

DAME TROTT

DAME : Jack! Jack! Oh I tell you that boy will be the death of me. (*Noticing audience*) Oh well hello everyone! It is lovely to see some new faces around the village. Where are my manners, I must introduce myself, my name is Dame Dolly Trott, and may I say how very nice it is to meet you all. Look at you all, so bright and colourful. You look like a beautiful garden of flowers, few weeds over here but what can you do.

Let me tell you about myself, I live in the cottage on top of the hill with my two boys Jack and Silly Billy and our pet cow Pat... no, we don't live with a cow pat, that would be very unhygienic. We live with our pet cow, who is called Pat... keep up. I don't have a husband, he died a few years back. Gavin Trott his name was, a lovely man if your into that sort of thing. I found him one morning slumped over the kitchen table after an all-night pastry eating session. He ended up dying of heartburn. My lovely Gav, I still miss him. Imagine dying of heartburn. One minute Gav is here, the next... Gav is gone...

He left me with three things. My two boys and his beloved business, Crumbleton's very best Odd Job company... alright, it's Crumbleton's only odd job company but we're very good. Trott's Jobs, No job too big or too small. If you need someone to screw in or fill a hole, the Trotts will do it. In fact there isn't anything we won't have a crack at. Let me have a think... what have we done... We helped farmer brown setting up with dating agency for chickens... that failed... in the end we just couldn't make hens meet. We helped build the stationary shop for Penny Pencil, she wanted us to stay and help her sell rulers, but we drew a line under that.

It's not going well for us though. Nobody seems to want to hire us, and those who do always ask for their money back. I mean yes, fair enough most of our work does tend to fall down after a while, or start to smell, or explode... But that's usually not our fault. We need help, we need staff, I need a man to replace my beloved Gavin... can I have some house lights please.