* by Robert Harris.

After the summer break we will meet again on Thursday 12th September when we will hear about the Blandford Food Bank. Please join us; you will be very welcome.

Pat Bull

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Summary of July Parish Council

THERE was positive news at July's Parish Council about the traffic calming measures hoped to be put in place on Dorchester Hill. The proposal is to create a single lane for a portion of road to enable safe access by pedestrians by widening the pavements by the pub. The response from Dorset Council had been "very positive" and had asked the PC to discuss two options, in effect, which direction of traffic would have priority. It was agreed that priority should be given to vehicles leaving the village, i.e. towards Dorchester. There was discussion about providing the community with more detail and this will be done when the road plans are firmed up.

Council discussed a new grass cutting schedule which had been drawn up by Cllr Greening. It was split into three key areas: PC owned land, public verges and public spaces owned by community groups. It was proposed that cutting verges be reduced from ten times a year to eight, partly to reduce costs and also to promote wildlife. The cutting would take place from March onwards but with 'no mow May' being adhered to and then continuing cutting in early June. It was also proposed that the verge between Lane End and the Sports Club's hedge should be brought into the schedule as the strips either side are within the current contract. It was noted by a councillor that visibility at the Roke Road junction was at present compromised by the tall grasses and assurances were given that road safety has obvious priority. There followed discussion about funding that may be available for community groups that own publicly used land and how it could be applied for. Organisations will have to request quotes from contractors and submit these to the PC separately from the main contract. Cllr Macnair proposed accepting Cllr Greening's draft and seeking quotations from four parties: the present provider, one sole trader within the village, one not in Milborne and one full company. Clerk Lewin said he would like to obtain more quotes than this and it was hoped that they would be back in before September's meeting.

A new bench for the Milton Road junction was on the agenda since the last bench was dilapidated and had been removed after being donated by the *Reporter* 15 years ago. However, Cllr Macnair had seen that a new bench had already been installed and he thanked the *Reporter* from the community.

There were no planning applications to discuss but Dorset councillor's report noted they were actively engaged with planning enforcement with regard to Fox View about its state and the lack of movement there. There had been correspondence from a resident stating their concerns.

Further correspondence with Wyatt Homes about the completion of the informal public open space (Heathland Infrastructure Project) adjacent to Huntley Down continues, with the developer saying it will 'open up an access this summer'. A DC ranger has also written a strongly worded letter to the company, it was said.

A suggestion that had originally come from a resident was agreed to be taken forward as PC policy. Mick Hopper had put forward an idea to use names from the Memorial Stone to be used as future new road names within the village. At present, the procedure is Dorset Council supply suggested road names for the PC to consult on; the new policy would give councillors an option to put forward alternative road names based on local people who served.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, all residents welcome.

Ed Richards

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Summer term; the season of residentials at St. Mary's!

IT'S been as busy as ever at St. Mary's during the final few weeks of the summer term!

A highlights of the season are always the summer performances that are always guaranteed to pack the school hall. This year, Year 5 rose to the ambitious challenge of performing a 'Historical adventure through the ages'. Every Year 5 child was



involved in the production which took the audience through a series of wonderfully executed historical plays, from life in a Victorian workhouse, to the court of Queen Elizabeth I and the sagas of the Vikings. All the children were fabulous; all that time practicing lines, dance routines and lyrics, certainly paid off!

The Year 5 performance followed hot on the heels of the St. Mary's summer music concert and arts festival, an impressive event when those pupils who have a passion for the arts have the chance to show off their talents. Well over thirty different acts,



including rock bands, vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers enthralled a packed school hall. At the same time visitors enjoyed the opportunity to view a wide range of art work that our students had created during the year, from ceramics to drawings and paintings. To see more of the terrific art that our students create, why not follow [stmarysschoolart](#) on Instagram? We guarantee



you will be impressed by our students' work!

Our talented (and very busy!) Year 5s have also been contributing to the 'Books in Bloom' at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown. The students worked with St. Mary's staff Mrs Warder, Miss Drew and Mrs Moore, to create an amazing display



of the Dorset Heathland ecosystem. Linked to the work of Thomas Hardy, and specifically to his novel *The Return of the Native*, the children created ceramic lizards and snakes, paper mache owls, felted pictures of heathland scenes and clay tiles featuring imprinted text from Hardy's book. We hope you had the chance to view the children's work on display at the church!

And finally, we have all been enjoying watching the progress (and spectacular growth rate!) of two tiny chicks



which our Year 5 children hatched recently from eggs in an incubator! Both chicks are doing very well and have just taken their first flight at the time of writing! Lifecycles in action!

The staff and students of St. Mary's Middle School wish everyone a lovely summer break.

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The Reporter Team with the new seat, other members who were unable to attend were Linda Constant and Rich Hawker

A FAVOURITE spot for watching the world go by has been refurbished following a donation from an anonymous fan of the *Reporter*.

The bench, placed at the junction of Milton Road and the A354, was originally provided by the Reporter Team in 2010 just a couple of years after the village magazine was first published. The magazine had established itself as a most successful publication following a start up loan from the Parish Council, access to printing facilities from the Church and tremendous support from advertisers. The team involved in producing the magazine were eager to repay this support and decided to purchase the bench for the village.

Fourteen years on and in May this year the original bench started to collapse and had to be removed. The Parish Council, who had accepted responsibility for the bench, invited the Reporter team to replace it but with magazine production costs increasing and advertising revenue in decline this would have been impossible.

