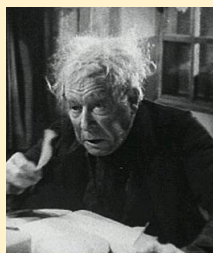




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## Highlights for Christmas Eve on Talking Pictures TV



### 08:10 SCROOGE (1935)

**Director:** Henry Edwards

**Starring:** Seymour Hicks, Donald Calthrop, Robert Cochran, Mary Glynn, Garry Marsh, Athene Seyler, Maurice Evans, Oscar Asche and C.V. France.

Scrooge, the ultimate Victorian miser, hasn't a good word to say for Christmas, even though his impoverished desk clerk Bob Cratchit and nephew Fred are full of holiday spirit. But during the night of Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by spirits who will change his look on life... and Christmas. This is the first "talkie" version of the classic Charles Dickens story.



### 09:45 RHYTHM SERENADE (1943)

**Director:** Gordon Wellesley

**Starring:** Vera Lynn, Peter Murray-Hill, Charles Victor and Julien Mitchell.

After the evacuee school in which Ann Martin was a teacher is closed, she decides to join the W.R.N.S., but is persuaded instead, to take up work organising a nursery for a munitions factory. Besides Vera singing, it contains equally rare film appearances by diminutive comedian Jimmy Clitheroe and the then-rising comedy team of Jimmy Jewel and Ben Warriss.



### 11:30 TOWED IN A HOLE (1932)

**Director:** George Marshall

**Starring:** Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy.

Although the boys have a successful mobile fishmonger business, Stan convinces Ollie that they should become fishermen too, cutting out the middleman and making more profit. Ollie agrees, but making the boat they buy seaworthy is not an easy task. This comedy classic short is often referred to as an example of Stan & Ollie at their best.



### 13:55 HIGH FLIGHT (1957)

*(also showing Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 03:00)*

**Director:** John Gilling

**Starring:** Ray Milland, Bernard Lee, Kenneth Haigh and Anthony Newley.

Wing Commander Rudge of an RAF Training School takes on a group of flight cadets who arrive at RAF Cranwell to begin a three-year training course. Among them is Tony Winchester, a difficult cadet, but one who reminds Rudge of his younger self and Roger Endicott, who possesses a great scientific mind and is determined to create a working 'flying saucer'. But first the group must understand the meaning of teamwork.



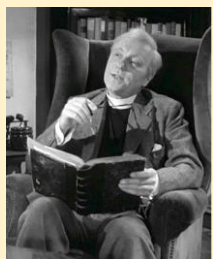
### 16:50 FOR THE LOVE OF ADA: THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL (1971)

*(also showing Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 19:20)*

**Director:** Ronnie Baxter

**Starring:** Irene Handl, Wilfred Pickles, Barbara Mitchell and Jack Smethurst.

A Christmas special of the gentle 70s sitcom about Ada and Walter, who have found love in the twilight of their years. This was the final episode of the series, which had a successful run from 1970 to 1971, and a big screen feature film outing in 1972.



### 21:05 THE HOLLY AND THE IVY (1952)

*(also showing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 15:15)*

**Director:** George More O'Ferrall

**Starring:** Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson, Denholm Elliott and Margaret Leighton.

Martin is a widowed British reverend who knows his parishioners better than his own children. Martin's detachment from his family is never more evident than at Christmas, when the family comes together to celebrate and his children struggle to hide family secrets during the emotional reunion that brings back memories of World War II.

# Highlights for Christmas Day on Talking Pictures TV

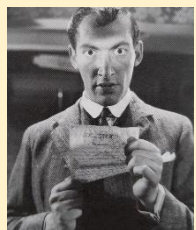


## 06:00 GOOD MORNING BOYS (1937)

**Director:** Marcel Varnel

**Starring:** Will Hay, Martita Hunt, Lilli Palmer and Graham Moffatt.

A schoolteacher, Benjamin Twist and his pupils visit Paris after fraudulently gaining successful marks in a French exam. While they are there Twist unwittingly helps an escaped convict steal the Mona Lisa.



## 09:20 THE UGLY DUCKLING (1959)

**Director:** Lance Comfort

**Starring:** Bernard Bresslaw, Jon Pertwee, Reginald Beckwith, Richard Wattis, Michael Ripper, Jess Conrad and Joe Loss & His Orchestra.

Bungling Henry Jekyll was always the outsider, until one day he discovers a secret family formula which transforms him into the suave, sophisticated and highly desirable Teddy Hyde. But Henry might not be ready for the consequences.



## 11:15 THE BULLDOG BREED (1960)

**Director:** Robert Asher

**Starring:** Norman Wisdom, Ian Hunter, David Lodge and Edward Chapman.

Norman Puckle, a well-meaning but clumsy grocer's assistant, cannot seem to do anything right. After being rejected in love by Marlene, he is saved from jumping off a cliff at 'Lover's Leap' by a Royal Navy petty officer who persuades Puckle to join the Royal Navy, where he will meet "lots of girls"...



