

Quorn Fields Farm Sale 1974

Quorn Fields Farm was situated down a long track off Barrow Road, now known as Flesh Hovel Lane. The original part of the farmhouse was erected in the eighteenth century. The Chaplin family farmed and owned the farm for some years and in 1937 Donald and Marjory Hickling took on the tenancy. They farmed there until the sale by the then owner Mrs Chipperfield. The Hickling's were the last to farm at Quorn Fields Farm. After the 1974 sale it became a private residence, and the land converted to forestry.



Quorn Fields Farm when the Hicklings lived there



Don and Marjorie with son Ken and daughter Pat, in the dining room at Quorn Fields Farm



Don and Marjorie in the dining room at Quorn Fields Farm



Don Hickling with Ken at Quorn Fields Farm with a short horned bull about 1947.



Ken at Quorn Fields Farm with a Friesian bull. Note the haystack with its thatched topping. 1955.

Donald and Marjory had two children, Ken and Pam. Ken helped out on the farm as well. In addition to their own fields they rented other fields in the area. As well as a dairy herd, there were pigs, chickens, and arable farming. Everyone helped out with the milking and six churns of milk a day were taken to a stand at the end of the lane on Barrow Road ready for collection by the dairy.



Young Ken Hickling with the pigs at Quorn Fields Farm, 1940

The fields, Ken recalls, were regularly flooded all around the farmhouse. The cellar would fill with water, resulting in a mad rush to remove the meat and food stuffs stored there. Surprisingly, water never entered the house, stopping just short at the patio. There was no mains water or electricity supply although they did have their own generator and Ken remembers fetching water from the well for the animals and the house before going to school. There was an Elsan toilet, and all the cooking was carried out on the farmhouse range in the kitchen.

The sale of the Beef Cattle and the Agricultural Implements took place on the 16th September 1974 and the Farm sale followed on 30th September 1974. The sale documents follow on the next pages.



Ken Hickling at Quorn Fields Farm with his dog



Pat Hickling at Quorn Fields Farm

By Dennis Marchant after talking to Ken Hickling

October 2023

Quorn Fields Farm, QUORN

situated off Barrow Road, 1 mile from the village, 3 miles from
Loughborough, 8 miles from Leicester

On **MONDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1974**

Shakespeare, McTurk & Graham

have received instructions from Mr. D. B. Hickling,
who is retiring from farming,

TO SELL BY AUCTION

on the Premises, as above,

21 Head of **BEEF CATTLE**

including

SIX HEREFORD CROSS BULLOCKS
2 years old, in forward condition

EIGHT BLACK HEREFORD HEIFERS
2 years old, in forward condition

FRIESIAN HEIFER, barren

SIX HEREFORD CROSS HEIFERS, 1—1½ years old.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

viz:

"Fordson Dexta" Diesel Tractor, TUT 712, has done approximately 5,700 hours since new; "Ferguson T20" T.V.O. Tractor; Two Two-wheel Tractor Trailers; Car Trailer; "Bamford 4R" Rear-mounted Mowing Machine; Two "Vicon-Lely Acrobat" Swathturners; "Denning" Hay Tedder; "Barford" Bale Sledge; Tubular Steel Cattle Crush; Chain Harrow; Two Sets Seed Harrows; "Ferguson" Nine-tine Cultivator; Flat Roll; "Blackstone" Potato Spinner; "Petter" 3-h.p. Petrol or T.V.O. Engine; "Wolseley Wasp" Electric Fence and Stakes; Manure Barrow; Gates; Troughs; Ladders; and Tools; Diesel and T.V.O. Tanks.

"Alfa-Laval" Milk Pump, Pipeline, Units and Dairy Utensils.

Six Timber and Felt-roofed Poultry Houses and Poultry Equipment.

The Sale will commence with the Implements at 2.15 p.m.

Auctioneers Offices:

17 Wellington Street, Leicester (Tel. 23987)

7 Ward's End, Loughborough (Tel. 68831)

11 St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough (Tel. 5921).

Barker & Co. (Leicester) Ltd., Wellington Street.

FOR: MRS. J. M. CHIPPERFIELD

WITH VACANT POSSESSION



QUORN FIELDS FARM

BARROW ROAD
QUORN

TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT
THE AUCTION ROOMS, DEVONSHIRE SQ., LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.
ON MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1974
AT 3 p.m. PROMPT

AUCTIONEERS:

W. & F. ARMSTRONG & CO.
Devonshire Square
Loughborough.
Tel.: 4546/7/8.

SOLICITORS:

BERRY & BERRY,
11 Church Road,
Tunbridge Wells.
Tel.: 26344/5/6.