Out of the blue came an offer to purchase a replacement bench on behalf of the Reporter team. Money was received and a

new bench purchased and secured in place in early July. Hopefully it will still be there in another decade (or two) and the *Reporter* will still be presenting “News and Views from around the area”.

Presented to the village by the
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2024




Dear Reporter Team,

The Parish Council would like to extend our warmest thanks to you all for the new bench on The Square that you have recently donated to the community.

The old one, also donated by yourselves, did many years' good service and we hope the new one will get similar levels of use.

With thanks and best regards,



Richard Macnair,
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I came across the quotation above by Kristi Nelson as I was preparing an address for a memorial service for someone who had died. It seemed to sum up so well the experiences that many of us have in life where good and bad are held together and are often facets of the same period of time.

We’ve had a number of special services in our churches over June and July.

At funeral and memorial services we celebrate and give thanks for the delight of having known someone and the grace of their presence in our lives but also mark the deep grief brought about by their death.

At weddings the vows take account of the good and less good times of life, and make the point that love is for both the highs and lows we experience.

And at baptisms when we welcome new Christians into God’s family, we recognise that sin and brokenness are as much a part of the world in which we live as joy and goodness,

Life is a pattern of ups and downs, from birth to old age and covering everything else in between. What is wonderful is that God and the church are there for us at whatever stage of life we are at.

People turn to the church for special occasions but it is here for all of life.

Church is about much more than Sunday and special services, important as they are. It is about a community of Christians seeking to follow Jesus together. It is a time where the invitation to receive God’s love is available to all. It’s a place to find courage when we are feeling broken and hope when life seems bleak. Church provides a space to celebrate life’s joys and pleasures.

A church is a place open to all, because God’s love is available for all. You don’t have to be good before you can be welcomed, you don’t have to wear something special or pass some kind of test. No one is too young or too old to be a part of a church community. Why not come and join us?

Best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew’s

By the time you read this, we will be in the final weeks of summer, and being a double-issue, it will be autumn before the next edition is printed. With rain banging against the windows as I write, I wonder if we will notice any difference, other than the shorter days!



Since last writing, we have had two lovely Baptisms; we were delighted to welcome Bella and Molly, with their respective parents, godparents, families and friends. I wonder how many children and adults have been baptised in our font since 1150, or thereabouts!

At the other end of life’s pilgrimage, we held the Funeral of David Eastment. He is buried with his late wife, Diane (né Samways). As a nod to his love of gardening, one of the floral tributes was a beautifully crafted “carrot”, made of orange chrysanthemums with an asparagus fern top.

Our pattern of Services continues as usual. At the end of June, it was a joy to join with the other Church communities in the

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Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish August

4th August – Trinity 10

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall

11th August – Trinity 11

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Puddletown
5.30	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

18th August – Trinity 12

9.30am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

25th August – Trinity 12

9.30am	Parish Communion + Holy Baptism	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

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Benefice for the annual Farm Service, held in a barn at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, by kind permission of Sue Britton. Although it was a grey morning, the swallows swooped, the pigeons cooed, and the hens clucked. Sarah celebrated the eucharist, Margaret Rickard preached, Jim Burg led the intercessions and Tony played the keyboard. As it was Jim’s birthday, a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday to you” rang out across the valley, and a Spitfire (from the Air Show at Compton Abbas) flew past. Not every churchwarden gets a flypast on their birthday!

Advance notice of our Harvest Thanksgiving Service which will be held on Sunday, 6th October at 9.30am, and will be led (D.V.) by Tony. It hardly seems a year ago that we were celebrating the 2023 “Feast of the holy marrow”.

As I said at the beginning of this piece, the years come and go all too quickly, but as we read in the Book of Genesis, “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night shall not cease.” Or, as a favourite hymn expresses it:

“Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.”

May we all know that Presence, and whatever the weather, may it brighten our lives and guide our days.

Tony and Pam Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Farm Service, held at Sue Britton’s farm and led by Sarah with Margaret giving the talk, was such a joyful occasion, especially because the barn was full of parishioners from across the Benefice. The service was followed by a bring-and-share lunch during which we were able to catch up with our friends from the other villages as well as those people from Dewlish.

A very big thank-you, therefore, to Sue and her family who put such a lot of hard work into preparation, and providing drinks and hospitality.

The collection, amounting to £70, has been donated to Farm Africa.

And now to August . . . On Bank Holiday Monday (the 26th) we are holding a **Pop-up Market** in the Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm, at which (hopefully!) we shall be selling surplus produce from our gardens, as well as jams, marmalades, etc. As usual, we shall also be serving delicious cakes and refreshments.

Please do come along and support us and enjoy a relaxing cup of tea and cake, and take home some of our very tasty and healthy produce.

Daphne Burg

Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish September

1st September Trinity 14

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Matins (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall

8th September

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

Trinity 15

15th September Trinity 16

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

22nd September

9.30am	Holy Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
11.00	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown

Trinity 17

29th September St. Michael and All Angels

11.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion followed by bring-and-share lunch	Tolpuddle
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Food Safety at Fresh Produce Growers

YOU may have been surprised that a recent E. coli (STEC) outbreak, which affected over 250 people in the UK, is suspected to be linked to contaminated salad leaves in pre-packed sandwiches.

