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Fresh Milk in the Churn for the Dairies

Ferry Road	L Wilford. T F Raby. 2 farms. North End and Marsh Farms. S Girdham. Totney Hill.
Neatsgang Lane	A Oliver
The Haven	G Dent. G Walker. both at Haven Farm
Horsegate Road	G Bowes. Mason. G Welton. all at Elba Farm. W Parritt. Horse Gate Farm. J Foulston. Glebe Farm. G Brown. Brook Hill.
East Marsh Road	S Thornton. Klondike Farm. H Milson. E Edwardson. Firtree Farm
Chapelfield Road	A Blow. Spring Farm. F Proctor. Marshlands. A Dent. Field Farm. A Harriman
South End	J W Prescott. Manor Farm. H Foulston. Littleworth Grange
North End area	W Mumby. Horsegate Farm. W Howsham. Langley Farm. Ruard Lane C Simons. The Farm. W Reed. M Bows. Mill Farm. Mill Lane W Lammiman. Willow Farm. Willow Lane K Brown. Manor Farm. Manor Lane
Westfield Road	F Portas. Westfield Farm
Barrow Road	E Neilson. Mill Farm H Fidell
Thornton Road	F Creasey. Daffodil Farm. E Bradley. Hallandsfield. C Rhodes. Sandes Farm
College Road	G Shaw

Milk Producers who Retailed it

Delivered milk produced to customers door.
H Buckley. Westfield Road.
H Naylor. Station Road. (Howe Lane)
A Knight. Garness Hill. Thornton Road

Prescotts Dairies. Herbert Prescott started a milk round in the early nineteen thirties for door to door sales at Manor Farm, South End, next to the phone and post boxes, where his Father was dairy farming. Herbert



Harry Buckley when he first started selling milk to the village residents, it shows the churns/buckets before bottles that all milkmen used in this era, I think it must be around 1930, it was from the farm at bottom of Westfield Road

installed a bottling plant on the premises and started deliveries in the village under the title "Littleworth Dairies" Way-a head of his competitors who delivered in the original covered buckets and a one pint measure hung inside. Then delivery man used to put the milk in the pint measure direct into the customers jug on the door step. Today it would be considered unhygienic by the Elf n Safety brigade. The method might give the customer an infection or the delivery man might fall off his bike with the buckets, hurt himself and spill his milk, poor man....

When these bottles first came into use they had a cardboard disk in the top to seal them, with a smaller hole marked out in the centre so one could press it in with a finger and insert a straw through the hole to drink the milk, or pull out the disk completely. Later they were replaced with silver foil tops. These bottles were then left on customers' doorsteps and if one didn't bring them in soon after delivery the Blue and Great Tits had learnt there



was cream to be had for breakfast and would peck a hole through the top and drink their fill from the cream which had settled on top of the milk. Some customers left a shallow dish on the doorstep so the milkman could put it on top and deprive the birds of breakfast when he left the milk.

Until approximately the early nineteen thirties all the milk had been sent on train from Goxhill station, until Herbert purchased a lorry and started to collect milk from the farm gates and deliver it to the Grimsby Dairies. The change over from train to lorry took a few years

for it was the outlying farms from where the lorry first started collecting. Later Herbert changed the name from Littleworth Dairies to "Prescotts Dairies" and it grew until it employed over one hundred staff. It was later sold on. To sell milk the producers had to sell it through the Milk Marketing Board which was formed in the recession between the wars in 1933 by the government to control milk production and distribution to guarantee farmers a minimum price when the farmers and dairies were haggling over the price until the last moment each year. It also ran a number of excellent facilities for milk producers that improved the herds and conditions until 1994 when its powers were reduced and finally dissolved in 2002. The farmers received a cheque each calendar month for the milk they sold from the MMB.

Any comments, correction or additions are welcome.
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