



## **Dead of Night**

### **The surviving episodes from the classic BBC series**

After years of unavailability, the three surviving episodes from the legendary horror anthology series *Dead of Night* finally come to DVD, released by the BFI on 28 October 2013, as part of *GOTHIC: The Dark Heart of Film*. First screened on BBC2 in 1972, *Dead of Night* offered a series of highly personal takes on psychological disturbances, often related to contemporary social anxieties. Rarely seen since its original broadcast, the *Dead of Night* series has been highly sought by fans of classic TV and British horror for decades.

#### **The Exorcism** A film by Don Taylor

In what is perhaps the most terrifying of the episodes, four wealthy, middle-class friends (played by Clive Swift, Edward Petherbridge, Anna Cropper and Sylvia Kay) gather for Christmas dinner in a country cottage, only to find that the past will not rest while they feast.

#### **Return Flight** A film by Rodney Bennett

The professionalism of an experienced and respected airline pilot (played by Peter Barkworth) is placed under scrutiny when he encounters the ghostly apparition of a Second World War Lancaster bomber.

#### **A Woman Sobbing** A film by Paul Ciappessoni

A middle-class housewife (played by Anna Massey – *Peeping Tom*, *Frenzy*) becomes increasingly paranoid when her nights are interrupted by the terrifying and unexplained sound of a woman crying in one of the rooms in her new house.

#### **Special features**

- Gallery of stills from the missing episodes
- Downloadable scripts for the missing episodes (PDF)
- Illustrated booklet featuring essays and biographies by Lisa Kerrigan, Oliver Wake, Derek Johnston and Alex Davidson

#### **Product details**

**RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD996 / Cert 15**

UK / 1972 / col / English language, with optional English hard-of-hearing subtitles / 150 minutes / DVD9 / PAL / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / Dolby Digital mono audio (320 kbps)

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