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London, 8th November: BritBox today announced content launching on the service throughout December 2021.

Deck the halls with cracking new content! This month's epic new boxsets & films include two new animated Doctor Who stories, the first five series of hit 90s sitcom The Brittas Empire, Benedict Cumberbatch political drama feature Brexit: The Uncivil War, mini-series Cambridge Spies starring Tom Hollander and a range of eye-opening documentaries including the UK premiere of Banksy: Most Wanted.

BritBox subscribers can also cosy up with much anticipated additions Bad Girls and Mistresses, which will launch on the service just in time for the festive break.

#### 1st December

## Feature Films

# Snow in Paradise (2014)

Dave's a petty criminal living on drugs and violence in London. When his actions kill his best friend, he's propelled into feelings of shame and remorse. Discovering Islam, he begins to find peace but his old life comes back to test him. Starring Frederick Schmidt, Martin Askew and David Spinx.

# Still Life (2013)

A mild-mannered civil employee dedicates his life to tracking down the next-of-kin of and arranging funerals for his community's unclaimed dead. Starring Eddie Marsan and Joanne Froggatt.

# The Duke of Burgundy (2014)

A woman who studies butterflies and moths tests the limits of her relationship with her lesbian lover. Starring Sidse Babett Knudsen and Chiara D'Anna.

#### 2nd December

# Hillsborough (1996)

Grieving families struggle to come to terms with the unexpected and tragic 1989 Hillsborough Disaster. Television film starring Christopher Eccleston, Tracey Wilkinson and Ricky Tomlinson.

#### The Brittas Empire S1-5 (1991-1994)

Gordon Brittas is the manager of the Whitbury-Newtown Leisure Centre. Despite his good intentions, everything seems to go wrong when he's around, despite the best efforts of the center staff and his long-suffering wife, Helen. Starring Chris Barrie, Pippa Haywood and Harriet Thorpe.

## Banksy: Most Wanted (2020 UK Premiere)

Banksy is a household name, but behind this name hides a multitude of stories, artworks, stunts, political statements and identities, leading to one of the art world's biggest unanswered questions- who is Banksy?

#### Our Zoo S1 (2014)

While returning from a reunion, George Mottershead notices the Oakfield Manor that is put up for auction. He takes a loan and decides to convert the estate into a

zoo without cages. Starring Lee Ingleby, Liz White and Ralf Little.

#### 9th December

# As Time Goes By S1-4 (1992-1995)

The Korean War, and a long lost letter, separate the lives of young lovers Jean Pargetter and Lionel Hardcastle, whose paths cross again by happenstance. Starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer.

# Cambridge Spies S1 (2003)

The true story of a group of Cambridge University Students who are recruited to spy for the Soviet Union in the early 1930s. Starring Tom Hollander.

# Agatha and the Truth of Murder (2018)

In 1926, with her personal life in tatters and her writing in crisis, a young Agatha Christie decides to solve a real-life murder. Television film starring Ruth Bradley, Blake Harrison and Dean Andrews.

#### **16th December**

# 2Point4Children S1-8 (1991-1999)

Series following the lives of the Porters, a seemingly average, working-class London family whose world is frequently turned upside-down by bad luck and bizarre occurrences. Starring Gary Olsen, Belinda Lang and John Pickard.

# A Very Peculiar Practise S1-2 (1986-1988)

The various misadventures of Stephen Daker, a young doctor who works for the health centre of a modern British university. Starring Peter Davison, Barbara Flynn and David Troughton.

#### Brexit: The Uncivil War (2019)

With an intention to convince the British voters to leave the European Union, political strategist Dominic Cummings decides to start a controversial campaign. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Rory Kinnear.

# Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? S1-2 (1973-1974)

Terry and Bob from The Likely Lads (1964) continue their life after Terry arrives home from serving in the Army to discover that Bob is about to marry his

girlfriend Thelma. Can Thelma lead Bob onto the straight and narrow path or will Terry divert things once again? Starring Rodney Bewes, James Bolam and Brigit Forsyth.

#### 23rd December

Doctor Who: The Faceless Ones (1967/2020)

The eighth incomplete Doctor Who serial to receive full-length animated reconstructions of its missing episodes. The Doctor and his companions arrive at Gatwick Airport and discover strange identity-stealing aliens called Chameleons.

Doctor Who: Fury from the Deep (1968/2020)

Animated reconstruction of the missing serial. The Doctor and his companions find themselves at a gas refinery where a dangerous plant is infecting everyone and controlling their minds.

Bad Girls S1-8 (1999-2006)

Dramatic portrayal of life in a women's prison, focusing on the inmates and staff's friendships and relationships, and the issues surrounding them. Starring Jack Ellis, Victoria Alcock and Kika Mirylees.

Mistresses S1-3 (2008-2010)

The lives and loves of four female friends: Katie, a doctor having an affair with a patient; Trudi, a 9/11 widow; Siobhan, a barrister; and Jessica, a commitment phobe who plays the field. Starring Sarah Parish, Orla Brady and Sharon Small.

Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603 (2020)

The plague has hit London, and as Christmas approaches, Will and Kate are in wave fifteen of state-enforced home confinement together in Will's London lodgings. Starring David Mitchell and Gemma Whelan.

The Hippopotamus (2017)

Disgraced poet Ted Wallace is summoned to his friend's country manor to investigate a series of unexplained miracles. Starring Roger Allam, Matthew Modine and Fiona Shaw.

#### **30th December**

Feature Films

# Marnie (1964)

Mark marries Marnie although she is a habitual thief and has serious psychological problems, and tries to help her confront and resolve them. Alfred Hitchcock classic starring Sean Connery, Tippi Hedren and Diane Baker.

# Saboteur (1942)

Barry Kane, a worker at the Los Angeles aircraft factory, escapes arrest when he is falsely accused of purposely disrupting the place. He finally succeeds in nabbing Frank Frye, the perpetrator. Another Hitchcock classic starring Norman Lloyd, Robert Cummings and Priscilla Lane.

# Mary Queen Of Scots (1971)

During the sixteenth century, the Catholic Mary, Queen of Scots engages in over two decades of religious and political conflict with her cousin, the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I of England, amidst political intrigue in her native land. Starring Vanessa Redgrave, Glenda Jackson and Timothy Dalton.

# The Invisible Man (1933)

A scientist finds a way of becoming invisible, but in doing so, he becomes murderously insane. One of the films from Universal Pictures' classic monster collection, starring Claude Rains, Gloria Stuart and John Carradine.

# The Nelson Affair (1973)

Young George Matcham visits his uncle Lord Nelson and the vulgar Lady Hamilton. With the clear eyes of youth, he measures Nelson's stature and notes his feet of clay. And yet, Nelson is a hero, a great man. How can this be resolved? Meanwhile, the combined French and Spanish fleet puts out to sea. Starring Peter Finch, Glenda Jackson and Margaret Leighton.

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#### **About BritBox**

BritBox is a digital video subscription service created by the BBC and ITV. The service brings the very best in past, present and future British programming and award-winning content to viewers all in one place for £5.99 per month in HD. British TV boxsets from All 4 and British films from Film 4 are also available. The service includes high quality factual and entertainment content from Channel 5 plus original British comedies from Comedy Central UK. BritBox features the

biggest collection of British content available on any streaming service, and brand new commissions for British production companies specifically created for BritBox. BritBox also offers expert curation and playlists that will enable viewers to easily find programmes they know and discover new favourites via web, mobile, tablet, connected TVs and streaming devices including Fire TV, Apple TV, Freesat, Chromecast and Roku. Content on BritBox can be downloaded and viewed offline where rights allow.

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