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Weekly Highlights 15th–21st August

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SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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



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Hello chums! We've got a 'reeelly' interesting show lined up for our weekly get-together! That's come around quickly! Mind you, time has a funny way of behaving when you're living life in the past lane. It certainly does! So, buckle up for a rollercoaster ride back to the Southend Carnival in the 1960s... Then it's up to God's Own Country and the 1940s for the charming reel - 'We of the West Riding'. We've jigsaws for sale for one shilling each - in this cinema only! And do you know the recipe for 'Puffy Cream' to go with our Gypsy tarts? Excuse me? Crikey, I think the heat's getting to him! Plus, if you were a cool cat in the North-West and lived it up at haunts like The Alma Lodge and Mr Smiths, we want to hear from you! And we'll be tackling your cracking casework too - so be sure to tune in for lots of fun!

We'll see you Sunday at 5 or Monday at 7 for... THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES!



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8.05pm THE QUATERMASS EXPERIMENT (1955)



If you thought that turning TV shows into big screen hits was a relatively new idea, think again. More than 70 years ago, Hammer Films produced this spooky sci-fi classic, based on Nigel Kneale's groundbreaking small-screen series of the same name, which had aired to great acclaim on the BBC two years earlier. Brian Donlevy plays Professor Bernard Quatermass, head of the British-American Rocket Group, whose first manned mission into space ends in disaster – two of the three crew members vanish without a trace,

while the third returns somewhat changed...

Did you know...? The film was a huge success and encouraged Hammer to continue making terrifying tales. Donlevy returned as Quatermass in an equally entertaining sequel in 1957.

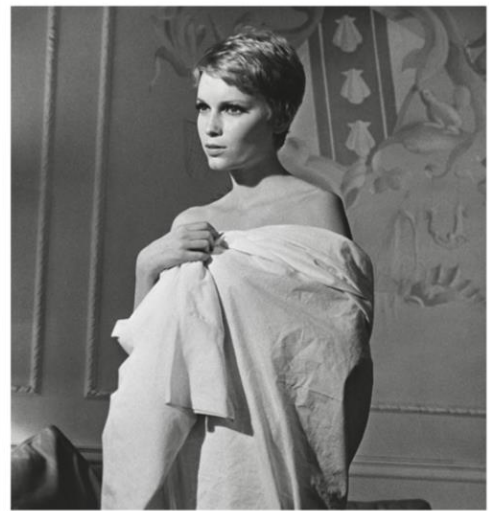
A third film, *Quatermass and the Pit*, followed in 1967 with Andrew Keir as the boffin.

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST

9pm A DANDY IN ASPIC (1968)

Laurence Harvey is perfectly cast as Eberlin, the seemingly shallow snob at the centre of this tale adapted by Derek Marlowe from his own novel. However, what many don't realise is that Eberlin is living a secret life – he's really a top British secret agent. Or is he a Russian assassin who goes by the name Krasnevin? Or both? Well, that would be telling... What we will say is that this is a hugely stylish tale (the costumes were designed by Pierre Cardin), and another entry in the seemingly unending list of espionage tales made in the 1960s.

Did you know...? Tom Courtenay and Mia Farrow also appear, while Anthony Mann is listed as the film's director. Sadly, he died during production, with Harvey taking charge of the remaining scenes.



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WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST



1.35pm **RING OF SPIES (1964)**

A brilliant afternoon of oh-so-British movies gets underway with a low-key spy drama, produced by the legendary Leslie Gilliat and co-written by his film-making partner Frank Launder. We're used to seeing Bernard Lee as James Bond's no-nonsense gruff boss M in the early 007 movies, but he's on the other side of the law here, playing a disenchanted Royal Navy records clerk who is sucked into an espionage plot. He

recruits his new lover, and together they join other outwardly respectable Brits who are sending secret messages to Russia. However, the net is closing in. The wonderful cast also includes Margaret Tyzack, William Sylvester, Thorley Walters and David Kossoff.

Did you know...? The plot was inspired by the real-life Portland spy ring; the film's release was delayed for three years for legal reasons.

4.20pm **THE END OF THE AFFAIR (1955)**

Forget Neil Jordan's racy 1999 take on Graham Greene's brilliant, semi-autobiographical novel – Edward Dmytryk's version is far more impressive and emotionally engaging. Set in war-torn London, it stars Deborah Kerr, who's on top of her game here, as Sarah, a married woman who promises to end her relationship with writer Maurice (Van Johnson) if God spares his life during an air raid. However, it's clear that staying away from each other is far from easy – and fate has something in store too. Peter Cushing is wonderful as Sarah's well-meaning husband, while John Mills provides some comic relief as a private eye hired to keep an eye on Sarah.



