

Talking Pictures TV Programme

Christmas Eve

9am Christmas Rhapsody (1948) A small, lonely pine tree wishes to be chosen for Christmas and taken home. [S]

9:15am William Tell: The Surgeon (1959).

Stars: Conrad Phillips, Willoughby Goddard & Jennifer Jayne. Seriously wounded, Tell is taken to a Swiss surgeon. [S]

9:45am The Night Before Christmas (1946). A beautiful adaptation of the famous poem, made in 1946. [S]

10:00am BFI: The Christmas Tree (1966) Family. Stars: Brian Blessed, William Burleigh, Anthony Honour & Kate Nicholls. Gary determines to get a tree for children who will be in hospital for Christmas. [S]

11:05am The Adventures of Robin Hood: The Thorkil

Ghost (1956) Stars: Richard Greene. A man tells Robin of hidden treasure in a castle. [S]

11:30am Three Wise Boys - Glimpses (1953) Family. Three young brothers discover the real meaning of Christmas. [S]

12:00pm Santa Claus Conquers The Martians (1964) Family. Stars: John Call & Leonard Hicks. Martians kidnap Santa Claus.

1:40pm BFI: Night Mail (1936)

Documentary on the 1930s Royal Mail train. [S]

2:05pm Christmas Lights (2004) Comedy Drama. Director: Paul Seed. Stars: Robson Green & Mark Benton. Lifelong friends forget what Christmas is really about when they take rivalries to the extreme. [S]

3:35pm Christmas with Shelley (1980) Comedy. Director: Anthony Parker. Stars: Hywel Bennett, Belinda Sinclair & Josephine Tewson. Unexpected guests for Christmas. [S]

4:05pm Christmas In London in 1957 - Glimpses Charming glimpse of Christmas in London in the 50s; the lights, shop windows, the fashions and the hustle and bustle.

4:10pm Lost in the Desert (1969) Drama. Director: Jamie Uys. Stars: Wynand Uys & Jamie Uys. After a plane crash a boy and his dog must learn to survive the African desert. [S]

5:50pm Christmas Wishes (1944) Halas and Batchelor cartoon encouraging the public to 'post early for Christmas'.

5:55pm Carry On Christmas Special:

Carry On Stuffing (1972) Comedy. Stars: Hattie Jacques, Joan Sims, Barbara Windsor & Kenneth Connor. 18th century Carry On fun. [S]

7:00pm In Suspicious Circumstances: Poisoned Whispers - The Man Who Melted Away (1994). Stars: David Burke & Ian Cullen.

A Victorian woman accused of killing her husband & the death of a taxi driver. [S]

8:00pm Maigret: Peter The Lett (1963)

Stars: Rupert Davies. Maigret hears that one of Europe's most dangerous criminals is in Paris! [S]

9:05pm Runaway Train (1985) Action. Stars: Jon Voight, Eric Roberts & Rebecca De Mornay. Escaped convicts and a railway worker are trapped on an out of control train. [S]

11:15:pm And Then There Were None (1974) Thriller. Director: Peter Collinson. Stars: Charles Aznavour, Oliver Reed, Richard Attenborough & Herbert Lom. Ten people are invited to a hotel and accused of murder.

1.15am Confessions of a Driving Instructor (1976) Comedy. Stars Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth & Liz Fraser. The misadventures of a driving school business.



Christmas Day

7:35am Francis of Assisi (1961) Drama. Stars: Bradford Dillman & Dolores Hart. The true story of Francis Bernardone, who in 13th Century Italy started his own religious order. [S]

9:45am Good Tidings Of Great Joy (1996)

Gloria Hunniford introduces a Christmas service, with Willard White, Paul Jones & the London Adventists Choral.

10:50am Pollyanna (2002) Drama. Stars: Amanda Burton, Tom Bell & Kenneth Cranham. Orphan Pollyanna brings mirth & mayhem to her new home. [S]

1:00pm For the Love of Ada Christmas Special Stars: Irene Handl, Wilfred Pickles & Barbara Mitchell. Christmas special of the gentle 70s sitcom. [S]

1:45pm Christmas With Cliff Exclusive!