How could a salad leaf be the source of E. coli (STEC)? The reason may be that unlike most foods, salads, and other fresh produce such as strawberries and watercress, are eaten raw. The Food Standards Agency recommend washing salad and fresh fruit prior to eating. However, you wouldn’t wash salad leaves within a readymade sandwich you have bought, you would expect that food is already safe to eat.

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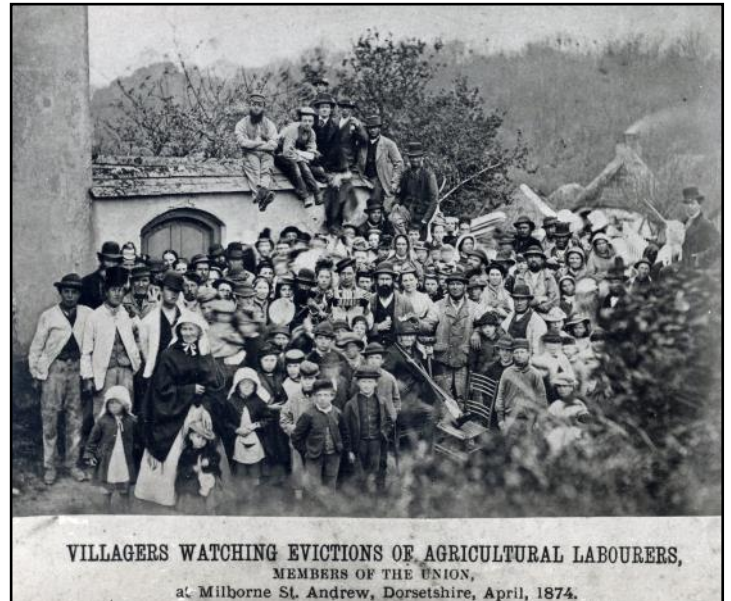
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Andy Way, Episode 5: The Birth of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union (NALU)

IN the Feb 2019 issue, Carole Fornachon reported on “Joseph Arch’s Agricultural Labourers’ Union in Dorset 1872–4”. Arch isn’t in the Way family tree, but many Way family members were affected by the outcome of the struggle, as is mentioned in Andy’s book.

Being a significantly agricultural county, Dorset has had a chequered history regarding the struggle between rich landowners and poor farm labourers. As Andy pointed out in the March 2024 issue, it hadn’t always been that way, with farmers and workers enjoying a good relationship until the end of the 18th century. In the first half of the 19th century, however, taxes were raised to pay for British participation in the Napoleonic Wars, and with an oversupply of labour due to the returning soldiers together with the onset of mechanisation in farming, conditions for workers deteriorated rapidly.

In her article, Carole talks about the ‘Swing riots’ where machines were destroyed and buildings burned as the working classes started to push back against an increasingly unfair system.



In a paper written by Jo Draper it is said that “Dorset was notorious in the mid nineteenth century for its low agricultural wages and the poverty of its labourers”. In 1834 falling wages were the spur for the Dorset Labourers (Tolpuddle Martyrs) to set up a tiny trades union to protect labourers and their families in case of illness and death. (see Chapter 8 of Andy’s book for more on these) There were several Chartist meetings in Dorset in 1838 and the speakers (unsuccessfully) encouraged labourers to join a union and improve their wages.

Milborne St Andrew is paid particular attention as it is where, in 1872, the farmers appeared to have accepted some union demands for higher wages but dismissed pro-union labourers after the harvest of that year. A new strike in the spring of 1874 lasted nearly three months and was countered by lockouts and evictions. A new effort was made to secure fairer pay and conditions for the workers with Joseph Arch forming the National Agricultural Labourers’ Union (NALU). Membership in Dorset was good (in the 80% bracket), and over 2,000 joined in the first nine weeks. Workers paid 6d upfront to join, and 2d a week thereafter. NALU wanted to limit the working day to nine-and-a-half hours and set the minimum wage to 16 shillings a week. Bert Wellstead (1890–1953, from Winterborne Kingston) was a leading figure in the Dorset Labour movement, and his

father Henry was a member of NALU. Bert is a third cousin of Andy’s through Julia Chaffey (1857–1939, from Milton Abbas; see p.130 of Andy’s book), who married first Frederick Way (1852–1888, from MSA, Andy’s first cousin four times removed, and the nephew of Joseph Way who we saw previously was transported to Australia for setting fire to barley ricks), and then Walter George Wellstead (1868–1947, also from Winterborne Kingston).

When Arch came to Winterborne Kingston, he was pelted with rotten eggs by farmers, but wages soon rose from nine to twelve shillings a week. However, the landowners soon fought back, employing non-union members only, and imposing standard rates of pay and working hours: just two shillings for a 12-hour day. Over 10,000 union members were out of work, and the compensation paid by the union was so low that by July 1874, they gave in.

Worse still was the fact that the farmers refused to re-employ NALU members, so as was captured by a series of famous photos, these people found themselves out on the streets in MSA through so-called “lockouts”. In the 1871 MSA census, there were 46 farm labourers, four labourers, shepherds, grooms, smiths, as well as a farmer and a farm bailiff, so about half the working population of the village were agricultural labourers, with almost all of these presumably paid-up union members. They had little choice but to emigrate with their wives and children to Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Some of these were Ways, but other readers with roots in MSA may also be able to trace branches of their family trees in these countries resulting from this forced emigration.

