

Oldies but goodies – #NewYearNewYou – PLUS A TWITTER COMPETITION!

The phrase ‘an oldie but a goodie’ is most appropriate when applied to films. And Helen Mirren (I would kill to look like that when I am her age).

I love my movies, but I am ashamed to say that many ‘classics’ have passed me by. I’m not sure why; maybe not having enough time to watch them? Perhaps it’s because I never thought they would appeal to me? Well, whatever it is, I really haven’t seen enough older movies and that is pretty shameful of me.

When Mr Knutts and myself went on Honeymoon to Iceland, we got snowed in for two days. Tragic I know. No kids, no noise, beautiful scenery, being forced to slob about indoors. (I had the time of my bloody life people!) We had no English TV and we hadn’t take any books so we resorted to watching box sets and films on the laptop. One of the movies we watched was The Godfather Trilogy. I couldn’t believe we hadn’t seen it before! It was brilliant and one of those films you just **have to watch**. The soundtrack to it is brilliant too and will forever remind me of our honeymoon now.

As part of the #NewYouNewYou campaign I am taking part in, I have been challenged to watch some films I haven’t seen before. It’s embarrassing how many films I haven’t seen actually, very uncultured of me, but I just have so little free time I can never seem to sit and watch films anymore. That will change this year though. I will be making time to sit with the hubby and watch something with no distractions of iPhone’s, tablets or computers. Here is a list of the films I am going to watch plus a competition for you guys to be in with a chance of winning them too!

Westworld

[via GIPHY](#)

Myself and Mr Knutts just watched the new TV series of this (it was on Amazon Prime and Sky anytime if I recall correctly) and it was **BRILLIANT**. I had no idea it was originally a 1970's film and I can't wait to see it now. Basic gist of it is that the film is set in the future where there is a theme park. The park is populated by robots that look and act like real people. They die, they feel (you can also have 'relations' with them) and they are beyond realistic. Once they die, their memory is wiped, they are reconditioned and reprogrammed and put back into the park. The theme park is a Western themed place, hence the movie name, and paying customers can go in and play out whatever story they wish. The only issue is that the robots, who are programmed by humans, begin to malfunction and start remembering things. They then begin killing humans who enter the park in a bid to take control. Cue chaos.

Goodfellas

[via GIPHY](#)

No, not the pizza company, the movie. But on that note, they do make good pizzas though don't they.

Another one I am ashamed to admit I haven't seen. This is a hang my head in shame moment for sure isn't it.

The film, directed by Martin Scorsese, is biographical, which I didn't realise actually, and tells the story of a Mafia man called, Henry Hill, who was a prolific East New York gangster from 1955-1980. It charts the tale of him and his group of friends as they navigate their way through the underworld of the Italian-American Mafia. Brutal, gory, gritty and honest. Scorsese at his best. Seen as I liked The Godfather, I would almost certain enjoy this film, despite it's darkness.

Get Carter

[via GIPHY](#)

My name, is Michael Caine.

Obviously it isn't, it's Gemma but you can't write about Michael Caine without saying that can you?

That and something about 'only blowing the bloody doors off' but that is a different film entirely.

Get Carter is another Gangster film, but this time set in London. It's about East End gangs and tells the tale of Jack Carter (played by Caine) who returns to London to investigate his brothers death, which he deems to be suspicious. After some brutal beatings, and some 'visits' to various people, he manages to uncover the truth. Vengeance shall be his.

I love a bit of Mr Caine so I am really looking forward to this one. I know my husband will enjoy it too, he loves a gritty film.

Dirty Harry

[via GIPHY](#)

This is a 1970's movie, starring Clint Eastwood, directed by John Siegel,

It is a cop versus serial killer film and again, it is gritty, violent and full of epic one-liners. Eastwood stars as Harry Callahan, an American cop who uses heavy handed tactics to get to the bottom of his cases. When a serial killer strikes in his area, he goes in all guns blazing (literally, a 44 Magnum to be precise) and tries to find out who they are and apprehend them before they strike again.

Yet again, I have no idea why I haven't seen this classic movie but it is top of my list once I get a couple of hours to sit down one evening.

