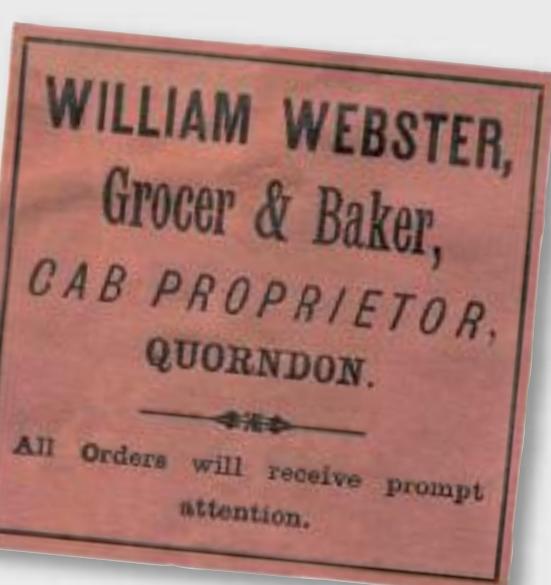


Shops & Trades

Quorn largely developed around agriculture but as other trades became established, Victorian Quorn became regarded as a semi-industrial village. By the late 1800s, Quorn supported a wide variety of shops and businesses that made it virtually self-sufficient and many residents would go for years without leaving the village. There were shops on almost every street and workshops tucked in amongst the houses.

General Grocery Shops

With no supermarkets, cars or fridges, shopping for groceries was a daily activity. In the early 1900s on Quorn Cross there was North's (which was also the Post Office), Albarn's on Leicester Road, Quorn Co-op on Station Road, Adcock's on Sarson Street, Wisehall's on the corner of Farnham Street and Barrow Road, Birkin's (later Clarke's) on Freehold Street, Priestley's on High Street, Fanny Clarke's on Meeting Street - to name just a few.



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With no such thing as bank cards, all transactions were in cash, although if you were trusted you may be allowed 'tick' (credit) and pay later.

Butchers and Bakers

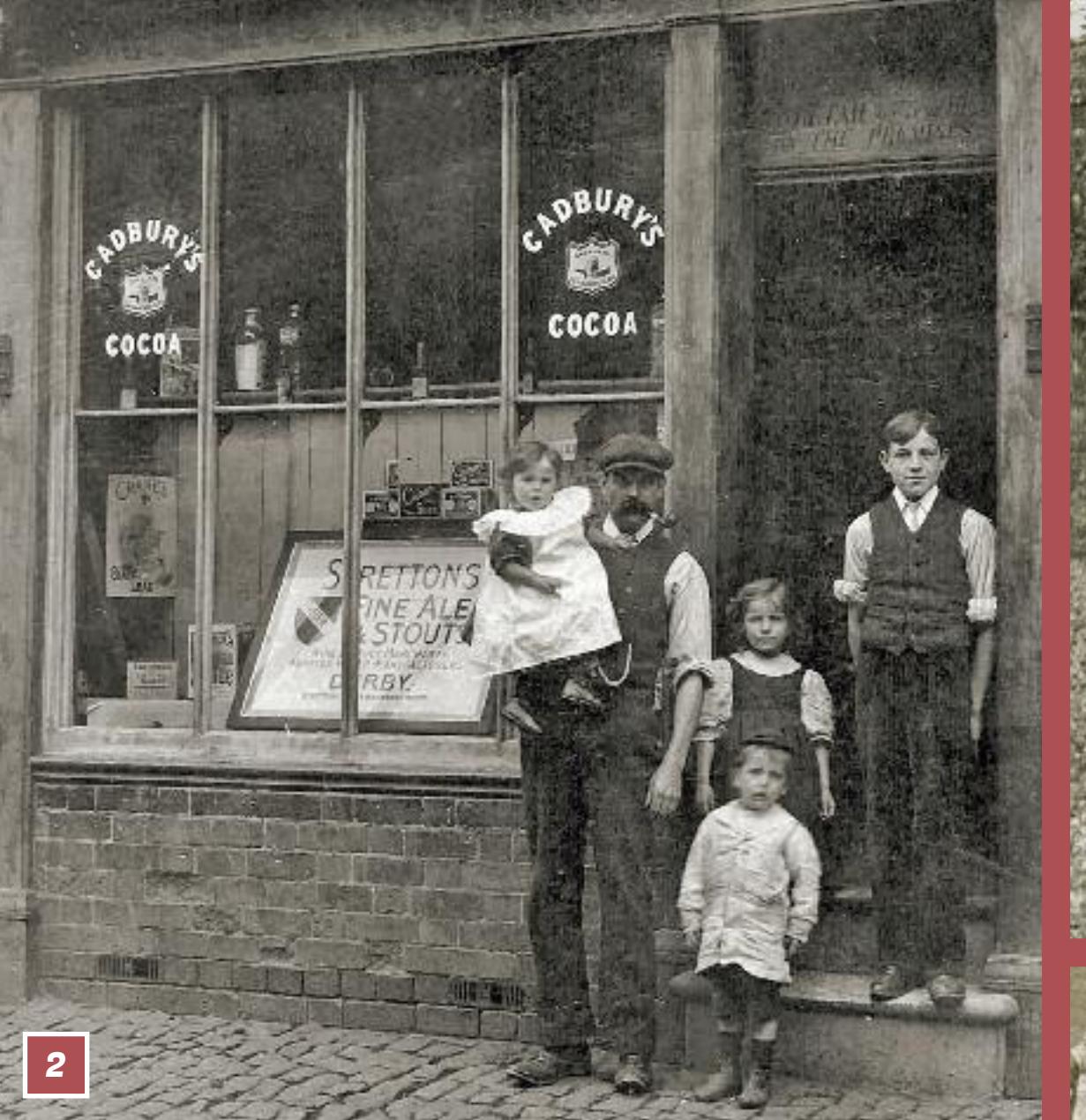
There were four or five butchers and bakers and some would have a cart and take their wares around the streets. Selvester's butcher's on High Street and Harry Hardy's on Barrow Road both had their own slaughter-houses. Bakers would open on Sundays to allow women to bring their Sunday roast along for cooking in the bread oven.