In the last few issues of the *Reporter*, we’ve been featuring characters from Andy Way’s book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew* (contact Andy at andy.way@adaptcentre.ie).

In the next issue, we’ll check out more characters from MSA from the book and the extended Way family tree.

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

Above: villagers watching the eviction of farm labourers taken by a Union Photographer outside my house.

Left: An evicted MSA family as mentioned in the article. It has explanatory notes attached.

Edgar Percy Snashall, Reformatory Boy made good

ONE of many Distinguished Conduct Medals on display in the glass cases of the Keep Museum in Dorchester was awarded to 'Lt Edgar Percy Snashall' from 'the Milborne St. Andrew's Boys Home' My curiosity was aroused: firstly I was surprised to hear of a boys' home in such a rural setting as Milborne St. Andrew and secondly for a boy with that background to have won such a prestigious award suggested that he was a very interesting person. I searched the 'Ancestry' website and starting from his military records I pieced together a fascinating story. Edgar Snashall's great-grandfather, John Snashall, was probably one of the many thousands of country folk who fled to London after the Enclosures and the Poor Law Reform in the early 19th century. He originated in Kent and married Mary Ann Chapel in Deptford in 1830. They made their home in Greenwich where he established a fruiterer's shop at 26 Church Street. John Snashall died in 1849 leaving Mary with seven children, including their son, Jonathon Snashall, to run the shop probably until her death. Jonathon Snashall (born 1833), married Sarah Haines Bilby in 1856. He was later to describe her in court as 'rather an excitable person at times'.

In 1873, they were running the greengrocer's shop in Church Street, Greenwich with six children and like many other families took in lodgers to help with their income. On the evening of the 19th of April 1873 Sarah Snashall became involved in a dispute with the lodgers, Joseph Child and his wife, and another man, Charles Shepherd. It seems they had all been drinking when, at some time after midnight Mrs Child interrupted Mrs Snashall who was having her supper and asked to pay her ten shillings for rent. Mrs Snashall disputed the sum and said 'Not now'. The argument escalated, Sarah Snashall attacked Mrs Child and they wrestled. The two men pulled them apart, but Sarah Snashall continued to attack Joseph Child throwing 2lb and 4lb weights at him and charging at him with a poker. Child hit her on the nose and Charles Shepherd struck her in the ear. She fell to the ground and both men kicked her in the stomach. She recovered, things settled down, the rent was paid and the lodgers went upstairs. Although the police had been called, no arrests were made immediately after the affray as the opinion was that Sarah Snashall had struck the first blow. The events were seen by several people including some of the Snashall children. Over the next few days Sarah suffered severe abdominal pains and died on the 23rd of April. The doctor's opinion was that the cause was peritonitis that may have been the result of being kicked. Joseph Child and Charles Shepherd were arrested, tried at the Old Bailey for manslaughter and found guilty. Each was sentenced to two years in jail, a lenient sentence because of extreme provocation by Sarah Snashall!

With the death of Sarah, Jonathon was unable to earn a living and on the 14th of August 1873 he took his family to the Union Workhouse in Greenwich. On the following day his six children, Amelia, Caroline, Rachael, Jonathon, Frances and Henry were discharged from the Workhouse and sent to the South Metropolitan School. For the rest of his life Jonathon was in and out of the Workhouse. Sadly, he may never have seen his children again though their paths might have crossed as some of his children later spent time in the same Workhouse. Jonathon ended his days in Greenwich Workhouse in October 1915 aged 84.

The South Metropolitan School in Brighton Road, Sutton was one of a network of schools set up after the reform of the Poor Law to look after children from the workhouse. The School at

Sutton was a huge imposing building which at one time accommodated almost 1,000 children. Here they were housed, fed and clothed as well as educated, so their lives would have been far better than in the Workhouse. They were also found placements when they left, but despite this three of the Snashall sisters Caroline, Frances and Rachel returned to the Workhouse several times. In October 1881 Henry Francis Snashall (who was Edgar Snashall's father) was discharged from the South Metropolitan School to the Thames training ship 'Exmouth', moored off Grays in Essex. The Metropolitan Asylums Board had borrowed the Exmouth from the Royal Navy and used it to train poor boys in all aspects of seamanship, preparing them for a career at sea. Whether Henry subsequently went to sea is doubtful.

Henry Francis Snashall married Agnes Boon Couch in July 1884 back in Greenwich. Agnes died young leaving Henry with four children to bring up. In the 1891 census Henry is still listed as a greengrocer living at 244 Woolwich Road, Greenwich with his sisters Annie and Rachel and sons Edgar and Henry. Thereafter he seems to have been in and out of the workhouse until in the 1939 register he is shown in the Workhouse Infirmary at 48 Vanburgh Hill, Greenwich, where he probably died. Henry had been unable to cope after losing his wife, Agnes, and may have neglected his children as on the 27th of February 1901 his son Edgar Percy Snashall, aged twelve, was taken to the Greenwich Workhouse by a Metropolitan policeman (PC 491R). Edgar was probably destitute, perhaps involved with petty crime. At that time many of the city workhouses had links with boys' reformatory schools out in the



Dorset Reformatory for Boys, Milborne, from the south-east, c.1900. © Peter Higginbotham

country so it was Edgar's good fortune to be transferred to the Dorset Industrial School for Boys at Milborne St. Andrew. Sadly, Edgar probably never saw his family again. The Industrial School had been set up in 1856 by the philanthropist John Mansell-Pleydell as a Reformatory. In addition to general education it served to give boys training in a trade. Agricultural trades were most common, but unusually for an inland village like Milborne there was an emphasis on seamanship. When Edgar enlisted into the Dorset Regiment in April 1907 his military documents described him as 'a dairyman', probably what we would now regard as a 'placement' from the school. Sadly, as his next of kin he names 'Harry Snashall (father), address unknown' and 'Harry Snashall (brother)', address unknown'. His height was 5ft 3½ ins (!), weight 8stn, chest 34ins. After six months of military training and good army food he had grown to 5ft 4½ins and put on 11 lb in weight and increased his chest size by 1½ins.

