

## Dear Friends and Supporters of Film & TV History



**CFF feature Glitterball plays at 9:50 Saturday 28th**

What's in this week's newsletter?

- More discoveries From the Footage Detectives! Remember 'The Hidden Truth'?
- Ask Caroline Munro a question!
- Join Amanda Barrie, Anita Harris, Frazer Hines, Melvyn Hayes, Jenny Hanley and Freddie 'Parrot Face' Davies for a day in Stockport!
- Win our new Beaconsfield Studios DVD Box set (which features the brilliant SNOWBALL) in Our Quiz
- A great deal For Petula Clark fans!
- Top Picks of what to watch from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August!

**The Footage Detectives** continue their pursuit of lost films and TV episodes. As well as Michael Denison as **Boyd QC** (12<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm), there's a new episode of No Hiding Place coming up for you. Car in Flames features guest stars Barbara Young and Mark Kingston and airs on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm.

**The Hidden Truth** is a series from 1964, long thought completely lost, and was the first show to feature the work of forensic scientists. It stars Oscar-nominated Alexander Knox and you can see episode, Under Cross Examination, on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm.

**Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>** is a red letter in so many ways. It's also the date classic series **Secret Army** premieres. Set your alarms for 9pm, this one is unmissable.

Our good friend, scream queen herself **Caroline Munro**, host of **The Cellar Club**, is back in the studio with us next week. She would LOVE to hear from you! If you have a question for this cinema legend, do get in touch. Email [Theprojectionist@talkingpicturestv.co.uk](mailto:Theprojectionist@talkingpicturestv.co.uk).

We're also busy preparing for **Festival of Film in Stockport on October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Our star guest line-up is confirmed now. Don't miss this chance to meet **Amanda Barrie, Frazer Hines, Jenny Hanley, Melvyn Hayes, Freddie 'Parrot Face' Davies and Anita Harris**. Tickets are going fast, so click [HERE](#) to get yours now!

It's time for some **FILM (AND TV) ANORAK FACTS**.

- Actor David Langton, who plays Richard Bellamy in *Upstairs, Downstairs*, spent time as a young man working as a sheep farmer in

the Shetland Islands. On his mother's death, he returned to the mainland, and declared his farming career to have been 'a mistake'.

- If you're watching *The Glitterball* during Saturday Morning Pictures, keep your eyes peeled for a real relic from the past. A van used by the RAF in the film is actually a re-purposed TV detector van. Anybody remember those?
- Ronald Howard, star of the *Sherlock Holmes* TV series, was the son of actor, Leslie Howard. Whilst acting might have been the natural choice of career, he actually spent some time as a journalist, before deciding to follow in Leslie's footsteps.

## **FULL SCHEDULE**

For our **FULL LISTINGS** for 7 days with full details click [HERE](#).

To see more **HIGHLIGHTS**, click [HERE](#).

For those of you who would like to see a full list of this week's programming **WITH SUBTITLES AVAILABLE** click [HERE](#).

**Remember you can see the full schedule for several weeks ahead on our website. On the schedule page, just click on the dates for your chosen week. The first week you are taken to will be the current one, don't panic just select the next week on the tab!**

## **PREMIERES, DAILY PICKS AND ALL SHORT FILMS FOR THE WEEK 23rd to 29th August**

### **PREMIERE EPISODES FROM YOUR FAVOURITE SERIES**

***The Main Chance* on Monday at 8pm. Stars John Stride and Anna Palk.**

David and Margaret act for opposing sides in a dramatic story of greed & corruption. With guest stars Frank Mills and Basil Dignam.

***One Step Beyond* on Tuesday at 6pm. Stars Olive Deering, Luana Anders & Edward Platt.**

A shy teenage girl is at the mercy of her abusive aunt and insensitive father in this latest episode of John Newland's pioneering supernatural series.

***Sherlock Holmes* on Wednesday at 6pm. Stars Ronald Howard, Howard Marion-Crawford & Archie Duncan.**

In *The Case of the Greystone Inscription*, a mysterious inscription leads Sherlock into the investigation of a missing historian.

***Upstairs, Downstairs* on Sunday at 6pm. Stars Gordon Jackson, Jean Marsh & David Langton.**

The war has begun and the Bellamy family offers hospitality to a family of Belgian refugees. Edward is feeling increased pressure to enlist.

***The Champions* on Sunday at 9pm. Stars Stuart Damon, Alexandra Bastedo and William Gaunt.**

It's the second appearance of the evening from David Langton. As guest star in this week's episode, he is Lord Mauncey, who enters a secret vault and attempts to steal a file containing the country's defence information.

