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Highlights for Week Commencing

Mon 11th December 2023

GHOST STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS

A staple Yuletide treat for TV viewers in the 1970s was the BBC's annual 'Ghost Story for Christmas'. These atmospheric dramas drew heavily on the stories of Cambridge scholar MR James (1862-1936). Favouring Victorian or Edwardian settings, they played brilliantly with the power of suggestion to terrify viewers across Britain.

Episode 1 - The Stalls of Barchester (1971) Stars Robert Hardy, Clive Swift & Thelma Barlow. A mysterious box in the old library of Barchester Cathedral reveals the strange story of a former archdeacon.

Episode 1 - (The Stalls of Barchester) Monday 11th December 8.35pm

Episode 2 - (A Warning to the Curious) Wednesday 13th December 6.55pm

Episode 3 - (Lost Hearts) Friday 15th December 8.15pm



Monday 11th December 9.20am
Shipmates O'Mine (1936)

Musical. Directed by Oswald Mitchell. Stars John Garrick, Jean Adrienne. A story through the years with songs and sentiments following the life of a sailor. [S]



Monday 11th December 11am
Time to Remember (1959)

The Eleventh Hour. Narrated by Sir Michael Redgrave. During the year 1918 the Americans have great impact on the war and finally peace follows. [S]



Three Part Story (New Episodes Every Monday, Thursday and Friday at 2.30pm)

Monday 11th December 2.30pm
Crown Court (1973)

Beware of the Dog. Directed by Brian Parker. Starring Frank Middlemass. A Security guard stands accused of possessing, and assault with, an offensive weapon against trespassing sixth-former.



Monday 11th December 4.30pm
The Terror (1938)

Drama. Director: Richard Bird. Stars: Wilfrid Lawson, Richard Murdoch. No-one among the guests at Monk's Hall Priory suspects that The Terror is in their midst...



Monday 11th December 7pm

Avalanche (1969) Family. Directed by John Danischewsky. Stars Howard Marion-Crawford & Totti Truman Taylor. A group of children find themselves in trouble when one of them breaks his leg. [S]



Tuesday 12th December 7.20am
The Red House (1947) Drama.

Director Delmer Daves and starring Edward G Robinson. Two girls explore mysterious woodland and discover secrets. [S]



Tuesday 12th December 11am
The Captive Heart (1946) War.

Director: Basil Dearden. Stars Michael Redgrave. A concentration-camp escapee assumes the identity of a dead British officer. [S]



Tuesday 12th December 9.05pm
Maigret (1997) (Lost Episode Recovered)

Maigret and the Liberty Bar. Stars Bruno Cremer. Maigret is sent to Antibes to investigate the murder of an Australian. [S]



Wednesday 13th December 8.35am

Jackpot (1960) Drama. Director Montgomery Tully. Stars William Hartnell, Betty McDowall. An ex-convict learns that his wife is not willing to return to him. [S]



SADDLE UP! WEDNESDAY 3PM

Hosted by James Stephens. Bringing you everything western.

Rawhide (1951) Western. Directed by Henry Hathaway. Stars Tyrone Power. A stagecoach employee and a woman find themselves at the mercy outlaws.



Johnny Ringo: The Accused (1959) Directed by Lamont Johnson. Stars: Don Durant. The owner of a ranch, is accused of murder



(NEW) LOOK AT LIFE

A collection of short documentary films produced between 1959 to 1969 by the Special Features Division of the Rank Organisation for screening in their Odeon and Gaumont cinemas. The films offer a glimpse into varied aspects of British life, while vividly capturing the vibrancy and optimism of the 'Swinging Sixties'.

Counting Heads.

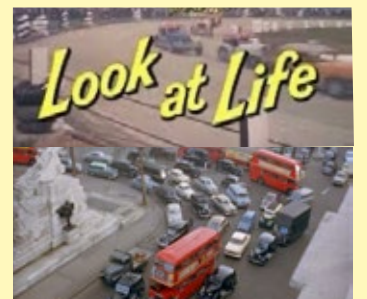
1961. An account of the ten-yearly census. **Monday 11th December 9.10am**

Where No Tide Flows

1963. A look at canals in 1963. **Friday 15th December 4.05pm**

You Can't Catch Much From a Fish!

1963. A look at quarantined dogs and cats. **Sunday 17th December at 4.45pm.**



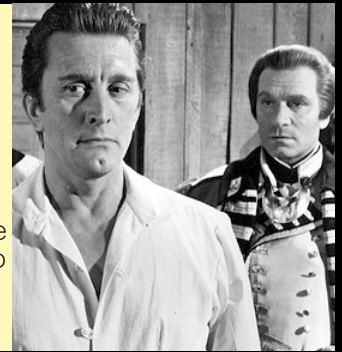


THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE

Made in 1959. Directed by Guy Hamilton and starring Harry Andrews, Kirk Douglas, Percy Herbert, David Horne, Mervyn Johns, Burt Lancaster, Eva LeGallienne, Neil McCallum, Phyllis Morris, Laurence Olivier.

Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas star in this satirical take on the American Revolution, boasting a cutting performance from acting great Laurence Olivier. When Dick Dudgeon learns his father was executed by the British for treason at the onset of war, he steals the body for a proper burial, ignoring the pleas of his friend, Minister Anthony Anderson, who ends up becoming a firebrand of a rebel trying to save Dudgeon's life.

Saturday 16th December 3.35pm



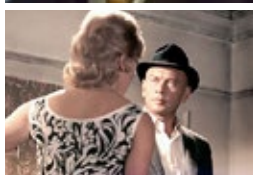
Wednesday 13th December 6.55pm **Ghost Stories for Christmas - A Warning to the Curious (1972)**

Directed by Lawrence Gordon Clark. Starring Peter Vaughan & Clive Swift. An amateur archaeologist travels to a remote seaside town to search for a lost crown of East Anglia



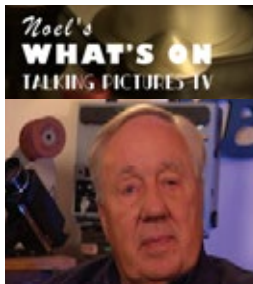
Wednesday 13th December 9.05pm **The File of the Golden Goose (1969)**

Thriller. Directed by Sam Wanamaker. Stars: Bernard Archard, John Barrie. Two men go undercover to infiltrate the Golden Goose gang.



Thursday 14th December 8.50am and Saturday 16th December 7.50pm

Whats on Talking Pictures TV with Noel - Noel - the founder of TPTV, answers your letters, discusses your queries and lets you know what he has found in the archives to bring to the channel over the coming weeks.



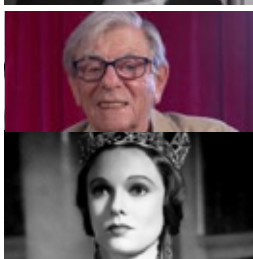
Thursday 14th December 10.45am **Carry on Spying (1964)**

Comedy. Directed by Gerald Thomas. Stars Kenneth Williams. A British spy and his pupils are sent to track down a stolen top secret chemical formula.



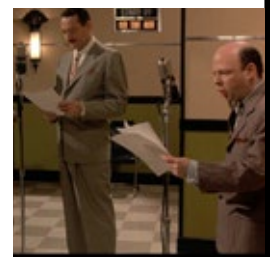
Thursday 14th December 3pm **Melvyn's Talking Pictures**

I've been choosing some long-lost classics from that glorious decade, the 1930s. And we start with 1937's Victoria The Great, starring Anna Neagle. This was the first film to portray the life of the monarch.



Thursday 14th December 6.15pm

Radio Days (1987) Comedy. Directed by Woody Allen. Starring Danny Aiello. 10-year-old Joe Needleman longs for adventure and dreams of the day he'll see enemy spies or German subs.



Friday 15th December 7.30am

Bait (1954) Crime Drama. Directed by Hugo Haas. Stars Cleo Moore. A cunning prospector enlists a young farmer to help him find a lost gold mine and then plots to kill him. [S]



Friday 15th December 4.20pm **The Boy and the Pirates (1960)**

Directed by Bert I. Gordon. Stars: Timothy Carey. While playing on a shipwreck, a boy (Charles Herbert) discovers an old bottle and wishes he could be a real pirate.



Friday 15th December 6pm **Worzel Gummidge (1979)**

Aunt Sally. Directed by James Hill. Stars: Jon Pertwee. Worzel takes the afternoon off to go to the village fête to see his intended, Aunt Sally.



Friday 15th December 6.30pm **At the Earth's Core (1976)**

Adventure. Directed by Kevin Connor. Stars Doug McClure Peter Cushing Caroline Munro & Cy Grant. A Victorian Scientist miscalculates his new machine and ends up in the Earth's core. [S]



Saturday Morning Pictures

09.00 Larry the Lamb (1973) Episode 13: The Mayor's Sea Voyage. When the mayor feels unwell, the Dr suggests a rest at sea but all doesn't go to plan.

09.15 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1957) Episode 70: The Black Five. Stars Richard Greene. Robin and the Sheriff declare a temporary truce to rid the country of the Duke.

09.45 Now for Nookie (1980) Episode 6: Guest stars Lulu & Nicholas Smith. Children's TV starring ventriloquist Roger De Courcy and his talking 'partner' Nookie Bear!

10.15 The Dog and the Diamonds (1953) Adventure. Family. Directed by Ralph Thomas. Stars Kathleen Harrison, George Coulouris. A group of children living in flats where pets are not allowed establish their own zoo in the garden of a disused house.

11.15 The Day in the Life of Head Keeper in 1954 (1954) Documentary narrated by Robert Beatty of a working day of Laurie Smith - The Head Keeper of London Zoo.