From 1907 to 1914 he was with the Battalion on 'home duties'. During this time he attended a course at the Army School of Cookery, attended a Mounted Infantry Course, became a grenade instructor and rose to the rank of Corporal. At the outbreak of the First World War the Battalion was in

Ireland. On the 16th of August 1914 they left their barracks in Belfast and landed at Le Havre. The 1st Dorsets fought at Mons in Belgium before becoming part of the rear guard of the long British retreat. The German advance was halted south of the Marne and by October the front was in the area of le Bassee and Givenchy. Neither side could gain the upper hand alternately defending and counter attacking. On the 12th of October, 1st Dorsets were holding a bridge over the La Bassee Canal, a key point in the British withdrawal. The citation for Sgt Edgar Snashall's award published under Army Order IV Gen No2528 April 16 1915, reads:

'For conspicuous gallantry on numerous occasions, especially at Givenchy on 13 Oct 1914 when he was in command of the last platoon covering the Battalion's retirement. During 14 and 15 October he remained in a very exposed position day and night and prevented the enemy's patrols reaching Le Bassee canal bridge.'

For this he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He continued on active service with the Battalion until March 1915 when he received a gunshot wound and was returned home. At some stage during this period he had also been Mentioned in Despatches. His injury rendered him unfit for front line service so he served in training establishments until in May 1916 he was transferred to the newly formed Machine Gun Corps. I also found a record of Warrant Officer Henry John Snashall also of the Machine Gun Corps. The name may be a coincidence but it would be nice to think that the First World War had briefly brought these two brothers together again. On the 17th of December 1916 at Winterbourne Kingston Edgar Snashall of Belton Camp, Grantham married Margaret Louise Walley the daughter of William Walley of Winterborne Kingston. Edgar's stay in the Machine Gun Corps was brief as in October 1916 he was commissioned back into the Dorset Regiment from where he retired from the Army in 1919 with the rank of Lieutenant. Edgar and Margaret lived with William Walley and his wife Annie who in due course took the licence of the Greyhound Inn, Winterbourne Kingston. In the Electoral Registers through the twenties Edgar is shown with his in laws at the Greyhound and it is possible that at some time he took over the licence from them. William Walley died in 1936 and Annie in 1938 so Edgar and his family must have left the area at about that time. The 1939 Register shows the family in the Poole District, living at Kingston in Wimborne Road, with Edgar and his son Kenneth (single, aged 21), employed in the 'Cordite Factory'. This would most likely be the Royal Navy Cordite Factory at Holton Heath. It would probably have been very like Edgar to want to help with the war effort, despite his age, and to choose to work there. I can find no other records of Edgar Snashall until his death in 1978 at the age of 89. It is registered in Poole so it is likely that his work at Holton Heath led him to retire in this area. Kenneth was Edgar and Margaret's only child.

I told this story to the Milborne St. Andrew History Group and at this point, rather self-satisfied, I asked for any questions.

'Yes, did you know we had a VC in our churchyard?'

It seems that Henry James Knight (also known as James Huntley Knight) was another product of the Reformatory. He was an orphan brought up by his grandparents in Yeovil. When they died, with no one to look after him Henry was taken in to Milborne St. Andrew. He was serving with the King's Liverpool Regiment when he won his Victoria Cross in the Second Boer War in 1901. What a splendid endorsement of a Reform School that it should produce two such remarkable men.

Harry Beaves, Local Historian, Sturminster Marshall

Small Businesses in and around MSA: Number 19: Mechanic/restorer

ANGUS Crosier is a young man on an upward trajectory. He was raised on a beef farm at Bulbarrow, and is currently living in Tarrant Launceston. His workshop is in Milton Mills on the Milton Road.



Having trained as a mechanic 14 years ago at Bridgwater College he entered the world of motor sport, then classic cars in Piddletrenthide. Moving out of industry he got back in four years ago taking a U turn working with heavy machinery such as diggers. Preferring to be self employed and working outdoors he has currently set up his own business. Quad bikes, ATV's, small plant and horticultural equipment are an interest. He mends and restores them together with lawn mowers of all kinds.

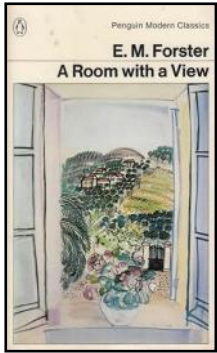
This is a new business and he is keen to get the word out that he will collect and deliver. He covers all local villages around Blandford and trades under the name Abbas Mowers: Service and Repairs. It is interesting to note that he spends some of his week working with Luccombe Hub students on projects such as a Ferguson tractor and quad bike.

