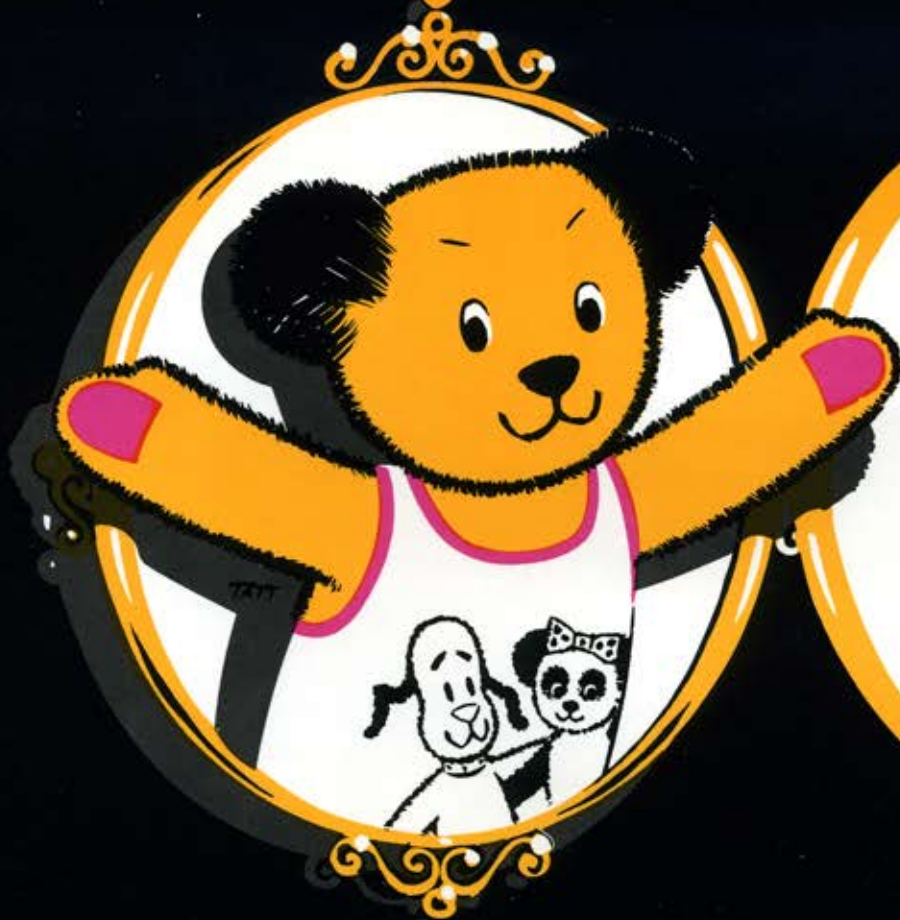


SOOTY

KERRY



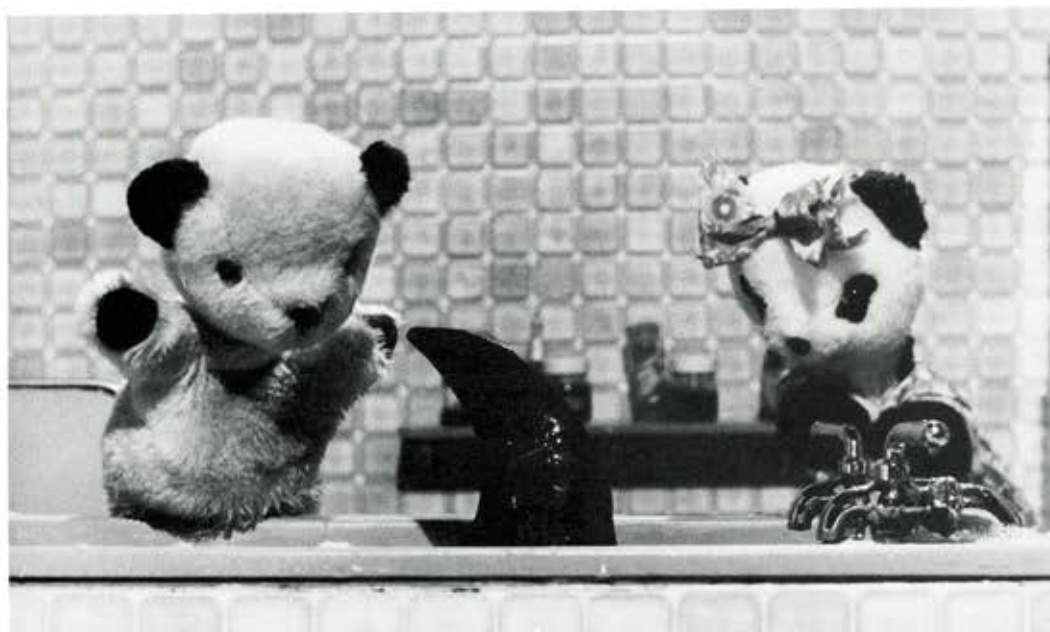
**THE
HOUSE
THAT
SOOTY
BUILT**

THE BEST OF FRIENDS



Photograph Thames T.V.

Sooty gets himself into a lot of scrapes and sometimes Matthew gets very cross with him but at the end of the day they are the best of friends as the picture above shows — anyway with a face as cute as Sooty's — you can't stay cross with him for long can you?



JAWS?

Whats this? a bear-eating shark in Sooty's bath water? . . . Judging by the size of the shark's fin sticking up it must be a whopper too! — or could it just be somebody playing a joke on Sooty and Soo???

Turn to page 8 to find out.

Photograph Thames T.V.

A Message from Sooty

Hi there!

Wow! what an exciting year Matthew and I have had — each year seems better than the last! Its a good job I like hard work because that's what we've been doing mostly. After last year touring with "Sooty's Circus" Matthew left Connie in charge of Soo, Sweep and me and he spent a long time writing the new T.V. series. I'm pleased to say we are making much more T.V. this year . . . 20 programmes each lasting 20 minutes (whereas last year we only made 13 programmes lasting 10 minutes). I have also appeared on several other T.V. shows too like "Madabout" with Matthew Kelly . . . "The Jim Davidson Special" with Nookie Bear and I also appeared on "T.V. A.M." — although I was so sleepy getting up at 5 a.m. that I don't remember much about that one!

At the time I am writing this to you Matthew is busy having meetings with T.V. people about a 1/2 hour documentary they are going to make all about me — this will involve a film crew visiting us over a period of several months. I'm looking forward to that round about Xmas time.

