



# EARS & EYEBALLS

## LOCKDOWN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2020



### AFTER WORK

**LEAVE NO TRACE** - If you felt like you lived off grid in 2020 then this is the film for you. **AMAZON**

**SPIRAL** - Great French detective series that sucks you in. **BBC IPLAYER**

**BLACK NARCISSUS** - This is BBC's big period drama for Xmas 27-29 Dec set in a convent. All star cast.

### DATE NIGHT

**45 YEARS** - Do you ever really know someone. Great film. 90 mins and Tom Courtenay and Charlotte Rampling star. **CHANNEL 4/4OD**

**SIGHTSEERS** - Just watch this, no looking at reviews. It's a horror comedy that is very English. **CHANNEL 4/4OD**

**THE DEPARTED** - Scorsese, Nicholson, Di Caprio **AMAZON**

### WRAP & WATCH

**THE DUCHESS** - Period drama to get lost in with Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes. **BBC IPLAYER**

**DIE HARD** - One of the best Christmas films ever. Bruce Willis. **AMAZON PRIME**

**THE BOYDS IN THE BAND** - A really intimate and emotional look at some deep issues. An unexpected visitor interrupts a group of gay men at a birthday party in 1968. - **NETFLIX**

### TRUE LIFE CRIME DRAMA

**RIPPER** - 13 women met a coward on their way home. This is a fantastic 4 part docu series focusing on the women murdered by the Yorkshire Ripper. **NETFLIX**

**THE KINGMAKER** - Remember Imelda Marcos and her shoes. A great documentary about the Filipino first lady. **SKY DOCUMENTARIES**

### WINE & CUT THE CHAT/HOW HAVE I NOT SEEN THIS?

**TUCKED** - A gem of a film about an ageing drag queen and an unexpected friendship with a young man. Watch this please and under 90 mins!! **NETFLIX**

**THE SHAPE OF WATER** - Guillermo de Tel Toro's exquisite film set during the cold war all about a mute woman who finds love in the most unexpected way. Don't read the reviews aside from mine - it's great. Sally Hawkins was robbed. **CHANNEL 4/4OD**

## KIDS CORNER

THE SNOWMAN - It's not Xmas without this gem.  
**CHANNEL 4/4OD**

THE POLAR EXPRESS - Another classic. **NOW TV/SKY**

COCO - A young boy visits his dead relatives on the day of the dead and discovers the meaning of family and love. This is a great film. **SKY CINEMA/ Xmas Day BBC1 at 3.10pm**

SOUL - I will be watching this on Xmas Day. It's from PIXAR and the same creators of INSIDE OUT and UP - so it's going to be great and Jamie Foxx's voice. **DISNEY PLUS - Xmas Day premiere.**

ROALD & BEATRIX - When Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter met. **SKY/ Xmas EVE at 8.15pm**



## DUVET DAY

THE NIGHT MANAGER - This is vintage John Le Care and so good. An all star cast - so get ready to enjoy. **BBC IPLAYER**

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN - Eddie Redmayne and Michelle Williams star in this. It's inspired by a true story of an assistant on a film set who spent a week with Marilyn Monroe. It's a sweet film. **BBC IPLAYER**

ASH IS PUREST WHITE - This is such a visually stunning film and I loved it. If you liked In the Mood for Love (not the same director) then you'll like this I think. A dancer falls in love with a mobster with funny but tragic consequences. Chinese w/ subtitles. **NOW TV/ SKY CINEMA**

## JUST WANT TO WATCH SOMETHING GOOD

UNDER THE SHADOW - This is more psychological horror than slasher type. It is so good set during the Iran/Iraq war. **NETFLIX**

WHO YOU THINK I AM - Juliette Binoche stars in this film as a woman who creates an online persona and ends up dating the son of a friend. **NETFLIX**

EX MACHINA - If you never saw it, now's the time. scary. **NETFLIX**

THE CLIMB - A young Sengalese guy decides to climb Mount Everest to prove to the woman he loves that he's serious about her. Where can I find a man like this? **NETFLIX**

TENET - Well Christopher Nolan's latest film is released on Amazon but you've got to pay for it - £12.99. I haven't yet and still debating if I will. **AMAZON PRIME** His other film DUNKIRK will be on BBC 1 - 26.12.20 - 9.15pm

A CURE FOR WELLNESS - Wowzers this was creepy and good. A young man has to visit a spa for work - that's all I will say. **CHANNEL 4/4OD**

THE FAREWELL - Family, who needs them when all they do is lie to you. Do you tell Granny she's dying or let her live in ignorance? This is such a great film, **AMAZON PRIME**

UNORTHODOX - Believe the hype, this was a great series and rumoured to have a second season. A young woman rejects her Hasidic Jewish upbringing and discovers the world outside. **NETFLIX**



# TOO MANY MINCE PIES, OCCUPY MY EYES...AKA EASY WATCH FILMS

**THE HOLIDAY** - Two women swap houses over the Xmas holiday and both find love. Predictable and easy - NETFLIX/ on **26.12.20 at 10.45pm** ITV

**SKYFALL** - You know the drill, 007 aka Bond aka James Bond. I think this might be Daniel Craig's best outing to date. **New Year's Eve**, **ITV 9pm**

**WONDERWOMAN** - The first half of this film felt fresh and different, Wonderwoman being raised by strong women. Then the second half happens and her motivation to avenge is all down to the man she loves. **29.12.20 at 7.30pm**, **ITV**

**THE GUERNSEY LITERARY POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY** -Set during WW2 and the occupation of Guernsey. This is quite an intimate film about the lives of a book group and how it was impacted by the war, inspired by a true story. **NETFLIX**

**LOVE SARAH** A mother grieving for the loss of her daughter starts baking cakes. It's feel good and easy. **NOW TV/SKY CINEMA**



## NEVER HAVE I EVER WATCHED, WELL NOW'S THE TIME...

**NARCOS** - This passed me by and so a friend said it's the best thing she's ever seen. It's on my Christmas binge watch list. Will you join me in getting to know Pablo Escobar? **NETFLIX**

**THE FALL** - You meant to watch it and never did. It's superb. Jamie Dornan can act and is a scary as hell psychopath and well Gillian Anderson as the Police Inspector is magic. You might also like **THE SINNER** also on **NETFLIX**. Also **KILLING EVE** - but only season 1 (**BBC IPLAYER**). **NETFLIX/BBC IPLAYER**

**MINDHUNTER** - Yes, it is good. It's a period drama - well set in the 1970s and centres around an FBI Unit who are trained to find murderers. This will hook you in and you won't want to let go. **NETFLIX**

**BRASSIC** - This is funny, a sort of Northern Only Fools and Horses except the lead character doesn't have an honest trade. If you're in need of a laugh then flick this on. **NOW TV**

**BILLIONS** - If you like classic cat and mouse games with high stakes then Billions is for you. It has a stellar cast and follows the adventure of a hedge funder who is being pursued by the DA. You might also like **SUCCESSION** but skip the first 3 episodes and stick with. **NOW TV**

**A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES** (**NOW TV**) - If fantasy and vampires are your thing then this is very good and Matthew Goode is great. Season 2 starts in Jan 2021. You might also like **THE ORIGINALS** - this is hangover trash tv but honestly sucks you in (**NETFLIX**).