His contact details are as follows: website: www.abbasmowers.co.uk; email: info@abbasmowers.co.uk; telephone: 07795 494861

Carole Fornachon



Bookends' Good Read "A Room with a View" by E.M.Forster



THIS well known 1908 classic novel did not meet with universal approval. Those who liked it gave high ratings whilst others were either middle range or lower. An additional chapter written some 50 years after the novel was considered to be a mistake and unnecessary to the, otherwise beautifully managed plot. The characters were strongly and sympathetically drawn, the writing straightforward. There was a simple, easy, realistic style with events following one

another in logical order. The story began in Florence at the Pension Bertolini, run, rather to the consternation of the travellers, by a Cockney woman. The main character, Lucy Honeychurch, not only bemoaning the fact that they could as well be in London, but also that the room with a view over the River Arno which was promised had gone to a father and son, the Emersons.

Lucy's cousin/chaperone, Charlotte, was a comic character infused with Edwardian restraint and dizzy thinking. The Emersons offer their rooms and the swap takes place. Lucy and George, the son, are in close proximity when a murder takes place on the streets outside the Basilica Santa Croce. Lucy faints and the rest is a form of close "bonding" with George who cares for her at the scene. She disastrously becomes engaged to a stiff aesthete, Cecil who regards her as "work in progress" and proceeds to distort her young mind.

Certain events conspire to change everyone in the story and many hilarious scenes, including nude bathing in what the family call the Sacred Lake, enliven the narrative. All of Forster's Liberal views are in evidence. He was a Humanist who worked for the Red Cross during the First World War. He writes a humorous critique of early 20th century English society. Other characters are a delight particularly the local priest Mr Beebe who always attempts to support and help Lucy with her struggles to do what is right and proper. It is a study of character exhibiting all the emerging current thinking swirling around that age. On the whole the group approved of his writing and found pleasure in the reading.

Carole Fornachon

Calling All Crib Players



WE are looking for additional players to join the friendly Crib League run at The Royal Oak on a Monday evening throughout the autumn and winter (start end of September through to March). If you are interested or would like to find out more please ring us (Elaine or Peter Anthony on 01258 837089)

More cake at Wednesday Club

IN JULY we travelled in convoy to Holme Gardens, twenty-two of us enjoyed a cup of tea and a lovely piece of cake in their restaurant before wandering round the nursery and admiring the plants.

On 7th August we will be meeting in the village hall for a talk from Jenny Balcon about Trinity House, followed by our usual tea and gossip.



September 4th sees the return of the Cornhole Game, again in the hall, so come along for some fun.

On October 2nd we are going to Athelhampton House for tea in their conservatory restaurant and the opportunity for a tour around the house and gardens at their usual rates.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Wednesday Club, we meet at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

Josie Wright

My Friend

By Jan Beaumont ©

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And after we'd talked I felt better for sure
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And things would just fall into line.

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Milton Abbas Surgery

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Wellbeing Activities

Just a reminder of some of the great groups run by our fantastic surgery Health Champions:

- **Beginners Line Dancing group** is on a Monday 2.30–3.30pm at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall
- **Walking group** is on Wednesday's at 10am – please see our surgery Facebook page for the monthly walking schedule or collect a programme from Reception
- **Crafting group** is on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club Pavilion (DT11 0JA)
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Surgery Closures

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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.

How to be smarter than a Smart meter

There are a lot of gas and electricity Smart meter users who, like me, have found that these meters are not very smart. Here are a few tips from my 17-month experience with an electricity Smart meter about what you can do to help resolve problems as quickly as possible. I use the word 'help' because it is likely that what the supply company managers can do is restricted by their Mighty Computer; computers seem to control everyone now. In my case I was the only one with the meter readings they needed before they could even start to resolve the problem. The bills they sent were for much more electricity than we had used, but they needed to be sure that I was not pulling a fast one.

It has become more important than ever that everyone knows and understands everything specified in their contract and their bills, including any time limits, such as the hours for off-peak electricity (7.30pm to 7.30am GMT throughout the year in my case), and the difference between actual, estimated and customer readings.



Secondly, everyone needs to know how to read their meter(s). This may be easy but it was over a year before I could find out how to display the weekday and night/weekend readings separately instead of just the overall total – it was a sequence of nine long and short presses on one button on the meter which three meter installers didn't know, and only available on the internet under a different meter model number. If you have any difficulty, make the effort to find someone who can help.

Whether or not you are aware of a problem it is wise to keep a regular record of meter readings. It was fortunate that I had kept almost daily readings for nine months because once the company had accepted that their estimated readings were wrong (that took three months), their Mighty Computer demanded estimates for daytime and weekend/night readings for each month before it would add a refund to the bill. I was able to estimate these fairly accurately from my daily total readings; their computer's estimate had been 90% daytime and 10% night/weekend, but I was able to convince them that it was 90% at weekends and 10% during the week; reasonable as it was in a church. To prove your readings are real it is a good idea to take regular dated photos of the meter and its readings. Make sure that the meter number is visible.

The problem in our case arose because the company had been given the wrong access code to read the meter remotely – a problem that could be more widespread than everyone thinks, especially in new blocks of flats (a meter installer's confession). The only cure turned out to be replacing the meter to give a reliable new starting point. The old wrong readings could not be corrected (Computer said 'No') so after working out what the bill should have been a credit was applied to the latest bill. The managers could only do that after receiving and accepting my estimated readings.

Finally, most important of all, check that the readings on every bill you receive agree with your readings, and that the readings are actual not estimates. That's the only way to be sure there isn't a problem!