## **SATURDAY MORNING PICTURES (9am – 12 noon)**

**9am. *Them Thar Hills (1934)*. Stars Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy, Billy Gilbert & Mae Busch.** Laurel and Hardy visit the mountains to relieve Ollie's gout, but local bootleggers disrupt the trip

**9.25am. *Green Hornet Strikes Again*.** The racketeers plot to defraud a well owner. Can Green Hornet return to Fulton what is rightfully his?

**9.50am. *BFI: The Glitterball (1977)*.** Two teenage boys try to help an alien get back to its mothership before a crook and the army can capture it. Look out for the alien which bears a striking resemblance to Steven Spielberg's E.T.!

**11.00. *Fury*.** Local ranchers think that gypsies are stealing horses, and when Fury is rustled, it leads to the truth.

**11.30 am. *Phantom Empire (1935)*.** Stars Gene Autry. Gene tries to stop the radium bomb the Queen has sent to kill the riders on the surface.

**11.55am. *Let's Sing with Popeye (1934)*.** This Fleischer Studios cartoon features the classic song, 'I'm Popeye, the Sailor Man'.

## **MORNING HIGHLIGHTS**

The usherette has put the kettle on and there might be biscuits too. Settle down with our choice of daily pre-lunchtime classics.

***Double Bunk (1961) on Monday at 10am.*** Stars Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott, Sidney James & Liz Fraser. A newlywed couple are desperate to get back home after their houseboat runs out of fuel in France.

***Uncle Silas (1947) on Tuesday at 10am.*** Jean Simmons, in her first starring role, is an orphan sent to live with her scheming uncle.

***Deadly Nightshade (1953) on Wednesday at 11.40am.*** Stars Emrys Jones and Zena Marshall. A convict on the run switches identities with a lookalike, only to find himself in deeper trouble in this highly unusual drama.

***Offbeat (1961) on Thursday at 10.35am.*** Stars William Sylvester, Anthony Dawson & Mai Zetterling. An MI5 man infiltrates a gang of criminals who are eluding Scotland Yard.

***Jackpot (1960) on Friday at 10.10am.*** Stars William Hartnell & Eddie Byrne. The wife of an ex-convict refuses to return to him. Rare screening for this previously 'lost' film.

## **AFTERNOON HIGHLIGHTS**

You deserve to put your feet up in the afternoon too. Time for another cuppa and maybe a slice of cake with some fine film choices.

***The Girl in the Picture (1957) on Monday at 3pm.*** A policeman's killer remains on the loose, even years after the crime. Stars Donald Houston & Patrick Holt

***Trouble Brewing (1939) on Tuesday at 12.20pm.*** Stars George Formby and Googie Withers. George goes undercover to hunt out a gang of counterfeiters.

***The Courtneys of Curzon Street (1947) on Wednesday at 1.10pm.*** Stars Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding. The lives and loves of three generations of the Courtney family, from the Boer War until World War 2.

***Fanny By Gaslight (1944)* on Thursday at 3pm.** Phyllis Calvert is the orphan girl whose life is almost ruined by the evil Lord Manderstoke. Also stars James Mason and Stewart Granger.

***The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (1988)* on Friday at 1pm.** Stars Stephanie Beacham, Mel Smith, Emily Hudson. A wonderfully-made mock-Gothic tale set in an isolated country house.

**SHORT FILMS, Glimpses and NEW episodes of Look at Life**

**(THESE MAY NOT BE LISTED IN TV GUIDES)**

Nobody else offers the unique, and eclectic, range of short films that we do. These shorts may not always make it into the TV listings, so we're highlighting them here for you. Make a note so as not to miss your favourites, or to set your recorders.

**MONDAY**

**8.05am. *Glimpses of 1967.*** This fascinating short, made for overseas distribution, shows a children's art exhibition in London, a fashion show, the making of clothing and a 24-hour dry cleaner.

**11.50am. *Harry Roy in Floor Show (1935).*** Rare footage of the legendary band leader.

**7.45pm. *Look at Life: The Ball at His Feet (1966)* PREMIERE.** A Look into Britain's most popular sport, football, and what it takes to get to the top. With a visit to Burnley Football Club.

## TUESDAY

**6.35pm. *Sherlock Holmes*.** An examination of Hollywood's earliest interpretations of the Sherlock Holmes stories.

## WEDNESDAY

**10.30am. *Forever Vespa*.** The classic Italian motorcycle was a symbol of the country's renewal at the end of World War II. Even now, it remains a cult object.

