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Title: **Carry On Matron**



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## Information

Release **Title:** Carry On Matron 19<sup>th</sup> May 1972 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Also known as : *Carry on Matron* or *From Here to Maternity* or *Familiarity Breeds* or *Womb at the Top* or *The Preggers Opera*

Release date: 1972

Origin: United Kingdom

Genres: Comedy, Crime

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Duration: 1h 27m

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Region: 2

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MPN:

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Languages: English

Filming locations: Denham Church, Denham, Buckinghamshire, England, UK(St Mary's church)

Sound mix: Mono

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

### Carry On Matron



Original UK quad poster

Directed by	Gerald Thomas
Written by	Talbot Rothwell
Produced by	Peter Rogers
Starring	Sid James Kenneth Williams Charles Hawtrey Joan Sims Hattie Jacques Bernard Bresslaw Kenneth Cope Terry Scott Barbara Windsor Kenneth Connor
Cinematography	Ernest Steward
Edited by	Alfred Roome
Music by	Eric Rogers
Distributed by	The Rank Organisation
Release date	19 May 1972
Running time	87 mins
Country	United Kingdom
Language	English
Budget	£220,257 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Storyline

Sid Carter (Sid James) is the cunning head of a criminal gang that includes the longhaired drip Ernie Bragg (Bernard Bresslaw), the cheeky Freddy (Bill Maynard) and Sid's honest son, Cyril (Kenneth Cope). Cyril does not want a life of crime, but is emotionally blackmailed by his father into going along with his scheme to rob Finisham Maternity Hospital for its stock of contraceptive pills and sell them abroad. Cyril reluctantly disguises himself as a new female nurse to case the hospital. Assumed to be one of the new student nurses who have just arrived, he is assigned to share a room with the shapely blonde nurse, Susan Ball (Barbara Windsor). Unfortunately for Cyril, he also catches the eye of the hospital lothario, Dr Prodd (Terry Scott).

Sir Bernard Cutting (Kenneth Williams), the hypochondriac registrar of the hospital, is convinced he's undergoing a sex change. When he consults the nutty Dr F. A. Goode (Charles Hawtrey), Goode dishes out psychiatric mumbo jumbo, stating that Cutting merely wants to prove his manhood, and Cutting decides he is in love with Matron (Hattie Jacques). Matron, on the other hand, has more than enough to contend with on the wards, with the gluttonous patient Mrs Tidey (Joan Sims) who seems more interested in eating than producing a baby, and her long-suffering British Rail worker husband (Kenneth Connor) who continually hangs around the waiting room.

When Cyril goes back to Prodd's room to get a map of the hospital, Prodd attempts to get intimate, only to be knocked across the room. Prodd and Cyril are called out on an emergency when lovely film star Jane Darling (Valerie Leon) goes into labour, but as Cyril knocks Prodd out in the ambulance, he is forced to deal with the actress's triplets being born. Jane Darling is delighted with Cyril and hails "the nurse" a heroine for her efforts, bringing fame to the hospital. Susan uncovers Cyril's disguise, but as she is in love with him, does not reveal the truth.

The much put-upon Sister (Jacki Piper) desperately tries to keep the ward in order, while Cutting's secretary, Miss Banks (Patsy Rowlands) keeps her employer in check, but nothing can cool his pent-up desire to prove himself as a man, and its Matron who's in his sights. The criminal gang don disguises—Sid dresses as the foreign "Dr Zhivago" and Ernie as a heavily expectant mum—but the crime is thwarted by the mothers-to-be. The medical hierarchy's threat to call the police is halted when Sid reveals the heroine of the day is a man, and the hospital realise they would suffer nationwide humiliation if anyone found out. Cyril weds his shapely nurse Susan, and Matron finally gets her doctor. [Wiki](#)

