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THE BIRDS ARE BACK WITH A BRAND NEW SERIES OF BIRDS OF A FEATHER, PREMIERING ON UKTV FROM JULY 6

Sixteen years after the show ended, Chigwell's most famous daughters are back with the revival of 90s hit comedy series, *Birds of a Feather* premiering in Australia on UKTV from July 6.

The new series (8 x 30') has been a massive ratings hit in the UK, attracting audiences of up to 9.5 million making the 2014 series the most successful comedy launch for ITV in over a decade. Another series has been commissioned.

The revival offers fans a dose of nostalgia with all three original actresses - Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph reprising their roles as the original Essex girls.

Also making a comeback are original writers Laurence Marks, Maurice Gran, Gary Lawson and John Phelps who teamed up to write the new eight-part series.

As the series begins, sisters Sharon and Tracey are living separate lives, and Dorien has seemingly flown off into the sunset to live a jostetting life as a writer of a racy novel, "Sixty Shades of Green".

Meanwhile Tracey's marriage to former robber Darryl petered out years ago and she has since remarried and got divorced again... but she still lives in relative comfort in Essex's legendary Chigwell with pampered teenage son Travis. She gets by with a Telesales job, but times aren't easy and she misses her older son Garth (Matt Willis), who's been living in Australia. Meanwhile Sharon scrapes a minimum wage in "World of Quid", Essex's leading "everything's a pound" chain, and is as chippy as ever.

But Sharon misses the comfort of her sister's home and after a chance meeting at Dorien's book signing, their lives collide once more - an impending court case means that Dorien has nowhere to go and moves in, then the nest gets busier still as Garth, Australian partner Marcie and her 10 year old daughter Poppy unexpectedly make the long migration back to Chigwell.

Join three generations of the family again – for proof that for Sharon, Tracey and Dorien, Essex really is the only way...



Birds of a Feather premieres on UKTV from Sunday July 6 at 7.00pm

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