Of course, in addition to sorting out my T.V. schedule, Matthew also has had to sort out this stage show. The plans and designs have to be completed months in advance to give time for the set to be built. This year our set was built by Richard Lockwood who has been our company and stage manager for the past six years, and a fantastic job he has made of it too don't you think?

I am happy to say that my T.V. show is now being shown in Australia and I hope to go and visit my Koala-bear cousins as soon as possible. Soo sends love and kisses to you all and Sweep says if you ask him nicely he'll let you all have a lick of his bone . . . but one at a time!



TOURING LIST 1983/84

SEPT. 29, 30 & OCT. 1	RICKMANSWORTH
Week Com.	3.10.83 ALDERSHOT
Week Com.	10.10.83 HULL
Week Com.	17.10.83 CROYDON
Week Com.	24.10.83 HAYES
Week Com.	31.10.83 MAIDSTONE
Week Com.	7.11.83 ASHTON
Week Com.	14.11.83 ST. HELENS
Week Com.	21.11.83 SOUTHPORT
Week Com.	28.11.83 BRADFORD
Week Com.	5.12.83 POOLE
Week Com.	12.12.83 MANSFIELD
Week Com.	19.12.83 LONDON
Week Com.	26.12.83 MAY FAIR
Week Com.	2. 1.84 THEATRE
N.B.—From this date the show will be presented by Connie Creighton.	
Week Com.	16.1.84 TUNBRIDGE WELLS
Week Com.	23.1.84 FOLKESTONE
Week Com.	30.1.84 HEREFORD
Week Com.	6.2.84 SOUTHEND
Week Com.	13.2.84 ST. ALBANS
Week Com.	20.2.84 WORTHING
Week Com.	27.2.84 ROTHERHAM
Week Com.	5.3.84 BARNESLEY
Week Com.	12.3.84 STOCKPORT
Week Com.	19.3.84 CHELMSFORD
Week Com.	26.3.84 CHESHAM
Week Com.	2.4.84 PETERBOROUGH
Week Com.	9.4.84 READING
Week Com.	16.4.84 GRAVESEND
Week Com.	23.4.84 SWINDON
Week Com.	30.4.84 GRAYS THURROCK
Week Com.	7.5.84 LOUGHBOROUGH
Week Com.	14.5.84 ILFORD

