

“Broadchurch” – When a young boy’s body is found at the foot of a cliff in an English seaside town, detectives Hardy (David Tennant) and Miller (Olivia Colman) have no end of suspects in sight. But every time you think you know the culprit - guess again. English mystery at its very best. (Netflix)

“Happy Valley” - Catherine Cawood (Sarah Lancashire) is a police officer in a fading English rust belt town (hence the ironic title of the series). Her life is upended when her daughter is raped and years later the prime suspect reappears. This is a gritty series with some great set pieces. One of my favorites is when a timid accountant is told by his boss that he will not get a raise. Simmering with resentment he hatches a plan to get back at him. But once he puts his scheme into action he finds himself on a runaway train. Part of him wants to pull back but he is paralyzed by greed and moral cowardice. Then, just when he thinks he is in the clear, something happens which neither he (nor we) anticipated. It is a supremely ironic twist that would warm the heart of Alfred Hitchcock. (Amazon Prime)