## 13:50 SCROOGE (1951)

*(also showing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30)*

**Director:** Brian Desmond Hurst

**Starring:** Alastair Sim, Mervyn Johns, Kathleen Harrison, Jack Warner, Hermione Baddeley, Michael Hordern, George Cole and an all-star cast.

This is easily the best screen version of the much loved Christmas favourite. The ever-versatile Alastair Sim is impeccable as the miser who comes to see the error of his ways through the promptings of the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.



## 15:35 RING OF BRIGHT WATER (1969)

**Director:** Jack Couffer

**Starring:** Bill Travers, Virginia McKenna, Peter Jeffrey and Jameson Clark.

When Graham Merrill buys a pet otter called Mij, he soon realises that a cramped London bathtub is no place for such a creature. Tired of the hectic, noisy city life, Graham decides to move to a small village in Scotland where they both explore the countryside and befriend Mary MacKenzie, the kindly town doctor, who encourages Graham to follow his dream of being a writer.



## 17:40 OLIVER TWIST (1948)

*(also showing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 18:05)*

**Director:** David Lean

**Starring:** Robert Newton, Alec Guinness, Kay Walsh, John Howard Davies, Anthony Newley, Kathleen Harrison, Henry Stephenson and Mary Clare.

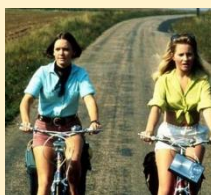
When 9-year-old orphan Oliver Twist dares to ask his cruel taskmaster, Mr. Bumble, for a second serving of gruel, he's hired out as an apprentice. Escaping that dismal fate, young Oliver runs away and falls in with the street urchin known as the 'Artful Dodger' who introduces him to his criminal mentor, Fagin.

## 21:00 AND SOON THE DARKNESS (1970)

**Director:** Robert Fuest

**Starring:** Pamela Franklin, Michele Dotrice, Sandor Elès and John Nettleton.

Two young English women, Jane and Cathy, go on a cycling tour of the French countryside, but become separated after they argue over various differences including a young man they have encountered. Learning that the area has a "bad reputation" from a café owner, Jane decides to head back and find Cathy to make up for their disagreements, but is it already too late?





## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Boxing Day

### 08:05 BELL BOTTOM GEORGE (1944)

**Director:** Marcel Varnel

**Starring:** George Formby, Anne Firth, Reginald Purdell and Peter Murray-Hill.

A hapless waiter, rejected for military service “joins” when he is mistaken for a sailor.

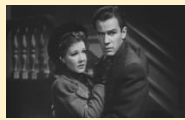


### 10:05 GRIMALDI: THE FUNNIEST MAN IN THE WORLD (2017)

**Director:** Jon Conway

**Starring:** David Essex, The Chuckle Brothers, Vicki Michelle and Charlie Cairoli Jr.

An aging Joe Grimaldi builds up towards an ill advised final comeback, while his son struggles with living in his Father's shadow.



### 10:30 BEYOND CHRISTMAS (1940)

**Director:** A. Edward Sutherland

**Starring:** Harry Carey, C. Aubrey Smith, Charles Winninger and Maria Ouspenskaya.

The ghosts of three elderly industrialists killed in an airplane crash return to Earth to help reunite a young couple whom they initially brought together.



### 12:05 LOST IN THE DESERT (1969)

**Director:** Jamie Uys (credited as Jamie Hayes)

**Starring:** Wynand Uys (credited as Dirkie Hayes) & Jamie Uys (credited as Jamie Hayes).

After a plane crash a young boy and his dog struggle for survival in the African desert.



### 13:45 PASSPORT TO PIMLICO (1949) (also showing Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Dec at 16:50)

**Director:** Henry Cornelius

**Starring:** Stanley Holloway, Hermione Baddeley, Barbara Murray & Margaret Rutherford.

Residents in an area of London declare independence, when they discover an old treaty, which leads to the need for a 'Passport to Pimlico'.



### 15:30 TALKING PICTURES WITH MARK LESTER (2018) \*EXCLUSIVE\*

**Director:** Sarah Cronin-Stanley

**Starring:** Mark Lester. **Hosted by:** Robert Ross.

Mark Lester (Oliver, Melody, Black Beauty) talks about his career in films and television.