LUV
 Here we are again.
 All the Best
 From Sooty
 Connie & Sooty

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



This was a magical moment for Sooty and Matthew — they went to visit the sick children in GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL in London to find they had organised a huge birthday cake in the shape of a T.V. set with a picture of Sooty on the front . . . to celebrate 30 years on T.V. Just to show how pleased he was, Sooty squirted them all with his water pistol! P.S. The cake was lovely!

Picture Thames T.V.

CAN YOU GUESS?



The little boy who Sooty is whispering to is called Dhani — he has a very famous daddy — but I wonder how many people recognise him (he's the man in the middle and his first name is George), see page 8.

HOOK, LINE AND STINKER!



Photograph Thames T.V.

Sooty loves fishing! Matthew tells him he won't catch anything in the bedroom but Sooty, of course, proves him wrong by landing a bucket. Matthew (foolishly) says he'll take him fishing (properly).



Photograph Thames T.V.

Sweep and Soo help to collect things for the fishing trip. Sweep has dug up the worms and Soo is sorting out Sooty's waterproof hat and wellies. They both decide not to join the fishing party.



Photograph Thames T.V.

Soo and Sweep were wise to stay at home . . . Matthew fell head first into a very smelly pond and didn't catch anything — EXCEPT A COLD!

AS FROM
JANUARY 1984 THE SHOW
WILL BE PRESENTED BY
CONNIE CREIGHTON
ASSISTED BY SPENCER K.
GIBBINS. THIS IS TO
ENABLE MATTHEW TO
HAVE TIME TO WRITE THE
NEXT T.V. SERIES. BUT
HE'LL BE BACK AGAIN!

DANGER THE HOUSE THAT BUILT

1 CONNIE
SAYS
HELLO

2 MATTHEW
MEETS THE WORKERS
.... GUESS WHO?
RIGHT! SOOTY, SWEEP & SOO

DANGER

THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL OF
15 MINUTES

5 IZZY WIZZY LETS GET
BUILDING

N.B. THE LIGHTS IN THE THEATRE WILL
BE TURNED OUT FOR THIS SCENE

6 CONNIE
DOES SOME
GARDENING
CAN YOU HELP HER?

DEvised BY
HARRY CORBETT
O.B.E.

8 DANGER
THE COMPANY SAY
GOODBYE
PLEASE COME AGAIN
NEXT YEAR

Company/Stage
Manager
RICHARD LOCKWOOD
Deputy Stage Manager
PETER JAGO
Assistant Stage Manager
JUDY PALMER
Set Built by
RICHARD LOCKWOOD

BY ARRANGEME
WITH
VINCENT SHAW

R
T SOOTY

3 CONNIE
NEEDS A
HELPING HAND!
... WILL IT BE YOU?

4 SOOTY'S
"BUILDER-MATIC"!!

SOOTY SALES: P. JAGO, R. LOCKWOOD, J. PALMER

EVERYTHING
7 SEEMS TO GO WRONG
FOR MATTHEW:
I MEAN WHO EVER HEARD
OF A "BRICK WORM"?

PRODUCED
&
DIRECTED
BY
MATTHEW
CORBETT

Sound Engineer
RICHARD LOCKWOOD
Personal Secretary to
Matthew
JOYCE RUMSEY
Puppeteers
PETER JAGO/
JUDY PALMER
All Original Music
Written and Performed by
MATTHEW CORBETT

FOR ADULTS ONLY

Sooty gets hundreds of fan letters every year, mainly from children or their mums, but here's a letter from a dad and I am including it in the programme because it made me laugh, and I'm sure many adults will understand Mr. McCarthy's feelings.