**12.55pm. *Sam's Medal (1936)*.** Very rare animation narrated by Stanley Holloway. The story of Private Samuel Small who saved his Sergeant Major's life.

**1.05pm. *London River Bus, Late 1940s*.** Take a trip on The Thames from Greenwich, passing Tower Bridge, The Tower of London, St Pauls, the 'new' Waterloo Bridge & on to Westminster.

**3.25pm. *Take Two: Valerie Leon*.** The much-loved actress discusses her life and career.

**6.30pm. *Look at Life: Channel Tunnel (1962)*.** A Look into the scientific research needed to create the tunnel.

## FRIDAY

**6am. *Laughing Waters (1954)*.** A charming travelogue from EJ Fancey. Travel from Britain to Norway by Sea and discover all that

Norway has to offer.

**4.45pm. *Look at Life: Harvest of Hops (1962)*.** A Look at a typical London family on their annual hop-picking holiday to Kent.

## **SUNDAY**

**5.40pm. *Look at Life: Running Dry (1964)*.** A Look at the drought of 1959 and the question of whether Britain's water supplies are organised efficiently.

## **THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFER**

**Petula Clark CD + DVD COMBINED OFFER! Only £20  
with free UK Postage.**

### **Petula Clark On Air CD**

A landmark collection representing a unique discovery of 23 recordings made by Petula Clark CBE for various BBC Radio programmes between 1951 and 1961. Almost all of the songs are unheard since their original transmission. Highlights include Rodgers and Hart's *With A Song In My Heart* and Piaf's *While The Angelus Was Ringing*, accompanied by Geraldo and his Orchestra with the George Mitchell Singers and Choir.

### **Don't Ever Leave Me (1949) DVD**

This Rank comedy classic stars Petula as the daughter of an actor, kidnapped by small-time crooks. Her father realises the publicity is boosting ticket sales, and is in no rush to have her rescued. Co-stars

Jimmy Hanley.

Click [HERE](#) to yours now!

### **TPTV PODCAST**

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### **FROM YOU TO US**

We do love hearing from our viewers and encourage you to send us your emails and letters. This week we heard from Viv Lake, who was thrilled to see a film with a family connection.

*In a world that is rapidly changing, your programmes have been bringing us so much pleasure, nostalgia and surprises. I've even relived some childhood visits to Saturday Morning Pictures! (Cisco Kid was one of my favourites and also Children's Film Foundation)*

*I was so excited to see on your 'forthcoming programme' that 'Snowball' was to be screened on Talking Pictures tonight. I immediately let all my family know so that they could also tune in. 'Snowball' was based on my uncle James Lake's novel. The film came out in 1960 and I remember being taken to see it at a cinema in Sittingbourne. I was full of excitement to see my uncle's name up on the screen.*

*I have copies of all of Uncle Jimmy's books but have always wanted to see 'Snowball' again, little thinking I ever would. Now I have seen it again 60 years later!!*

*Uncle Jimmy also had a play on television in 1963, in the Suspense series entitled The Edge of Reason. Sadly, he died aged only 50 in 1970, and had he lived for another decade or three, I would have been able to ask his advice when I began to write plays myself.*

*Thank you so much for including 'Snowball.' It brought back some very happy memories.*

*Talking Pictures is swiftly becoming a National Treasure. Thank you all for your hard work in finding all these cinematic gems and sharing this wonderful archive.*

Thank you for writing to us, Viv. We're so happy that seeing *Snowball* brought back such happy memories of your talented uncle.

## **QUIZ TIME**

Talking of *Snowball* (1960), this is your chance to win the Beaconsfield Studios 3-DVD set. This box set contains ten films, of which *Snowball* is one. To be in with a chance of winning, email your answers to the questions below to

[Theprojectionist@talkingpicturestv.co.uk](mailto:Theprojectionist@talkingpicturestv.co.uk) with **QUIZ 22/08** in the subject line by **9am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**. A winner will be drawn from all the correct answers we receive. Don't forget to include your postal address so we can send you your prize if you're the lucky winner.

This week's quiz has a literary theme. Can you name the authors of the books on which the following films were based?

1. ***Uncle Silas*** (Wednesday at 10am.)
2. ***Fanny By Gaslight*** (Thursday at 3pm.)
3. ***The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*** (Friday at 1pm.)

## **NFU MUTUAL SURVEY WINNERS**

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to answer NFU Mutual's sponsor survey. The five lucky winners of tickets to the Festival of Film will be getting a call from us soon. If that's you, don't stray too far from your phone!

Thank you, as always, for all your support for Talking Pictures TV.

Noel, Sarah and Neill

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