### 16:00 Mark Lester introduces Melody / 16:05 MELODY (1971)

**Director:** Waris Hussein

**Starring:** Mark Lester, Tracy Hyde, Jack Wild, Colin Barrie and Sheila Steafel.

After falling in love with his classmate Melody, ten-year-old schoolboy Daniel announces his intention to marry her as soon as possible. His plans are met with opposition from his parents and best friend Orshaw, who is jealous of the attention Daniel has been giving her. Ignoring the protests of those around him, Daniel begins recruiting his classmates to help him organise a secret ceremony in one of his hideouts away from disapproving adult eyes.



### 18:15 THE BLUE LAMP (1949) (also showing Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Dec at 14:40)

**Director:** Basil Dearden

**Starring:** Jack Warner, Dirk Bogarde, Jimmy Hanley, Robert Flemyng and Bernard Lee.

The daily routine of two London policemen is interrupted by a killer...



### 21:00 QUATERMASS AND THE PIT (1967)

**Director:** Roy Ward Baker

**Starring:** James Donald, Andrew Keir, Barbara Shelley and Julian Glover.

A mysterious artefact is unearthed in London and famous scientist Bernard Quatermass is called into to define its origins and its strange effects.



## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 09:35

### KILL HER GENTLY (1957)

**Director:** Charles Saunders

**Starring:** Griffith Jones, Maureen Connell, Marc Lawrence and George Mikell.

A man recognises two escaped convicts who he gives a lift to, but instead of giving them up to the police, he proposes another solution...



## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 13:05

### THE DAY THE EARTH CAUGHT FIRE (1961)

**Director:** Val Guest **Starring:** Edward Judd, Janet Munro and Leo McKern.

When the U.S. and Russia unwittingly test atomic bombs at the same time, it alters the nutation of the Earth with catastrophic consequences.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 21:00**

**ALL THE WAY UP (1970)**

**Director:** James MacTaggart

**Starring:** Warren Mitchell, Pat Heywood, Kenneth Cranham and Richard Briers.

Fred Midway may be a bit short on brains but he's got plenty of ambition. However, before he can gain promotion as a salesman he must make his family more socially acceptable.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 09:50**

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE (1966)** (also showing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 15:40)

**Director:** James Clark

**Starring:** William Burleigh, Kate Nicholls, Anthony Honour and Brian Blessed.

Outpatient Gary is determined to get a tree for the children who will be in hospital at Christmas and enlists the help of his brother and sister to help him set out to find one.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 18:00**

**A FRENCH MISTRESS (1960)**

**Director:** Roy Boulting

**Starring:** Cecil Parker, James Robertson Justice, Ian Bannen and Irene Handl.

The boys of Melbury Primary School are plunged into turmoil when the new French Master turns out to be a Mistress (Agnès Laurent).

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 21:00**

**THE SMALL WORLD OF SAMMY LEE (1963)**

**Director:** Ken Hughes

**Starring:** Anthony Newley, Julia Foster, Robert Stephens and Wilfrid Brambell.

The comper of a seedy strip club struggles to keep one step ahead of the bookies to whom he owes money, but time is running out...

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 13:10**

**THE BRIGAND OF KANDAHAR (1965)**

**Director:** John Gilling

**Starring:** Ronald Lewis, Oliver Reed, Duncan Lamont, Yvonne Romain and Glyn Houston.

Framed by his colonel, a Bengal Lancer joins a desert bandit against the British in 1850s India.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 14:50**

**A CHALLENGE FOR ROBIN HOOD (1967)**

**Director:** C. M. Pennington-Richards

**Starring:** Barrie Ingham, James Hayter, Leon Greene, Peter Blythe and Alfie Bass.

Robin de Courtenay, a Norman noble, is framed by his evil cousin for murder and so he flees into the forest of Nottingham where the legend of Robin Hood unfolds.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 18:35**

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER (1958)**

**Director:** Roy Ward Baker (credited as Roy Baker)

**Starring:** Kenneth More, Ronald Allen, Robert Ayres and Honor Blackman.

On its maiden voyage in April 1912, the supposedly unsinkable RMS Titanic hits an iceberg...

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 09:50**

**DAVY (1958)**

**Director:** Michael Relph

**Starring:** Harry Secombe, Ron Randell, George Relph, Susan Shaw and Bill Owen.

Davy is the star of the family act, The Mad Morgans, but should he strike out on his own?

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 13:15**

**THE RAINBOW JACKET (1954)**

**Director:** Basil Dearden

**Starring:** Robert Morley, Kay Walsh, Edward Underdown, Fella Edmonds and Bill Owen.

A champion jockey is banned from racing so spends his time helping a young lad to become the next champion. Also stars Honor Blackman, Wilfrid Hyde-White and Sidney James.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 22:10**

**RAGING MOON (1971)**

**Director:** Bryan Forbes

**Starring:** Malcolm McDowell, Nanette Newman, Georgia Brown and Bernard Lee.

Mysteriously paralysed after his brothers wedding, Bruce is placed into a nursing home and finds hope with a nurse there.