Dear Matthew,

I used to wonder what it was about Sooty that has captivated children of all ages over the years but since acquiring a video recorder I've given up trying to figure out his mystical appeal and no longer know whether I am thoroughly fed up with Sooty or whether you have gained your first 40 year old fan.

We have 2 children — Kevin is 5 and Helen is 2½ — and when the Sooty Show was last in our area we took them along and I must confess, Matthew, that I spent the second half of the show propping up the theatre bar — a macho act which cost me the price of a Soo puppet afterwards.

The biggest mistake of my life, however, was to record one of your T.V. shows some weeks ago. As a consequence of this foolish act my wife and I watch little T.V. these days, save for non-stop Sooty from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Believe me, I am not joking!

When I accidentally erased the first Sooty Show there was bedlam and I've since taken the precaution of setting aside a tape devoted entirely to Sooty Shows to avoid N.S.P.C.C. intervention.

Kevin is content to watch Sooty a mere half-dozen times in succession but Helen greets us each morning with the demand to "put Dutty on the telly" and there is no way one can watch almost 300 hours of Sooty without becoming something of a fan or somewhat insane and though the children are able to get away with such devotion I am less fortunate.

My friends have, of late, begun to shun me and this is due in no small way — my wife says — to the fact that I have taken to singing 'Sooty The Magical Bear' after a few pints.

It is perfectly obvious to me that you are aware of the effect that Sooty has on adults — a fact you illustrate with the wry 'asides' you include in the shows for my benefit alone. I construe these as meaning something like: - "Sorry you can't watch Miss World, pal, but that's the way it goes".

Anyway, the point of this letter is to let you know that it is Kevin's birthday soon and we have been promising to take him and Helen to the Sooty Show next week so, today, I visited the theatre with Helen to book the tickets. To my horror, the lady at the box-office told me that the Sooty Show was fully booked all week. "But it can't be," I pleaded, clutching my daughter's hand for support. "But it is," insisted the sympathetic box-office clerk.

Needless to say, I had to be dragged screaming from the foyer and when I got home my wife naturally blamed me. "I told you to book earlier but you wouldn't listen," she nags persistently. My son observes me with thinly-disguised hatred while my daughter appears to have re-developed her penchant for weeing on my lap.

I am, therefore, reduced to writing to you in the hope that Sooty can wave his magic wand and conjure up space for 2 children and 2 adults at any of next week's performances. Anywhere will do — we'll even bring our own soap-boxes if necessary!

Far be it for me to subject Sooty to emotional blackmail but I'm sure he wouldn't like to see me in the Divorce Courts.

A blank cheque is enclosed — the details can be filled in by the payee if you are successful in being able to help me — so Izzy Wizzy lets get busy!

Yours sincerely,
Daniel J. McCarthy

P.S. I've decided in favour of emotional blackmail after all and am enclosing a photograph of some local Sooty fans — Kevin and Helen are arrowed.



You will be pleased to learn that the story has a happy ending: the theatre manager allowed the McCarthy family to stand at the back. They all enjoyed the show and are living happily ever after.

FOR KIDS ONLY



How's this for "togetherness" — actually the reason why Sooty is holding on to Matthew's toast is because there was only one slice of bread in the house that day so they were sharing it . . . it looks as if its Sooty's bite next doesn't it?



It would **appear** that the breakfast problems have been solved — but look closer — the food isn't real, it has been made out of plasticine so even though it looks mouthwatering it isn't! (Matthew found that out when he took a huge bite of a plasticine sausage!) It's what's known as a "MODEL BREAKFAST"



Sooty has got friends of all shapes and sizes but these are two of the biggest. In fact it would be safe to say that these are Sooty's biggest fans! . . . they liked him so much that just after this photo was taken they tried to lift him out of his box — Sooty had a narrow escape (and so did Matthew). P.S. The dark mark on the left hand side Jumbo is water from Sooty's water pistol.