11.30 The Buccaneers (1957) Episode 32: Flip and Jenny. Stars Robert Shaw, Jane Asher & Robert Hardy. Dan finds two children stowed away on his ship. Their father an indentured servant was sent to jail after refusing to work. [S]





THE FACTS OF LIFE

The 1961 comedy, directed by Melvin Frank. Starring Lucille Ball, Louise Beavers, Don DeFore, Bob Hope. When their spouses decide to drop out of their planned three-couple vacation, Larry and Kitty (Bob Hope and Lucille Ball) prepare themselves for the worst: each other's company. But when the third couple cancels, Larry and Kitty are left alone to discover that they are... inexplicably drawn together! **Sunday 17th December 10.35pm**



Friday 15th December 8.15pm **Ghost Story for Christmas - Lost Hearts (1973)**

Directed by Lawrence Gordon Clark. Starring Joseph O'Connor & Susan Richards. A young orphan aged 11 is sent to stay with his much older cousin, the scholarly Mr Abney, at a remote country mansion.



Friday 15th December 9.05pm **Lifeforce (1985)**

Sci-fi. Directed by Tobe Hooper. Starring Nicholas Ball. A mission to investigate Halley's Comet discovers an even stranger phenomenon.



Saturday 16th December 12pm **Devil Girl from Mars (1954)**

Sci-Fi. Directed by David MacDonald & Hazel Court. A female alien accompanied by a menacing robot comes to Earth to collect Earth's men.



Saturday 16th December 3pm **Fireball XL-5 (1963)**

Convict in Space. 1963. Stars Sylvia Anderson. Space Spies Boris and Griselda issue a fake distress call and trick Steve Zodiac.



Saturday 16th December 10.05pm **Villain (1971)**

Drama. Director: Michael Tuchner. Stars Richard Burton, Ian McShane. Your everyday London businessman and sadistic gang leader. Once you've met, you'll wish you hadn't.



Sunday 17th December 10.15am **Beneath the 12 Mile Reef (1953)**

Adventure. Directed by Robert D. Webb. Stars Robert Wagner. Fierce competition among sponge fishermen leads to a dangerous rivalry between two families. [S]



Sunday 17th December 2.30pm **The Larkins (1964)**

Country Style. Stars Peggy Mount David Kossoff & Hugh Paddick. Ada insists on spending the summer holiday in a quiet country cottage but the accommodation doesn't quite meet expectations. [S]



Sunday 17th December 3.10pm **The Lost Lagoon (1958)**

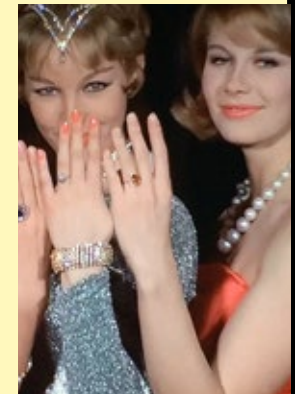
Drama. Directed by John Rawlins. Stars: Leila Barry, Peter Donat. An unhappy husband is castaway on a Caribbean island and thought dead.



Sunday 17th December 8.20pm **A Lifetime Ago with the Baim Collection**

(Every Sunday Before Manhunt) Girls Girls Girls (1961)

A early film from Michael Winner, featuring three beautiful girls who share a flat in London. One of them, Tania Mallett, went on to play Bond girl Tilly Masterson in Goldfinger. There are only three things on the girls' minds; getting a job, being beautiful and getting engaged.



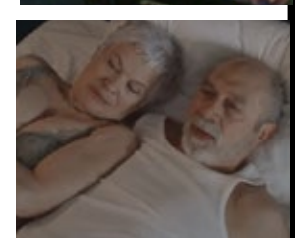
Sunday 17th December 9pm **Manhunt (1970)**

Better Doubt Than Die. Stars Alfred Lynch, Bernard Hepton. Vincent leaves Jimmy and Nina at an old toll-house to contact a cousin. But will he be willing to help them? [S]



Sunday 17th December 10.05pm **Sex Re-Education (2022)**

Stars: Feodor Atkine, Sylwvie Granotier & Irene Jacob. Jacques and Rose want to go away for the weekend, but Isabelle reveals their affair to Rose's son. [S]



Footage Detectives - NEW SERIES - Episode 101

Join us this week for the Footage Detectives when we'll be welcoming a special guest to talk about advertising magazines, or admags. Most of these early TV shows are lost now, but we've uncovered some just for you. And these rarities star some of the greatest names in entertainment. Tell us were you a corker? Remember the hobby of corking, also known as French Knitting? We'll be jogging your memory on that one. You might not want to be reminded of the wintry weather, but were winters really much worse back in the day? We have footage that might answer that question. There's something for all you petrolheads out there, as we look at some of the great British cars of the past. Then of course, there's our unknown reel. Where and when was it shot? As ever, we are relying on your help in identifying the time and the place. And we have some hilarious stories haircut-related stories from you. And, most important of all, what biscuits are we eating this week? Join us this **Sunday at 5pm**.

THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

Every Sunday at 5pm.

