

MEDIA ALERT

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BUNKER DOWN THIS EASTER LONG WEEKEND WITH THE ANNUAL, FOUR-DAY WHODUNNIT WEEKEND ON UKTV

Over four days from April 3-6, murder-mystery fans can solve crimes from their living room with the annual *Whodunnit Weekend* on UKTV — a specially curated weekend of programming dedicated to the all-time great British detective series and classic crime dramas.

Featuring iconic detectives, intriguing storylines and dramatic twists and turns, fans will be able to tune in each morning from 6.20am to two-hour-blocks of programmes from UKTV's favourite detective series — *Inspector Lynley*, *Death in Paradise*, *Foyles War*, *New Tricks*, *Inspector George Gently*, *Midsomer Murders*, *A Touch of Frost* and *Lewis*.



WHODUNNIT LINE UP:



The Inspector Lynley Mysteries – Series 5

Friday to Monday at 6.20am

Suave, Oxford-educated detective Thomas Lynley played by **Nathaniel Parker** comes from distinguished stock; he is the 8th Earl of Asherton with high moral values and a fantastic sense of manners and decorum. In addition to the tensions involved in solving murder cases, Lynley's partnership with streetwise sidekick DI Barbara Havers played by **Sharon Small** sees the two characters clash when it comes to personality, gender and class.



Death in Paradise – Series 2

Double episodes

Friday to Monday at 8.20am

DI Richard Poole, played by **Ben Miller** has an eye for detail and works with the brilliantly instinctive DS Camille Bordey (**Sara Martins**). Whilst their opposing left brain/right brain approach to life can – and frequently does cause personal conflict between the duo, it's also what makes them a crime-fighting force to be reckoned with – a force that is challenged by intriguing and enigmatic murders.



Foyle's War – Series 4 and Series 5

Friday to Monday at 10.30am

Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS) Christopher Foyle played by **Michael Kitchen** is typically modest with courtesy and precision. He has high standards, is scrupulously honest and highly sagacious. As WW2 rages around the world, DCS Foyle fights his own war on the home-front as he investigates crimes on the south coast of England.



New Tricks – Series 6

Double episodes

Friday to Monday at 12.20pm

Detective Superintendent Sandra Pullman (**Amanda Redman**) and her unconventional team of ex-detectives played by — **Alun Armstrong, James Bolam** and **Dennis Waterman** star as three wonderfully individual old dogs back at work, cracking unsolved crimes from the past in their own tried-and-tested ways.



Inspector George Gently – Series 5

Friday to Monday at 2.30pm

With the help of DS John Bacchus, Inspector George Gently (**Martin Shaw**) spends his days bringing to justice members of the criminal underworld who are unfortunate enough to have the intrepid investigator assigned to their cases. Gently is an honest, by-the-book cop and has the talent to look into a person's soul to formulate his hunches.



Midsomer Murders – Series 15

Friday to Monday at 4.30pm

Neil Dudgeon stars as Detective Chief Inspector John Barnaby alongside the unflappable detective DS Ben Jones (**Jason Hughes**). Together their deductive skills are put to the test when the appearance of a headless horseman foreshadows a number of gruesome deaths; suspicion falls on a convicted murderer when a barrister is killed; and the murder of a journalist has chilling echoes of a 1960s horror film when death imitates art.



A Touch of Frost – Series 15

Friday and Saturday at 6.30pm

David Jason stars as Detective Inspector Jack Frost – an unconventional policeman with a sympathy for the underdog and an instinct for moral justice. Sloppy, disorganised and disrespectful he attracts trouble like a magnet.



Foyle's War – Series 8

Friday to Sunday at 8.30pm

Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS) Foyle played by **Michael Kitchen** is typically modest, courteous with precision and has high standards. The retired detective now works as an MI5 agent in the post-war era gathering intelligence to bolster Britain's defences and protect the foreign and economic interests of the nation.

Monday – *New Tricks* at 8.30pm followed by *Death in Paradise* at 9.30pm.



Lewis – Series 6

Friday to Monday at 10.10pm

Kevin Whately stars as Inspector Robert Lewis ably assisted by his partner Sergeant James Hathaway, played by **Laurence Fox**. Together they investigate more murder mysteries against the historic and glorious backdrop of Oxford and its University campus.

The annual *Whodunnit Weekend* airs on UKTV from 6.20am to 10.10pm each day from April 3-6.

For more suspense, join UKTV each Friday from 8.30pm for an evening of crime with a mix of all-time great British detective series and modern gritty crime dramas including *Hunted*, starring Australian actress **Melissa George**.

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