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## ***The Marlow Murder Club, Season 1*** **Episode Descriptions**

### **Season**

**Sundays, October 27 – November 17, 2024 at 9/8c on PBS**

Retired archaeologist Judith Potts lives alone in the peaceful town of Marlow, filling her time setting crosswords for the local paper. During her regular evening swim in the River Thames, Judith hears a gunshot coming from her neighbor's garden, and believes that a brutal murder has taken place. When the local police – led by newly promoted DS Tanika Malik – are reluctant to believe her story, Judith starts her own investigation, enlisting the help of unfulfilled vicar's wife Becks Starling. When local dog walker and empty-nester Suzie Harris becomes personally involved in the case, she also joins Becks and Judith's investigation. As the bodies begin to pile up, the unlikely group of sleuths must use all of their skills to piece together clues, grill suspects, and face down real dangers as they race against the clock to stop the killer in their tracks.

### **Episode One**

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 9/8c on PBS**

Retired archaeologist Judith Potts's peaceful evening in Marlow is shattered when she hears a gunshot coming from her neighbor's garden and believes that a brutal murder has taken place. With the local police – led by newly promoted DS Tanika Malik – reluctant to believe her story, Judith starts her own investigation, enlisting the help of unfulfilled vicar's wife Becks Starling. Judith digs into the alibi of the arrogant owner of the local auction house, but her suspicions ultimately hits a dead end. An ominous warning message leaves Judith even more determined to catch the killer, and local dog-walker and empty nester Suzie Harris makes a terrible discovery that personally involves her in the investigation.

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## **Episode Two**

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 9/8c on PBS**

Despite Tanika's warnings to stay away from the case, Judith, Becks and Suzie continue to investigate, and follow a trail of clues left by the murder weapon. This leads them to an eccentric local weapons collector with an alarming secret, but their questioning proves inconclusive. Judith puts herself in danger during a suspicious local break-in and Becks uncovers crucial forensic evidence. Judith spots a pattern in the evidence and, with help from the friendly local magnet fishers, the trio uncover new evidence that leads them to a chilling discovery – they have a serial killer on their hands!

## **Episode Three**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 9/8c on PBS**

With the team in a race against time to stop the killer, Tanika decides to bring Judith, Becks and Suzie into the police investigation as civilian advisors. Evidence from the break-in points to the owner of the local rowing club, but the team can't find solid evidence to connect her to the murder. Following another lead, the trio visit the office of a local lawyer, and suspect that he's hiding something. They plan a thrilling heist and retrieve vital hidden evidence. The police make a forensic breakthrough on the crime scene evidence – have they caught their killer? The team rush to apprehend a suspect, only to realize that they were on the wrong track and have made a fatal mistake. With the investigation suffering a big setback, Tanika and the trio must reconsider if they are on the right path.

## **Episode Four**

**Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9/8c on PBS**

The women wonder if they've got what it takes to solve this case – Becks' family are worried for her safety, Suzie's daughter is about to return home, and Tanika is under pressure from her superiors. But Judith makes a breakthrough with the evidence from the lawyer's office – there's an important link between the murders, and the investigation is back on! Judith sets about creating the perfect trap for the killer and must also grapple with a personal secret from her past. It leads her into a dangerous confrontation as she risks her life to reveal the murderer's identity, just as a huge storm hits Marlow, cutting her off from her friends and the police. Becks and Suzie must follow their instincts and convince Tanika and her team that Judith is in danger before it's too late – will they make it in time to save their friend and stop the killer?

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*The Marlow Murder Club* executive producers for Monumental Television are Debra Hayward, Alison Owen and Alison Carpenter. Susanne Simpson is executive producer for MASTERPIECE. Philippa Collie Cousins is executive producer for UKTV. The series is written by Robert Thorogood. The director is Steve Barron and is produced by Jane Wallbank. Barron and Thorogood also serve as executive producers. ITV Studios handles international distribution. PBSd is the North American distributor.

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## **About MASTERPIECE:**

Winner of 83 Primetime Emmys® and 18 Peabody Awards, MASTERPIECE has been essential Sunday night viewing for millions of fans for over 50 years. Susanne Simpson is the executive producer. Series funding for MASTERPIECE is provided by Viking Cruises, Raymond James, The MASTERPIECE Trust, and public television viewers. Produced for PBS by GBH Boston, MASTERPIECE is known for hits such as *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Sherlock*, *Downton Abbey* and *Wolf Hall*, and beloved classics such as *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Prime Suspect* and *Poldark*. For more information, please visit [pbs.org/masterpiece](http://pbs.org/masterpiece) and follow us on social media @masterpiecepbs.