Dairies

There were many local dairies including Russ's Dairy on Nursery Lane, Tommy Allen at 46 Station Road, Roy Moss (Quorn Fields Dairy) and Harry Halford. Milk was originally delivered direct from the churn, with dairies being part of a farm. Separate dairies and milk in glass bottles came along in the first half of the 20th century.

Blacksmiths

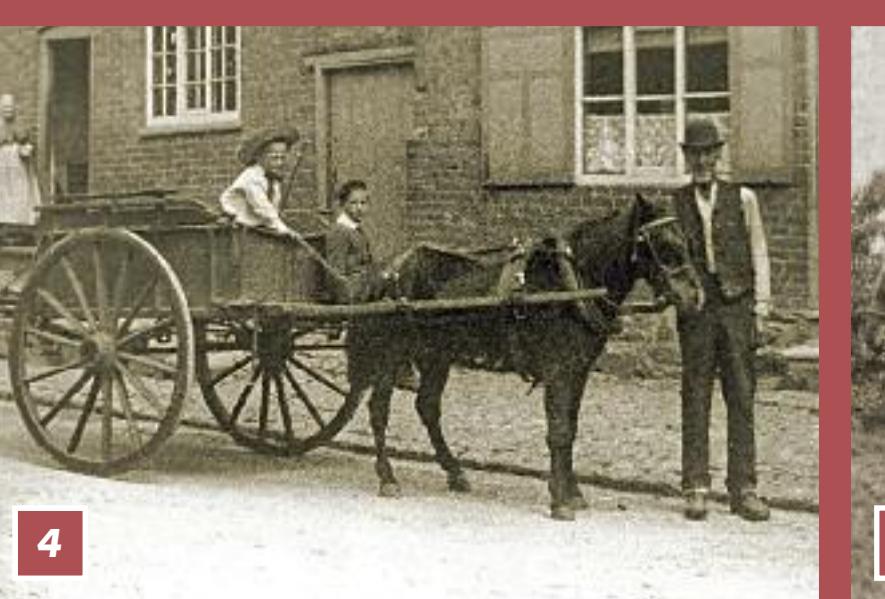
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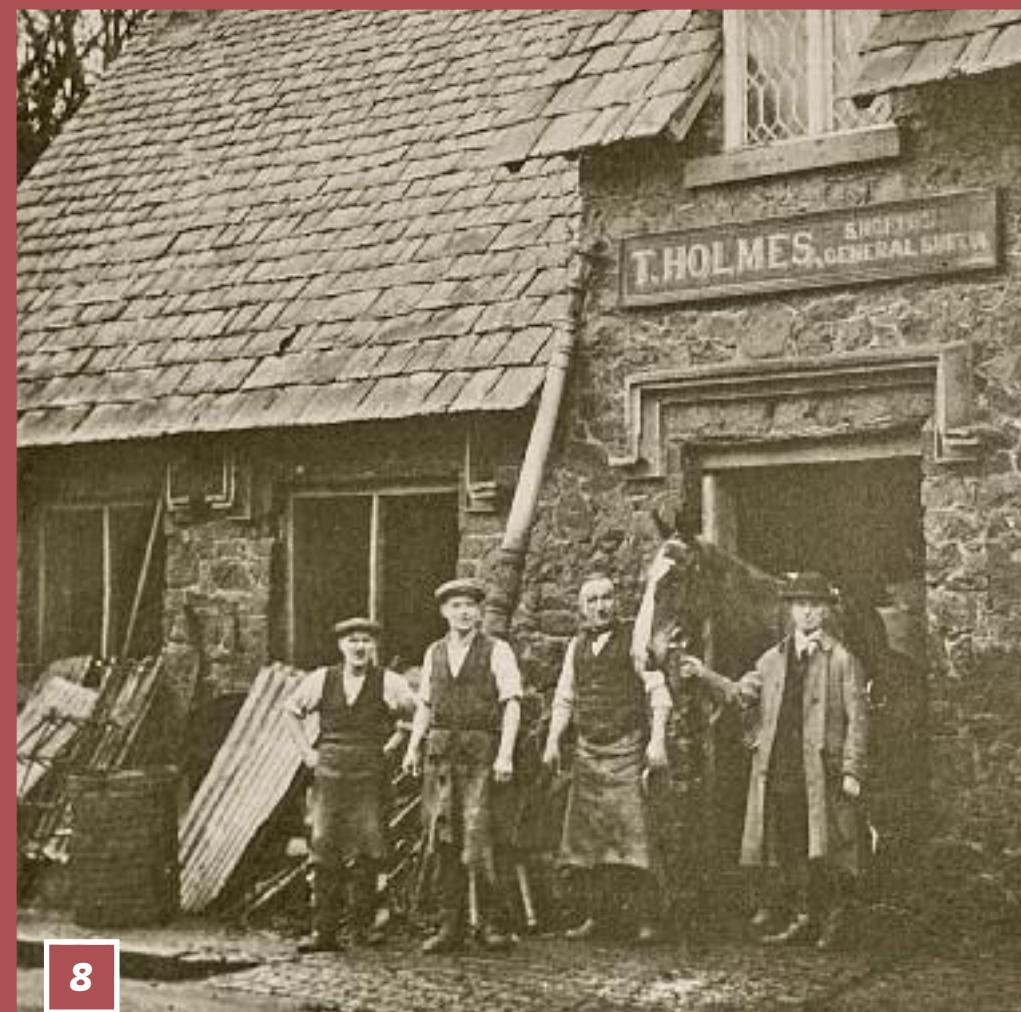
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1 Station Road, 1905. On the left is Facer's furniture and hardware store. It was demolished in the 1960s and replaced with new shop units. To the right is the Quorndon Co-operative Society Store which opened in 1862 and to the rear was their bakery. Bradley's took over in 1976.

2 Joseph Birkin in the early 1900s, outside the family general store and off-licence, 12 Freehold Street.

3 Baker John Wakerley in 1950 on Beacon Avenue, Quorn. The girls are Frances (left) and Judith Long.

4 William Wilders was an early greengrocer in Quorn in the 1880s and sold some of the first oranges and lemons from his shop opposite the White Hart on High Street. He also ran a carrier service to Loughborough.

5 John (Jackie) Mann ran the former Quorn Hall Home Farm, now 30 Soar Road, in the early 1900s. He sold milk from a churn on his cart.

6 Burton's newsagent shop at 25 High Street taken in 1936. Outside are Gladys Burton, her daughter Freda and son Brian. Quorn had several newsagents in the late 19th century and 20th century.

7 Joe Bates standing outside his wheelwright's workshop. This made School Lane very narrow and was demolished in 1907. Driving the rag and bone cart is Billy Lovett.

8 The blacksmith's forge on Meeting Street, 1930s. Left to right are Thomas Broom, Charles Sykes and Thomas Holmes. The man holding the horse is unknown.

9 This hand-drawn hearse belonged to Joseph Hand who ran a joinery business from the 1880's to the 1940s. His workshop was where 33 and 33a Freehold Street are today.

10 Handmade nails in a wall on Meeting Street, note the square profile. These were almost certainly made by the Disney family who dominated nail making in Quorn from the 1700s up until the 1890s.

11 An advert from 1891. Family firms had to make money where they could and would run more than one business.



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