



**BOB PRESTON**



## A Chipping Carrier

This photograph was taken c1935, near Arbour Farm, Thornley. It shows Robert Preston, a local haulier (centre), talking to Rueben Ross (right). Robert's son, Arthur, can be seen sitting on the wagon.

They were returning from Preston, where they would have taken eggs and between 100 to 200 rabbits, to be sold in the town's shops.

On the return journey they brought cigarettes and butter for Hoyle's shop in the centre of the village, and for J. Smithies shop in The Grove. They also delivered ice for the fridge in Robinson's butcher's shop (no electric freezer yet!), and on Saturdays they delivered a block of ice to Mrs Crane's toffee shop, ready for her to make ice-cream the following day. Robert also collected The Preston Guardian and bread, which the villagers could pick up from his home.