Strangers on a train

[via GIPHY](#)

An Alfred Hitchcock classic. I have seen a few Hitchcock films, I'm not a complete heathen, but not this one.

The story centers around two strangers who meet on a train, as the title suggest. These men are a young tennis player and a charming psychopath. The psychopath suggests that because they each want to "get rid" of someone, they should "exchange" murders, and that way neither will be caught. The psychopath commits the first murder; and then tries to force the tennis player to complete the bargain. Warped Hitchcock at his best.

Full of twists and will keep you guessing until the end.

One I will watch during the day so hopefully I have forgotten it by nighttime so I can sleep! I am such a wimp these days!

Enter my Twitter competition to win your own 5 Classic movies box set!

All you have to do is follow me, give my competition post a retweet and that's it! I will then choose one lucky winner who gets to keep these 5 classic films to have one hell of an epic movie binge weekend!

So what are you waiting for?! Go ahead and have a go!

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER!](#)

[You can also buy the movies mentioned above via this link.](#)

Terms and conditions

All entrants must have followed @lifeisknutts on Twitter and re-tweeted the competition.

Competition closes on Thursday 26th January at 10am.

Winner will be contacted via direct message on Twitter.

UK entries only.

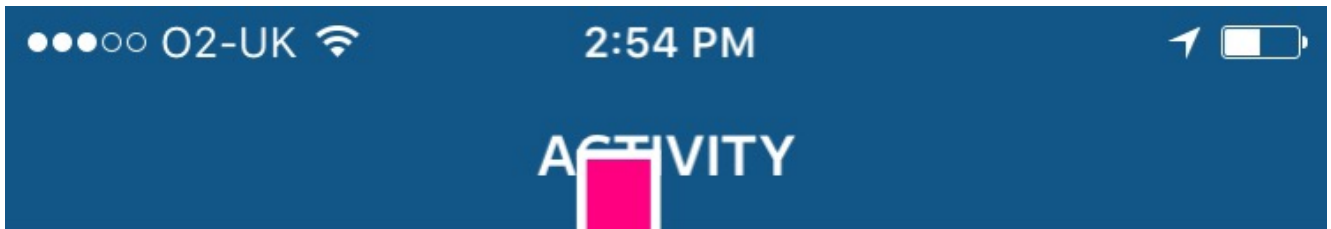
Copies of the DVD's will be sent once the winners names and

addresses have been received.

Disclosure: I was sent this set of films in return for this post. All words, thought and opinions are my own.

[#MaverickMum](#)

So this has just happened over on my Instagram page...



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notonthehighstreet commented: We love your photo and would like to feature it in our online gallery. Please reply with **#YesNOTHS** to let us know if that's okay. By responding **#YesNOTHS** you accept these T&Cs; <http://po.st/YesNOTHS> 2m



notonthehighstreet liked your photo. 3h



Eek!! Muchos Excitement!!

(*Squeals with excitement and pours a Gin and Tonic*)

I entered a competition called **#MaverickMum** over on Instagram which was being run by Not on the High Street.

The idea was to post a picture which explains a time you went a little bit 'Maverick Mum' (aka, over the top) for the chance to win £500 of Not on the High Street vouchers (lord knows I could do some damage with those...)

I entered and used this photo of the boys dressed in Lego Themed Halloween costumes which I made for them as they had the potential to win a prize at a Brickies Lego workshop they were attending.



They are going to HATE me when they are older...

Turns out my boys did win, but I 100% looked like the mum who 'had tried a bit too hard'.

My eldest was wearing a headpiece so large he had to go

sideways through the doors and my middle one couldn't move his arms in his box properly to build his Lego creations...

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A cringeworthy, I want to dissolve into the floor moment, for sure.

Anyhow, I got a message from Not on the Highstreet asking if I give permission to have my photo featured in their online gallery (immediately said yes, obvs) and am potentially down to the last few to battle it out for the end of the competition.

I'm not sure I'll win but it's exciting nonetheless.

Who said these kids aren't useful... □

#mightaswellgetsomeperksoutofthem

#woulddefinitelyspendall500quidonfoodandalcohol