

## **JOHNY JEFFRIES**

I can't remember when I first came into contact with Johnny Jeffries. He used to come to help around the farm before he started on the milk round. I had to sack Shane – "No good creeping up at six!", I said to J.J., "What are you like in the mornings?" he said "O.K." – that was how it started.

John used to come into the yard at 4.30 each morning, only ever being late once in all the time he was on the milk round. When we had the fire, John used to meet me to start at Mrs Salmons', London Lane, without fail. One of his favourite sayings when it was very dark was "Black as a burglars dog". If I was getting behind he would say "I thought you had been asked in for tea!" He would have five or six cups of tea before starting. I think about John a great deal.

Everyone in the village felt very sad when he died alone on that Sunday morning. It was very nice of Shipton and Milton Parishes to remember him at his funeral. He was a great character who will be missed.

Harry Cook.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
ASCOTT-U-WYCHWOOD  
CONCERT  
7 pm SATURDAY 27 APRIL  
CHORAL AND CHAMBER MUSIC  
REFRESHMENTS  
ADMISSION £6 IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS**

### **CAN YOU HELP KEEP ASCOTT CHURCHYARD TIDY?**

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Churchyard at Ascott. If you can help, please contact the Churchwardens (Mr. J.Beveridge at 01993 830421 or Mr. Anthony Wood at 01993 831214).

### **CONFIRMATION IN 1996.**

Could all those, old or young, who are interested in the possibility of being confirmed this autumn please contact the vicar, Revd. Timothy Thornton, by the end of May.