Mike Read sits down with friend Cliff Richard OBE, to discuss favourite Christmas films, tracks and memories of filming *Serious Charge*. [S]

2:20pm Scrooge: A Christmas Carol (1951) Drama. Stars Alastair Sim, Jack Warner, Sir Michael Hordern & Kathleen Harrison. Christmas is no celebration for Scrooge. [S]

4:00pm The Tommy Cooper Christmas Special (1973) Comedy. With guests: Sacha Distel & Clodagh Rodgers. [S]

5:00pm The Footage Detectives Christmas Special

Time to sit in front of the fire for a nostalgic look at Christmases Past. One for all you pop pickers with a rare reel of the 60s song 'Come Outside'. Also, unseen footage of some Carry On favourites celebrating Christmas at Pinewood.

6:00pm The Saint: Lida (1964) Stars: Roger Moore, Erica Rogers & Jeanne Moody. In the Bahamas, Simon's friend is convinced her sister is being blackmailed. [S]

7:00pm Christmas at Robin's Nest Stars: Tony Britton, Tessa Wyatt & Richard O'Sullivan. Robin attempts to put up the festive decorations. [S]

7:30pm BFI: Night Mail (1936) Directors: Harry Watt & Basil Wright. Narrated by Pat Jackson. British documentary film about the 1930s Royal Mail train delivery service. [S]

7:55pm Carry On Christmas Special (1973) Comedy. Stars: Sid James, Joan Sims & Barbara Windsor. Christmas through the ages with hilarious sketches. [S]

9:00pm The Onedin Line: Pound and Pint (1972) Stars: Peter Gilmore, Anne Stallybrass & Brian Rawlinson. Trouble aboard James' ship on the return to Liverpool. [S]

10:00pm Murphy's War (1971) Action.

Stars: Peter O'Toole, Siân Phillips & Philippe Noiret. A lone seaman becomes obsessed with revenge on a German U-Boat crew. [S]

12:05am Eyewitness (1981) Mystery. Stars: William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver & Christopher Plummer. A murder witness gets involved with the reporter covering the story. [S]

Boxing Day

8:45am Tales of Beatrix Potter (1971) Musical. Featuring: The Royal Ballet, Wayne Sleep and Alexander Grant. Beatrix Potter's beloved characters brought to life.

10:35am The Eartha Kitt Show (1965) This unseen performance showcases Eartha Kitt, known for 'Santa Baby'. [S]



Guide to Christmas and the New Year

11:05am Next To No Time (1958) Comedy. Stars: Kenneth More, Betsy Drake, Irene Handl & Sid James. David must close a deal before the Queen Elizabeth docks. [S]

1:05pm The Tommy Cooper Christmas Special (1973) Comedy. Guests include: Sacha Distel & Clodagh Rodgers. [S]

2:05pm The Green Man (1956) Comedy. Stars: Alastair Sim, Raymond Huntley, George Cole & Terry-Thomas. A watchmaker turns out to be an assassin. [S]

3:40pm Oliver Twist (1948) Drama. Director: David Lean. Stars: John Howard Davies, Alec Guinness, Robert Newton & Kay Walsh. An orphaned boy in London joins a household of boys trained to steal for their master. [S]

6:00pm The Footage Detectives A look at being a teenager in the 60s, the era of the 'screenager', 60s fashions & trends, Puzzle Corner and lots of unknown reels. [S]

7:00pm In Suspicious Circumstances: Poisoned Whispers - The Man Who Melted Away (1994) Stars David Burke, Ian Cullen & George Irving. Victorian woman accused of her husband's death & the death of a taxi driver. [S]

8:00pm The Main Chance: The Piper Calls the Tune (1970) Stars: John Stride, Anna Palk & John Arnatt. David and Margaret act for the opposing sides in a dramatic story.

9:00pm The Razor's Edge (1984) Drama. Stars: Bill Murray, Theresa Russell & Denholm Elliott. An American WWI veteran postpones his wedding plans to go on a spiritual quest.

11:35pm Secret Army: Be the First Kid in Your Block to Rule the World (1977) Stars: Bernard Hepton, Jan Francis & Angela Richards. Lt. Curtis's cover is blown, he must escape. [S]

00:35am Villa Rides (1968) Director: Buzz Kulik. Stars: Yul Brynner, Robert Mitchum & Maria Grazia Buccella. An American aviator must decide to aid Pancho Villa in the 1912 Mexican Revolution or face the firing squad. [S]

New Year's Eve

9:00am William Tell: The Ensign (1959) Stars: Conrad Phillips, Willoughby Goddard & Jennifer Jayne. Fritz, an Austrian soldier, unexpectedly turns to Gessler. [S]

9:30am Lionheart Family (1968) Director: Michael Forlong. Stars: James Forlong, Louise Rush, Ian Jessup, Irene Handl. An escaped circus lion is rescued by a young boy. [S]

10:35am Green Hornet Strikes Again: Thieves of the Night (1941) Stars: Warren Hull. The crime syndicate add truck hijacking to their crimes. [S]

11:00am Sir Francis Drake: The Irish Pirate (1962) Stars: Terence Morgan & Jean Kent. Drake must capture an Irish rebel.

