

Mystery Objects



Part Two



Here are our mystery objects again.

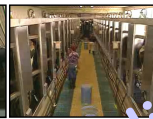
Then and Now



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What happens in a milking parlour now?



First the cows go into the milking parlour.



Then their teats are sprayed and washed to get rid of dirt and any germs.



Next the special cups of the milking machine are placed on each teat.

Then the machine is switched on and the milk is sucked into a tube. It's like a baby calf sucking it's mum's teats.



It takes the machine about 5 minutes to milk the cows and one cow will give about 12 to 15 litres of milk.

The milking machine is clever. It senses when the cow has no more milk and then the milking cups drop off by themselves.

Milk from a cow is warm because it's really meant for her calf so, as soon as the milk leaves the cow, it's pumped through special coolers that cool the milk quickly.



Then the milk is stored in huge tanks until late afternoon when the milk tanker comes to collect it.



Milk is taken to the factory to be put into bottles and cartons.

Long ago there were no milk tankers like we have now.



Can you guess how milk was moved from the farm a hundred years ago?



Can you guess what these mystery objects are?

They are made of metal and quite big. They hold a lot of milk!

They are milk churns.



Churns full of milk were collected from the road outside the farm and taken by horse and cart around the town or village.



Can you see the milk churns on this cart?

People would come out of their houses to buy the milk.



This dairy maid is holding an empty churn. Milk churns full of milk were very heavy! In her other hand she has a measuring cups.

Can you guess what they were used for?



People who came to buy the milk brought their own jugs with them.



The dairy maid would measure out the milk using her measuring cups and pour the milk into the jugs. Then she would know how much to charge for the milk.

Where does your mum buy milk now?

Do you still have a milkman who comes to your house or does your milk come from the supermarket or shop?



How have things changed?



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