This all seems to be an awful faff, but it saved the church over £1,000.

John Wright



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This term in Bluebell class we have been exploring the inquiry question ‘Why do we like to live beside the sea?’. Many of us visit our local beaches as a place to spend time with the family, cold water swims, sports or as a place to find calm within the chaos of our busy lives. It is easy for us to take this for granted, so we have been thinking about how the beach differs from other places, how they have changed since the 1970s and how to ensure they are there to enjoy in the future. To help us along this journey we enjoyed a warm, sunny trip to Lulworth Cove. We became butterfly and moth spotters,



Honeysuckle Class had a wonderful trip to one of our partners in learning, Wessex Wild Farm in Tincleton. As part of our inquiry question linked to the Anglo-Saxons, we learnt about farming now and how it compares to how the Anglo-Saxons farmed.

wildflower hunters and sustainability experts – litter pickers. We participated in a scavenger hunt, explored the wonders of the habitats within rock pools discovering several species of crabs, anemone and lots of limpets. We also searched for fossils before enjoying lunch in the sunshine and an obligatory roll down the hill. It was a fantastic opportunity to visit a beautiful place right on our doorstep and support our learning.



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Ladybirds: What are you up to this summer?

WITH the summer holidays now upon us we'd love to know what's on in the area to do in the holidays. Places to walk, explore or visit – we are especially interested in free experiences. Is there a river, hill or woods that you can recommend to families?

Please do tag or mention us on our social media pages: Instagram and Facebook, so that we can share with the community.



With the holidays comes time for us to have a move around in the classroom. We've already started making the room our own but we need some help in acquiring a few things. Do you have any scarves or colourful lengths of fabric for our dressing up area? We want the children to be imaginative and inspired by colour, pattern and texture – whilst dressing up clothes are great and have a definite use we want to inspire creativity and thought behind 'who will I be today?' in our



play. If you have something you can donate please do bring it along to school reception (in September).

Do you know what childcare funding you are eligible for ??

Do have a look at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> as there are important changes happening from September.

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South West Coast Path Travels

Monday 3rd June (day one)

On the way at last to start Mum and Dad's big walk. We were trying to have a snooze in the car on the way to Devon when Mum got all excited shouting look the Red Arrows look look! Don't know what the fuss was about, all I could see was a few aeroplanes flying too close together!

At last Mum's big walk began in Minehead, our biggest walk ever, 630 miles if we ever finish it, may take a year (or two)! Lots of ups and a few downs, Mum said she wished she had four legs but I think she would just look weird with four legs! We met a few friendly people on the path, two oldish men were struggling along with massive packs on their backs, they looked like enormous upright snails! The walk was fun for us as it was all in woods, we love all the exciting smells. Made it to Bossington just in time for Afternoon Tea, too bad the tea room was shut, Mum was not amused.



Tuesday 4th June (day two)

Dad dropped us off in Porlock village with mum and he took the tin box to the car park at the end of the walk. Nice walk down to Porlock beach, met a dog called Lily and we had a good walk with her and Mum had a nice chat with Lily's mum. Down in Porlock Weir Mum stopped for tea and cake and got chatting to another nice lady called Marian and her dog called Leo who were from Holland, lots of chat about Van Gogh! Dad got the bus back and caught us up and then it was off to the woods and a long zig zag up and up and up. Katie and I loved it, Mum wasn't so keen but eventually it levelled out and Mum cheered up.

Katie and me were just about to jump into a nice little stream when we spotted a very strange thing in the middle of the water, it looked like a little person dressed in weird clothes, Mum thought it was a statue of someone called Mary, God only knows what she was doing stood out in the freezing water!

Eventually the woods finished and there was a long (very long) walk up the hill to County Gate where the car was parked.



Instead of a relaxing cup of tea and cake poor mum had to spend the next two hours hooking ticks off Katie and me, there were dozens of the evil pests! We were very good and we got extra carrots as a treat for being good.

Thursday 6th June (day three)

Another sunny day, starting at County Gate, Mum made us pose for the obligatory photo and then we were off and stepped over the boundary into Devon. Lovey walk down through some pretty woods to Sisters Fountain and then it was up through some weird pillars with big fierce heads on them (mum said they were boars' heads, why chop them off and stick them on pillars, poor boars). At last we saw the sea, no place to paddle though, just miles of walking along the path surrounded by boring flowers but mum liked them all and kept taking photos.

Eventually we could see where we were heading to, and it was time for lunch, what a surprise, risotto, yummy! Makes a change from tasteless dog chews. Off again and into sunny Lynmouth, just enough time to sit outside The Ancient Mariner for a welcomed pint before catching the bus back. We even got an extra snack for being such good girls, sausages, our favourite, what a great end to the day.

PS only a few ticks today, the Bugalugs ticks shampoo must have helped, worth the embarrassing shower and blow dry on the caravan site with all the other dogs laughing at us!

Friday 7th June (day four)

Early start today, must be a long walk planned. Started at Lynton and walked to the Valley of the Rocks, I'd heard there were scary beasts called goats here, I let Katie go first! Mum was disappointed, no scary goats to take pictures of, they must have been having a lie in.

We had to stay on the lead as there was a sheer drop off the path into the sea, I know we are desperate for a swim but surely Dad didn't think we're that stupid to dive in from a hundred foot up. Some of the walk went through woods and there was a big waterfall where we did get to have a paddle at last.

