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**Highlights for week beginning
Monday 26th August 2019**

WIDOWS on Talking Pictures TV

A gritty crime series with strong female characters played by **Ann Mitchell, Maureen O'Farrell, Fiona Hendley, and Eva Mottley** with **Debby Bishop, Maurice O'Connell** and **David Calder**, *Widows* was one of the most influential dramas of the 1980s. It was a smash hit for ITV and the career breakthrough for **Lynda La Plante** who became one of television's highest profile writers, later to write *Prime Suspect*. La Plante had played small roles in *The Sweeney* and *Out*. Frustrated with the way women were depicted for TV drama, she submitted a pilot script and was encouraged by script editor Linda Agran to complete the serial. The series features the wives of a London gang who decide to carry out the plans of their deceased husbands and execute an armed robbery. **Episode 1 airs Wed 28th August at 21:00; the series continues every Wednesday at the same time.**



**Mon 26th Aug 2019 10:25
Hand in Hand (1962)**

Drama, directed by Philip Leacock. Stars: John Gregson, Sybil Thorndike & Loretta Parry. A Roman Catholic boy and a Jewish girl become best friends despite the prejudice around them.



NEW SERIES

**Mon 26th Aug 2019 21:00
SPECIAL BRANCH**

Episode 1: Troika (1969)

Crime Drama Stars: Wensley Pithey, Derren Nesbitt, Jennifer Wilson. John Morrissey meets to discuss the arrest of three people who have broken the official secrets act.

Special Branch was made by Thames Television for ITV and shown between 1969 and 1974. A police drama series, the action was centred on members of the Special Branch anti-espionage and anti-terrorist department of the London Metropolitan Police.

New series begins today at 9pm & continues every Monday at the same time.



**Tues 27th Aug 19 10:10
April Love (1957)**

Drama, directed by Henry Levin. Stars: Pat Boone, Shirley Jones, Dolores Michaels and Arthur O'Connell. A city boy moves to Kentucky where he courts a neighbour and takes part in a race day at the same time.



**Tues 27th Aug 19 14:40
A Tale of Two Cities (1958)**

Drama, directed by Ralph Thomas. Stars: Dirk Bogarde, Dorothy Tutin, Cecil Parker & Stephen Murray. During the French Revolution, Lucie Manette falls in love with a duplicitous Englishman.



**Wed 28th Aug 19 18:10
Do You Know This Voice (1964)**

Drama, directed by Frank Nesbitt. Stars: Dan Duryea, Isa Miranda Gwen Watford & Peter Madden. In this great murder mystery the only clue to the killer's identity is his shoes!



NEW SERIES

**Wed 28th Aug 19 21:00
WIDOWS (1983)**

Crime drama, written by Lynda la Plante, directed by Ian Toynton Stars: Ann Mitchell, Maureen O'Farrell, Fiona Hendley, Eva Mottley. Three members of a top British gang are accidentally killed as they are about to raid a security wagon. Their widows, Shirley Miller, Linda Perelli and Dolly Rawlins decide to continue their husbands' criminal plans. **This new series begins today at 9pm and continues every Wednesday at the same time.**





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Thurs 29th Aug 19 17:20

A Boy, a Girl and a Bike (1949)

Comedy, directed by Ralph Smart. Stars John McCallum, Honor Blackman, Diana Dors & Patrick Holt. A bike club invites new members to join who will soon be mixed up in a world of illegal dealings.



Thurs 29th Aug 19 19:10

The Duke Wore Jeans (1958)

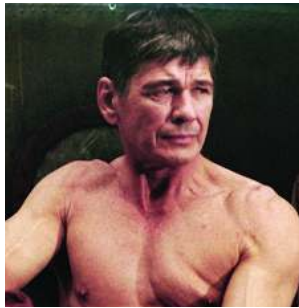
Musical comedy directed by Gerald Thomas. Stars: Tommy Steele, June Laverick, Michael Medwin. A Cockney lad who looks just like a local duke is sent in the duke's place to woo a princess from an oil-rich South American monarchy.



Thurs 29th Aug 19 22:00

Hard Times (1975)

Crime drama, directed by Walter Hill. Stars: Charles Bronson, James Coburn & Jill Ireland. A depression era streetfighter joins a promoter of no-holds-barred street boxing bouts in New Orleans.



Friday 30th Aug 19 19:15

The Card (1952)

Comedy, directed by Ronald Neame. Starring: Alec Guinness, Glynis Johns, Valerie Hobson, Petula Clark and Joan Hickson. A charming, ambitious man finds many ways to rise through the ranks – some honest, some not.



NEW SERIES

Friday 30th Aug 19 21:00

SHADOWS OF FEAR (1970)

Episode 1: Did You Lock Up?

Thriller series; Episode 1 directed by Kim Mills. Stars: Michael Craig, Gwen Watford, Ray Smith. After his home is burgled, a writer becomes obsessed with ensuring that it doesn't happen again, his obsession escalating to absurd and sinister proportions. The series focused on psychological horror and suspense and featured some of the best actors of the day including:

Sheila Hancock, Ronald Hines, George Sewell, George Cole and Edward Fox. **This new series begins today at 9pm, continuing every Friday at the same time.**



Sat 31st Aug 19 15:20

Five Golden Dragons (1968)

Action adventure, directed by Jeremy Summers. Stars: Robert Cummings, Margaret Lee, Christopher Lee, George Raft. An American playboy in Hong Kong finds himself caught in a power struggle between a crime syndicate and local mobsters.



Sat 31st Aug 19 17:25

The Constant Husband (1955)

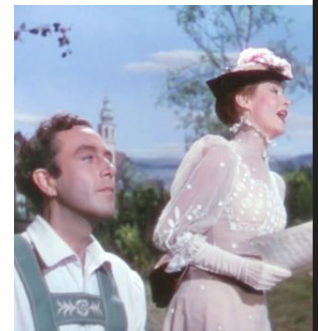
Comedy, directed by Sidney Gilliat. Stars: Rex Harrison, Kay Kendall, Cecil Parker. A man wakes up on the Welsh coast with no idea who he is or how he got there. He traces his life back to a London home and beautiful wife, only to find he has a string of lovely wives and homes, and a shocking pattern of past bad behaviour.



Sun 1st Sept 19 14:10

The Dancing Years (1950)

Musical drama, directed by Harold French. Stars: Dennis Price, Gisèle Prévile, Patricia Dainton. Film adaptation of Ivor Novello's musical romance set in Vienna in 1910 and a popular West End show during the war. A band of army officers bid for a poor composer's opera, but a woman outbids them all...



Sun 1st Sept 19 16:10

Oliver Twist (1948)

Drama, directed by David Lean. Stars: John Howard Davies, Alec Guinness, Robert Newton & Kay Walsh. An orphaned boy joins a London household of boys trained to steal for their master.



Sun 1st Sept 19 19:00

Above Us the Waves (1955)

War Drama, directed by Ralph Thomas. Stars: John Gregson, John Mills and Donald Sinden. Dramatisation of the British attack on the German battleship 'Tirpitz' in a Norwegian fjord during World War II.