Here's another of Sooty's friends (but not Matthew's), he's just about the same size as Sooty but even naughtier. Only seconds after this photograph was taken the monkey climbed up and sat on Matthew's head — poor old Matt ended up changing a soaking wet shirt again but this time it was nothing to do with Sooty's water pistol. **AND THAT'S TRUE!**



And so to bed.
When you're only one foot tall you can get very tired at the end of a busy day. This is the bedroom you see on Sooty's T.V. shows — anyone recognise it? Sooty certainly looks tired doesn't he? Sweep and Soo are already fast asleep and in no time at all one tired but happy little bear will be too . . . Goodnight Sooty.

FAN CLUB

CONNIE

ARE YOU A FAN OF SOOTY? MOST CHILDREN ARE! HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE REALLY "IN THE KNOW" ABOUT SOOTY — JOIN HIS FAN CLUB (now in its fifth year) AND RECEIVE:

- ★★ A PERSONAL SOOTY BIRTHDAY CARD AND GIFT ON YOUR BIRTHDAY
- ★★ A SOOTY POSTER
- ★★ A SOOTY FAN CLUB PIN-ON BADGE
 - Sooty Rosette for 2nd year members
 - Sooty Embroidered Patch for 3rd year members
 - Sooty Silk Scarf for 4th year members
 - Sooty Stationery Items for School for 5th year members
- ★★ NEWSLETTERS
- ★★ COMPETITIONS with SOOTY prizes
- ★★ SPECIAL OFFERS ON SOOTY and other goods, including Party Packs, Novelties
- ★★ ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE SOOTY & MATTHEW ARE APPEARING LIVE

Dear Mum and Dad,
If you would like your child to belong to the Fan Club, please complete and send to SOOTY FAN CLUB DEPT., 161 Muswell Hill Broadway, London N.10.
N.B. FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP LASTS FOR ONE YEAR. EACH MEMBER WILL RECEIVE THE ABOVE **DURING** THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AND **NOT** IMMEDIATELY ON JOINING. COST £3.50 per child per annum.

SURNAME

First Name

Date of Birth

Address

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Message from SOOTY
"Hi Fans — Some of you will now be in your fifth year of membership and are obviously at school, so instead of a Sooty item we will be sending you a stationery item which we hope will be useful".



Picture by Steven Doherty, Loughborough Echo.

Hi There!

It is great to be back "on the road" with Sooty & Co. for another jolly tour. I am certainly looking forward to meeting all our "old" friends again and to making a lot of new ones.

I thought you might like to have a peep backstage into our dressing room. Here you see Sooty and me getting ready for a performance of last year's show. Sooty's Circus.

The Circus was great fun and I'm sure helping to build Sooty's house is going to be great fun too. I can't imagine what it will turn out like, especially if Sweep and Soo have got anything to do with it! but it is surprising what a bit of magic can do so Issy, Whizzy let's get busy

Lots of Love,
Connie



JAWS??

No it wasn't a shark in Sooty's bath after all — it was Sweep with a pretend sharks fin strapped to his back to give Sooty and Soo a surprise — you must admit he makes a very good shark or should that be DOG-FISH??

Picture Thames T.V.

CAN YOU GUESS?

Ever heard of "John, Paul, George and Ringo"? THE BEATLES? Well the man in the photo is George Harrison. His little boy is a big Sooty fan which is nice because Sooty is a big Beatles fan.

A HUGE SUCCESS



Picture Thames T.V.

I expect that many people reading this programme came to see "Sooty's Circus" which was our last stage show — it was a resounding success during the 31 weeks it was on tour. "Big Sooty" who you see above — was seen for the first time in the circus show and his appearance certainly caused a stir amongst audiences . . . and so did his water pistol which was made larger too! It seemed to come as a relief when everyone learned it was really Connie dressed up in a huge Sooty costume.

We hope that you enjoy this year's show every bit as last year's and for those who didn't see last year's we hope you have a great time today and we look forward to seeing you all next year . . . and the year after . . . and the year after . . . and the year after . . . and the year after . . . and the year after . . .

THE STAR OF THE SHOW



SOOTY