



## Doorstep Deliveries in Brundall 1930s -1950s

Meat was delivered for quite a lot of people. Long's delivery boy in full coat and apron would bring your order on a trade bike. Usually he would take an order for next week and collect the money. Fresh Lowestoft fish was brought round in a van. The Fish Man would park at strategic places and ring a bell to announce his presence. He didn't provide wrapping paper – maybe the odd sheet of newspaper in which to wrap the kippers – so it was usual to take a plate to get your fish on and some other container to collect the cockles in.

Sundays saw another fish delivery by 'Old Polly'. With a basket full of wet fish and shell fish she arrived at Brundall station from Lowestoft on Sunday mornings and then walked around the village calling on her regular customers until she had sold everything.

For the more well-to-do residents of the village there was a home delivery service from the White Horse Inn. Deliveries were made in a hand cart...sign-written on the front was '*The White Horse off-Sales*' and the delivery man would make his rattling way to some of the big houses. His return journey was even noisier when he took all the empties back.

If you didn't object to eating paraffin-flavoured cheese then you would have a call from Mr Newruck with his horse-drawn covered wagon. Based at Strumpshaw, he sold all sorts of tinned foodstuff, cheese, and vegetables and had a large tank of paraffin at the back of the cart. Paraffin was widely used for cooking and heating so to have it delivered to the door was a very convenient alternative to carrying it from a local garage or the Post Office [Merrison's grocery and hardware store on the corner of Station Road].

***The words of Chris Basey, born in 1933, who lived in Brundall as a boy.  
This is an extract from his memories written in 2006***





*Jack Long and his staff outside Long's Butcher shop, Links Avenue, Brundall c.1930s*



*Merrison's customer account book*

*A typical paraffin stove 1940s*

