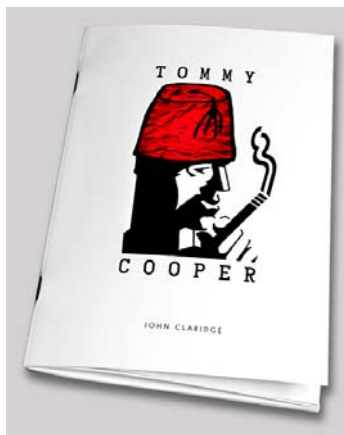


Tommy Cooper

Hand made limited edition print booklet

John Claridge

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Tommy Cooper 2013 c John Claridge

Photographer John Claridge continues to stimulate and surprise with the second booklet title of **"Tommy Cooper"**

In 1967 I spent the most enjoyable afternoon with Tommy Cooper shooting portraits of the great man.

We introduced ourselves and I explained that I wanted to do some serious pictures of him. He didn't say a word, he just gave me that 'Tommy Cooper Look'. I said to him, "I am serious about this, do not make me laugh!"

The session went very well with these sad and very serious photographs. He then said to me "This is very serious ... ah-ha." From that moment the session changed its complexion entirely. For the next hour or so I couldn't stop laughing, as you can see by some of the portraits.

It was not just a memorable afternoon, but one spent with someone who was gracious and charming and, of course it goes without saying, one of the funniest men ever.

John Claridge Feb. 2014

Tommy Cooper was born in 19 Llywn Onn Street, Caerphilly on 19 March 1921 and died of a heart attack during a London Weekend Television programme **Live at Her Majesty's** on 15 April 1984.

To mark the 30th anniversary of his death **The Tommy Cooper Society** has numerous events planned. For more information of the work of the Society and forthcoming events please visit: <http://thetommycoopersociety.org>

Tommy Cooper contains 10 images and is published in a limited edition of 50. A percentage from each sale will be donated to The Tommy Cooper Society's 'Tommy's Ticker Fund', whose aim is to provide Defibrillators and training in their use. Initially they will be located in Caerphilly. Despite the area's high incidence of heart related problems, few defibrillators are available.

The first 10 copies cost £50.00 and includes a signed limited edition print of one of the images (from a choice of three available as prints) in the booklet.

The superb quality of Tommy Cooper is guaranteed by the fact that John has personally hand printed each and every image, most with multiple printings. Then there are his graphics, motifs and embossing which make it a very desirable title. He can only produce two a day.

"Tommy Cooper" is the second booklet in the series.



Available exclusively from

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14 pages, 10 images, 21cm x 14.5cm

Each b/w giclée image is multiple hand printed and bound by John Claridge

Edition of 50 + 5 ap's

Signed print from the choice of three images



Act 1



Act 9



Act 10