11:30am The Adventures of Robin Hood: The Knight Who Came To Dinner (1956) Stars: Richard Greene & Victor Woolf. Little John and Friar Tuck capture a knight. [S]

12:00pm Life In Danger (1959) Crime thriller. Director: Terry Bishop. Stars: Derren Nesbitt. A child murderer escapes. [S]

1:15pm One Million Years BC (1966) Action. Director: Don Chaffey. Stars: Raquel Welch, John Richardson and Percy Herbert. Prehistoric romance and adventure. [S]

3:15pm Christmas Lights (2004) Comedy Drama. Stars Robson Green & Mark Benton. Lifelong friends forget what Christmas is really about when rivalries take over. [S]

4:45pm The Four Feathers (1939) Adventure. Stars: John Clements, Ralph Richardson & C. Aubrey Smith. A British officer seeks to redeem his cowardice 'feathers'. [S]

7:00pm In Suspicious Circumstances: One Little Hour - Crime Passionelle (1994) Stars: Adam Bareham, Patrick Godfrey & Malcolm Hebden. A study of Marguerite Fahmy and Edith Thompson, who both murdered their husbands. [S]

8:00pm Waking The Dead - The original pilot episode. (2000) Drama. Stars: Trevor Eve, Sue Johnston & Claire Goose. The rare pilot episode of the acclaimed crime series. The abduction and murder of Alice Miller, a young girl who disappeared five years ago.

10:05pm Genghis Khan (1965) Stars: Omar Sharif, Stephen Boyd & James Mason. Fictional account of the life of Genghis Khan.

00:35am Confessions from a Holiday Camp (1977) Comedy. Stars: Anthony Booth & Robin Askwith. Holiday camp employees' fun is spoiled by a new manager.

New Year's Day

09:10am The Night Caller (1959) 1965. Sci-Fi. Director: John Gilling. Stars: John Saxon, Maurice Denham & Patricia Haines. Aliens look for mates on earth. [S]

10:50am One Step Beyond: Image of Death (1959) Starring: Doris Dowling & John Wengraf. A stain on the wall shows the image of the Marquis' dead wife. [S]

11:20am Ghost of Greville Lodge (2000) Mystery. Director: Niall Johnson. Starring Jon Newman, Prunella Scales, Marc Danbury and George Cole. A teenager discovers many secrets from the past at his uncle's mansion. [S]

1:10pm Abandon Ship! (1957) Adventure. Stars Tyrone Power, Mai Zetterling & Lloyd Nolan. After a luxury liner sinks, survivor's in a small boat must fight to stay alive. [S]

3:10pm Mr Denning Drives North (1951) Crime. Stars: John Mills, Phyllis Calvert & Eileen Moore. An engineer accidentally kills his daughter's boyfriend... [S]

5:00pm The Footage Detectives New Year's Day Episode Petula Clark welcomes the New Year. Ways to power cars in the 50s, including chicken manure!

6:00pm The Saint: Jeannine. (1964) Stars: Roger Moore, Sylvia Syms & Jacqueline Chan. Simon takes an interest in a pearl necklace when a 'reformed' criminal eyes it up. [S]

7:00pm The Man In The Sky (1957) Drama. Director: Charles Crichton. Stars: Jack Hawkins & Elizabeth Sellars. A flight fraught with disaster. [S]

8:45pm Stars We Have Lost (2022) A look at some of the stars we have sadly lost this year.

9:00pm The Onedin Line: A Woman Alone (1972) Stars: Peter Gilmore, Anne Stallybrass & Jack Wild. Anne promises never to return to James. [S] **10:00pm The Boston Strangler** (1968) Drama.

Stars: Tony Curtis, Henry Fonda, George Kennedy & Sally Kellerman. A string of women in Boston are found dead.