Did you know...? Richard Burton was first choice to play Maurice. Gregory Peck wanted the part, but it went to Johnson, whom Greene regarded as "a disaster". See if you agree with him!



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7.35pm GENEVIEVE (1953)

British comedy at its finest. Two rival motoring enthusiasts (Kenneth More, in a star-making role, and John Gregson) engage in a friendly race on the way back from the London-to-Brighton car rally. However, their light-hearted attitude turns into heated competition as they approach the finishing line, with their friendship seemingly doomed. There is pleasure to be had in the various disasters that befall the chauvinistic racers and the endless ribbing their long-

suffering other halves (Kay Kendall and Dinah Sheridan), who are also along for the ride, dish out en route. It's not quite Edwardian *Top Gear*, but it's getting there!

Did you know...? The unforgettable soundtrack by legendary harmonica player Larry Adler was rewarded with an Oscar nomination, as was the film's screenplay.

THURSDAY 20th AUGUST

4.35pm ALBERT R.N. (1953)

Expect plenty of derring-do from this classic prisoner of war movie, which is based on a true story. The tale takes place in 1944 and follows the efforts of a group of Allied prisoners to escape from the PoW camp in Germany. So far, so standard – but it's the introduction of Albert that makes the difference. 'He' is a mannequin who is used to disguise the fact that someone is missing from roll call, fooling the Nazi guards into believing that everybody is present and correct. Jack Warner and Anthony Steele, who had previously worked together on two more PoW films – *The Captive Heart* (1946) and *The Wooden Horse* (1950) – head the cast.

Did you know...? Artist and illustrator John Worsley, who made the original 'Albert', also constructed the dummy used in the film.



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9.20pm ASSAULT (1971)

Although co-produced by Peter Rogers of the *Carry Ons* fame, there are no laughs in director Sidney Hayers' dark thriller. Instead, it's the hard-hitting tale of attacks on two teenage girls from the same school; one survives but is too traumatised to speak, while the other is murdered. A teacher who believes she has seen the culprit agrees to act as bait so he can be caught, against the advice of a psychologist involved in the case. Former Sixties chick Suzy Kendall takes the

lead, more than ably supported by Frank Finlay, Lesley-Anne Down and an eye-catching Freddie Jones, who plays a reporter investigating the case.

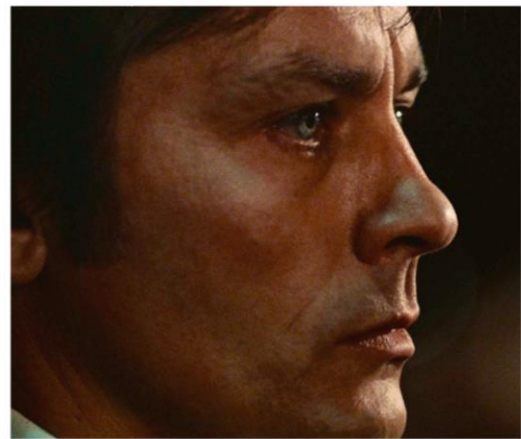
Did you know...? The building 'playing' the girls' school is Heatherden Hall, which also features in *Carry On Up the Khyber* (1968) and *Carry On Camping* (1969).

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

9.05pm MORT D'UN POURRI (1977)

CHANNEL PREMIERE

Also known as *Death of a Corrupt Man*, *The Twisted Detective*, *Death of a Swine* and *To Kill a Rat*, this moody, jazz-infused thriller is the latest must-see French movie dusted down and given a much-deserved airing by TPTV. Supercool Alain Delon heads the cast as Xavier Marachel, who agrees to help his politician friend cover up the murder of Serrano, a well-connected mobster. However, matters threaten to spiral out of control when figures from both sides of the law attempt to get their hands on Serrano's diary, which has a story of its own to tell.



Did you know...? Director Georges Lautner was nervous about casting Klaus Kinski in a supporting role due to the actor's bad reputation. However, Kinski was clearly in a good mood – Lautner found him to be pleasant and cooperative. Delon and another co-star, Maurice Ronet, were close friends in real life; this was their final film together – Ronet died in 1983 aged 55.



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****** COMING ATTRACTIONS******

And don't forget about these gems which will also be appearing on the UK's No 1 nostalgia channel in the coming weeks:

The Green Man, starring **Alastair Sim, Raymond Huntley, George Cole & Terry-Thomas**. Showing 1st August and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).

Chase A Crooked Shadow, starring **Anne Baxter, Richard Todd & Herbert Lom**. Showing 2nd August and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).

Night Train To Paris, starring **Leslie Nielsen, Aliza Gur & Dorinda Stevens**. Showing 8th August and you can see our trailer [HERE](#)

The Cellar Club with Caroline Munro returns. Starts Friday 4th September and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).



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