Dad wanted to speed things up as he wanted to get to the pub for lunch before the taxi came to pick us up. Just as we got to the pub the rain hammered down so lucky he did march us on quick. We got lucky again for lunch, fish and chips, very nice, we have been spoilt a bit this holiday, I think it's because the oldies feel sorry for all the trauma of having the blasted ticks pulled off us. Travelled back in style for a change, no bus this time, a taxi dropped us home in comfort.

We're off home tomorrow but we have been promised that we will be back soon, Bye for now, love Rosie (the pretty one) and Katie.



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Royal Voluntary Service Home Library Volunteers meet Anthony Woodhouse, High Sheriff of Dorset

A GROUP of RVS Home Library Service volunteers were delighted to welcome Anthony Woodhouse, Dorset's High Sheriff, to a coffee morning in Dorchester Library on 1st July. The office of High Sheriff, which was established before the Norman Conquest of 1066, is an independent and non-political position appointed by the monarchy for a single-year term. The High Sheriff is the King's representative in the county in respect of law and order and nowadays plays an active role in supporting work being done across the county, both in areas of emergency services as well as public sector bodies such as probation and prison services. High Sheriffs also play an increasingly active role in promoting the voluntary sector within their communities and highlighting the work of often unsung heroes.



Mr Woodhouse learned about the work that is done by the volunteers of the Home Library Service here and across Dorset and BCP: choosing and delivering books to folk who are unable to get to the library themselves due to health or mobility issues. He showed great empathy, saying that people can often feel isolated from society and sometimes experience real loneliness when it is difficult or impossible for them to go out. He understood how they really appreciate a visit from a familiar, friendly face and look forward to receiving a new set of books from us, every three weeks or so. This service is free of charge. We offer books in ordinary and large print, and, for those people with failing eyesight, audio books are often a good alternative.

Mr Woodhouse kindly presented Royal Voluntary Service Long Service Awards to several of the volunteers, in recognition of their contributions to the Home Library Service, extending from five to an incredible twenty years. He thanked all our volunteers for their work and the difference they make in their communities.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from the service, or you would like to become a volunteer and would like to learn more, please contact: Maria Jacobson, the HLS Service Manager on 01305 236666, Mobile: 07786 635154; or email her at maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

MSA Food & Wine Club – Safari Supper



ON 22nd June the Food & Wine Club held the perennially popular Safari Supper.

Nearly 40 members joined in by hosting a single course of a three course dinner with wine for some of

their friends before moving on to someone else's home for their next course.

Only the organiser knows where each member will be going so the whole evening is full of surprises.

It is a fabulous way of meeting up with and forging deeper friendships with other members of the club which is why it is forever a great favourite.

I must thank all of the members who participated and hosted a wonderful course. But most of all I must give a huge shout out and many thanks to Helen Pugh for her amazing organisation of our event.

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What's on in August

Friday 2nd	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Wednesday 7th	Wednesday Club Talk by Jenny on Trinity House.
Thursday 8th	WI summer outing is to Sculpture by the Lakes see page 3.
Friday 9th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 10th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am–12 noon see page 2.
Thursday 15th	Gardening Club Members social event. Little England Cottage 6.00pm.
Friday 16th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 23rd	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Monday 26th	Popup Market Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm see page 11.

What's on in September

Wednesday 4th	Wednesday Club Cornhole game Village Hall 2.00pm.
Wednesday 4th	PC Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
Wednesday 4th	Badminton restarts First School 6.30pm. New players, old or young always welcome.
Friday 6th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Thursday 12th	WI Our speaker will talk about Blandford Food Bank Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 13th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 14th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon see page 2.
Saturday 14th	Reporter deadline for copy for the October issue – send copy and photographs by mid-day via msa.reporter@yahoo.co or give to a member of the Team.
Thursday 19th	Gardening Club Demonstration on how to make an autumn wreath Village Hall 7.30pm.
Weekend of 20th	Amy Stephens trekking 24 peaks in 24 hours see page 6.
Friday 20th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Monday 23rd	Crib starts for winter The Royal Oak. More information on 01258 837089.
Thursday 26th	Pie Night The Royal Oak.

Please let the editor know if you would like any event mentioned on the "What's On" page



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Our speaker for July was unable to come along and talk to us about attracting butterflies into our gardens. So, our Petunia growing competition was judged and 'butterfly' poems were read instead.

This month, we look forward to meeting up in a members garden for a club social event.

In September we meet again in the Village Hall on Thursday, 19th September, starting at 7.30pm. The event next month is going to be a practical demonstration on how to make an autumn wreath. Look out for some beautifully decorated front doors!

Cost is just £2.00 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come along, you will be very welcome!

Angela & Mark Johnson

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Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.
Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.
Women's Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.
Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.
 Check the Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm.
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm.
Stitchcraft (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
Surgery Wellbeing Papercraft Group 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1.30–3.30pm.
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
Busy Bees baby and toddler group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (school holidays only).
Yoga (Mellulah) Friday mornings.
Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.
Football Saturdays and Sundays.
Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions check online calendar.
 Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 9.00am.
Badminton Wednesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only).
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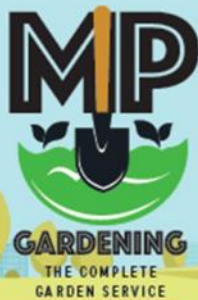
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