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Weekly Highlights 18th–24th July

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SATURDAY 18TH JULY

4.35pm THE IRON PETTICOAT (1956)

The laughs fly thick and fast in this cheerfully frantic comedy. Captain Vinka Kovelenco (Katharine Hepburn) is a dedicated Communist who defects from Russia, not for political reasons but because she feels her sex stands in the way of her career. She's transported to



London and taken under the wing of US officer Chuck Lockwood (Bob Hope). He's ordered to show her the city's bright lights and make her realise how wonderful capitalism is.

Unfortunately, undercover KGB agents aren't exactly thrilled by her behaviour. The film was directed by Ralph Thomas (brother of the *Carry On's* Gerald – see *The Vicious Circle* below for more on him), director of the ever-popular *Doctor* films, of which Hepburn was a fan. Star of those films, James Robertson Justice, also appears here.

Did you know...? Bob Hope's role was originally offered to Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn's co-star in several classics, including *Bringing Up Baby* and *The Philadelphia Story*.

9.05pm PAYDAY (1973) CHANNEL PREMIERE



In a real rootin' tootin' drama that hits all the right notes, Rip Torn plays Maury Dann, an outlaw country music singer who's hitting the road on his latest tour. Selfish and demanding, he manipulates everyone around him to get what he wants – but is he prepared to deal with the fallout when things go wrong? Well-received by critics on its release, *Payday* then inexplicably vanished without a trace, so it's about time it received the plaudits it deserves – if you're a fan of movies such as *Nashville*,

Two-Lane Blacktop and *Vanishing Point*, which were made around the same time, you'll love it.

Rip Torn is superb in the lead, and yes, that really is him performing all the songs.

Did you know...? Maury Dann was loosely based on country music legend Hank Williams.



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SUNDAY 19th JULY

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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Every Sunday at 5pm, only on Talking Pictures TV.



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Hello chums! This week we're hopping on our bikes for a nostalgic cycling proficiency film featuring a young Roy Hudd! Then Noel's come up trumps with a lost film starring John Cleese and Adrienne Posta attempting to master the art of communication in the 60s! We're asking for your memories of school projects... And reminiscing about teatime traditions – don't forget the doilies! Great case files from you lot too, including a rather intriguing link between 'Allo 'Allo! and the film *Highly Dangerous*, and not one, not two, but three uncredited stars! There are questionably soggy loaves of bread in *The Spare Tyres*... And we ask how is it that everyone turns into a locksmith in films? And becomes a sharpshooter too? Even at long range! Plus, a very young Michael Caine has been spotted once again – this time he's playing a ne'er-do-well! NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT! So, see you Sunday at 5 or Monday at 7 for...THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES!



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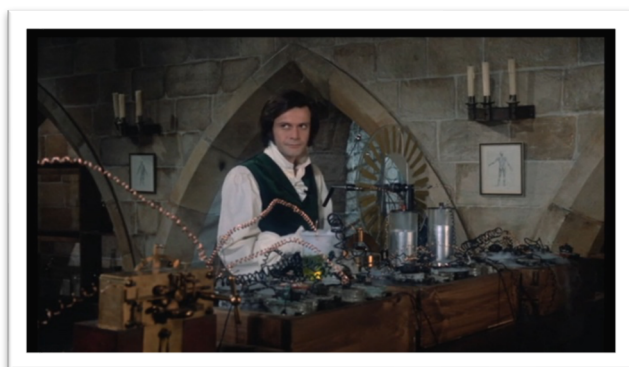
6pm THE WINSLOW BOY (1948)

Two years after Terence Rattigan's play debuted in the West End, producer Anatole de Grunwald snapped up the film rights and hired director Anthony Asquith to direct a big screen version. The result is a gripping courtroom drama starring Robert Donat as the barrister defending an innocent naval cadet (Neil North) accused of petty school theft. Jack Watling, who was also in the stage version, co-stars alongside Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Margaret Leighton, Kathleen Harrison and Stanley Holloway.

Did you know...? The story is based on the real-life, pre-Great War Archer-Shee case. David Mamet wrote and directed a remake in 1999, but it isn't a patch on the original.



9.25pm THE HORROR OF FRANKENSTEIN (1970)



“Where is Peter Cushing?” you may well ask while watching the penultimate entry in Hammer's *Frankenstein* series. He had made the role of the crazed scientist his own since first playing him in 1957, but the screenplay for this film demanded a younger man, so Ralph Bates, who was being groomed as Cushing's successor at the studio, was brought in. Writer-director

Jimmy Sangster adopts a black comedy style, rather than out-and-out horror, for his insight into Frankenstein's university years, but the usual gruesome experiments and buxom beauties (played by Kate O'Mara and Veronica Carlson) remain present.

Did you know...? David Prowse plays the creature, and would return four years later to do the same in the last of the series, *Frankenstein and the Monster From Hell*.



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TUESDAY 21st JULY

1.30pm THE DARK MAN (1951)

Chilling and atmospheric British film noir starring Maxwell Reed as 'The Dark Man', a killer whose latest crime has been witnessed by aspiring actress Molly (Natasha Parry). Realising what has happened, he sets out to silence her for good. Meanwhile, Detective Inspector Jack Viner (Edward Underdown) is on The Dark Man's trail – here's hoping he finds him before the villain gets to Molly...

Did you know...? The railway station seen from the lighthouse at the end of the film

is the terminus of the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway in Kent, which was opened by none other than Laurel and Hardy in March 1947.



9pm LOVE AND PAIN AND THE WHOLE DAMN THING (1973)



Be honest now, if it wasn't for TPTV, you'd probably never have heard about this largely forgotten romantic comedy-drama would you, despite the fact it stars one of our greatest actresses, the much-missed Maggie Smith. Don't miss this chance to

see her deliver one of the most touching – and yet, at times, wonderfully hilarious – performances as a shy woman who develops an unlikely relationship with an asthmatic younger man (Timothy Bottoms) during a touring holiday in Spain.

Did you know...? The film was something of a departure for director Alan J Pakula, who is best known for making such deadly serious movies as *Klute*, *The Parallax View*, *All the President's Men* and *Sophie's Choice*.



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THURSDAY 23RD JULY

9.20pm NOBODY RUNS FOREVER (1968)

Ralph Thomas was a pretty versatile chap. As well as directing comedies such as Saturday's *The Iron Petticoat* (see above), he also helmed this espionage thriller, which is also known as *The High Commissioner*. Rod Taylor, then at the peak of his powers, plays the wonderfully named Scobie Malone, an Australian detective sent to investigate the nefarious activities of its London-based High Commissioner (Christopher Plummer).



Did you know...? Rod Taylor insisted on rewriting some of the screenplay himself. This was Franchot Tone's final film, while TPTV favourite Peter Reynolds has an uncredited role as a casino manager.

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

2.45pm THE VICIOUS CIRCLE (1957)



Although not as well known as some of his biggest hits, this gripping crime melodrama really should be regarded as one of John Mills' best films. He's on top form as Howard Latimer, a Harley Street doctor who, for reasons he can't explain, has been framed for the murder of a famous German actress. With a blackmail plot looming over his head and the police on his trail, Latimer must uncover whodunit or face the

hangman's noose. Based on the TV serial *My Friend Charles*, the film co-stars such wonderful British character actors as Derek Farr, Lionel Jeffries, Wilfrid Hyde-White and Mervyn Johns.

Did you know...? This is one 'Hull-ova' movie. Why? Because it was written by TPTV favourite Francis Durbridge and directed by Gerald Thomas, both of whom were born in the city. It was also produced by Peter Rogers, who went on to make the *Carry On* series with Thomas.



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