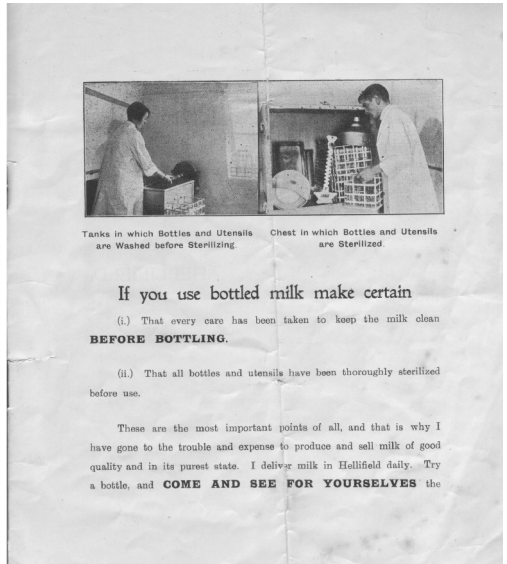
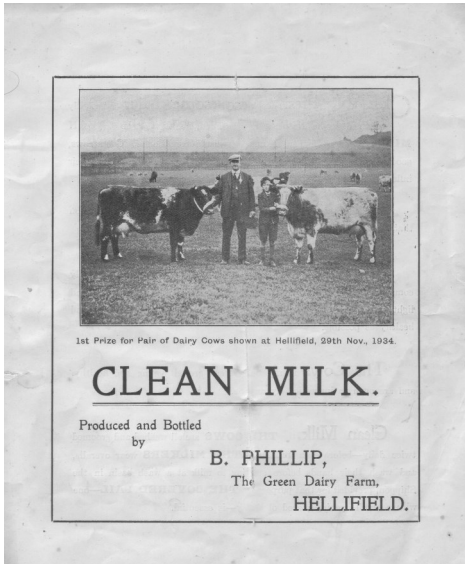


Green Farm in the 1930s

Green Farm is located at the junction of Gisburn Road and the road to Peel Green and is home to the famous "Hellifield Highlanders" fold (herd) of highland cattle belonging to Robert and Wendy Phillip. Robert is the fourth generation of the Phillip family to farm here. The family sold their dairy herd in 2005 to go full time with the highland cattle and now have one of the largest folds of highland cattle in the country.



Showcasing the changes made at Green Farm to comply with the new regulations

Robert showed me some documents relating to his grandfather, Benjamin Phillip, dating from the 1930s and 1950s from which I have reproduced some of the photographs used here. The first document was produced in 1935 and was to showcase the changes made at Green Farm to comply with the new regulations brought about that year to prevent Bovine Tuberculosis in cattle being passed on to humans through milk. An attested herd scheme was also introduced at this time and by the 1960s TB in cattle had almost

disappeared in Britain. The cover photo on the leaflet shows Benjamin with two prizewinning cows and was taken in 1934 in the field behind Hellifield auction mart, the railway line from Skipton can be seen in the background with Haw Lane climbing upwards in the right-hand corner. The field is now covered by new housing. The second leaflet shows the dispersal sale which took place at Hellifield auction mart in 1958 when Benjamin retired from farming.

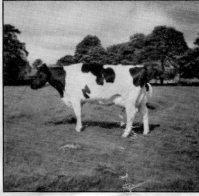
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Mr. Phillip has kept Wensleydale Sheep, of which he is a noted authority, since his youth, and his entry of Ram Lambs at the Annual Sale at Hellifield ranks among the best.

The Half-bred and Horned Ewes are 3-shear and upwards, having nursed a prolific crop of lambs which graded in May, June and July from 35 to 45 lbs. The remaining lambs which have been specially reserved for the Sale are fat and ready to grade.

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The dispersal sale which took place at Hellifield auction mart in 1958 when Benjamin retired from farming

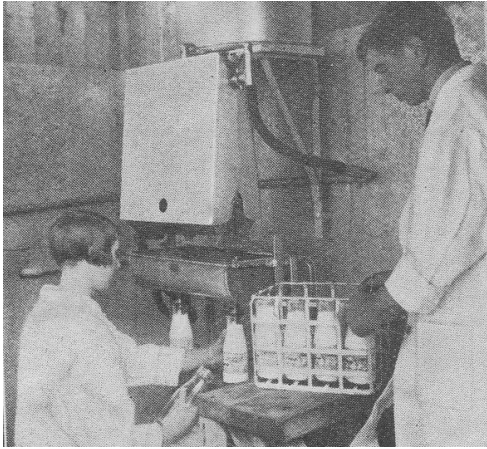




the Coldstream Guards during the first world war and saw action on the western front until he was discharged in early 1918 after suffering a shell wound to his left ankle during 1917 which left him unfit for further military service.

My Father, John Robert Percy, worked for Benjamin Phillip at Green farm in the late 1930s between leaving his job in the Peel gardens and being called up for service in the army in 1941. The photo below shows my father (back row, standing left) and





showed to them during their time in Hellifield.

I have also included a present-day photo of the buildings on Peel Green, the locations of some of the 1930s photos can still be clearly identified on this. After his retirement from farming, Benjamin Phillip lived in No.1 Ivy Cottages on Gisburn Road while Robert's father, Edwin (Ted) Phillip, took over the running of the farm. Benjamin passed away in 1968.

Many thanks go to Robert and his family for the loan and use of the documents.

John Pearcy.

some of the Green Farm staff, the location I think may be the farm buildings on Peel green, perhaps some older residents of Hellifield may be able to name the others in the photograph? My father returned to Green farm in 1946 where several German prisoners of war from the Camp at the Peel were also working. Some of the German prisoners wrote letters to my father after their return home in 1947-48 and all of them mention the Phillip family and send their best wishes to them for the kindness the family had