### Review: Carry on Matron

You can tell that the producers were beginning to run out of ideas for these as this hybrid of "Carry on Nurse" (1959) and "Carry on Doctor" (1967) hits the screen. This time Sid James isn't a patient. He is "Carter", audaciously planning to rob the "Finisham" hospital of its supply of valuable drugs. To facilitate this crime, he decides that his son "Cyril" (Kenneth Cope) should don the garb of a nurse an impersonate one until he can get the lay of the land for their burglary. Meantime, "Dr. Prodd" (Terry Scott) has the job the philandering bumbler, Hattie Jacques is this time a less ruthless matron and Joan Sims takes the cake as the eternally pregnant "Mrs. Tiday" who is quite happy to eat the place out of house and home while her poor railwayman husband (Kenneth Connor) grows steadily older and more frustrated in the waiting room. At times, there are still traces of the old style of slapstick humour; the writing is quite funny now and again and there is plenty of "how's your father" - real or imaginary for us to chortle at. It's not the best, nor anywhere near - but it's got plenty going on before an ending that did actually smack of sequel coming!! [IMDb](#)

## Cast

Sid James as Sid Carter  
Kenneth Williams as Sir Bernard Cutting  
Charles Hawtrey as Doctor Francis A Goode  
Hattie Jacques as Matron  
Joan Sims as Mrs Tidey  
Bernard Bresslaw as Ernie Bragg  
Barbara Windsor as Nurse Susan Ball  
Kenneth Connor as Mr Tidey  
Terry Scott as Doctor Prodd  
Kenneth Cope as Cyril Carter

Jacki Piper as Sister  
 Bill Maynard as Freddy  
 Patsy Rowlands as Evelyn Banks  
 Derek Francis as Arthur  
 Amelia Bayntun as Mrs Jenkins  
 Valerie Leon as Jane Darling  
 Brian Osborne as Ambulance driver  
 Gwendolyn Watts as Frances Kemp  
 Valerie Shute as Miss Smethurst  
 Margaret Nolan as Mrs Tucker  
 Michael Nightingale as Doctor Pearson  
 Wendy Richard as Miss Willing  
 Zena Clifton as Au pair girl  
 Bill Kenwright as Reporter  
 Robin Hunter as Mr Darling  
 Jack Douglas as Twitching father  
 Madeline Smith as Mrs Pullitt  
 Juliet Harmer as Mrs Bentley (uncredited)  
 Gilly Grant as Nurse in bath (uncredited)  
 Lindsay March as Shapely nurse (uncredited)  
 Laura Collins as Nurse (uncredited)

If your funny bone is in need of tickling, this is the prescription you need. Carry On Matron finds the team on top form in Finisham Maternity Hospital where the kindly Matron (**Hattie Jacques**), panic-stricken surgeon Sir Bernard Cutting (**Kenneth Williams**) and wacky psychiatrist Dr. F.A. Goode (**Charles Hawtrey**) rule the roost.

It's action stations when Sid Carter (**Sid James**) leads a gang of incompetent crooks intent on stealing a huge hoard of birth control pills. Joan Sims shines as the ever-expectant mother in this beloved Carry On favourite.

**Hattie Jacques** *Matron*  
**Kenneth Williams** *Sir Bernard Cutting*  
**Charles Hawtrey** *Dr. F.A. Goode*  
**Sid James** *Sid Carter*

Written by Talbot Rothwell  
 Director Gerald Thomas  
 Producer Peter Rogers  
 Production company Rank Library

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Length: 85 Min Approx/Colour Aspect Ratio: 14:9 Audio: English, None

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE: General viewing but some scenes may be unsuitable for young children.

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**Parents Guide**

**Certification**

Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Iceland:L India:U Portugal:M/18 United Kingdom:A (original rating)  
 United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (2003, video rating) United States:Not Rated West Germany:12

**Sex & Nudity** -Mild, Violence & Gore - , Profanity - , Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking - ,  
 Frightening & Intense Scenes - ,

