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Weekly Highlights 19th–25th September

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SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

9.05pm PLAY FOR TODAY:

EDNA, THE INEBRIATE WOMAN (1971)

CHANNEL PREMIERE

Having already brought homelessness to the nation's attention via *Cathy Come Home*, writer Jeremy Sandford turned his attention to another hard-hitting subject involving the plight of those living outside society on Britain's streets – he researched the subject by living rough. Edna is a rude, proud, itinerant 60-year-old alcoholic who wanders the country – when the authorities aren't trying to 'save' her by dumping her in doss houses, prison and a psychiatric ward.

Then, when she does find security, the same authorities set out to close her new home down.

Patricia Hayes, then best known for her appearances in *The Benny Hill Show*, won a Bafta for her moving lead performance.

Did you know...? Vivian Mackerrell, the inspiration for Withnail in cult classic movie *Withnail and I* (1987), makes a rare screen appearance playing a tramp.



SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

12.40pm THE GUINEA PIG (1948)

In 1944, the British Government introduced the Education Reform Bill, which included the recommendation that a quarter of all public-school pupils should be state-supported. Inspired by that idea, the Boulting brothers (director Roy, producer John) created a compelling drama about 14-year-old Jack Read (Richard Attenborough), a

tobacconist's son who, as part of a social experiment, is awarded a scholarship to attend a fee-paying school. Unfortunately, his 'uncouth' ways make it difficult for him to fit in with his wealthy peers. Filmed at Sherborne School in Dorset, the screenplay was co-written by Bernard Miles, who also plays Jack's father.

Did you know...? Attenborough was a 24-year-old Second World War veteran when he made the film. His wife, Sheila Sim, plays one of his teachers. The film caused controversy on its release because it contained the word 'arse', which some found offensive!



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5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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



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Join Mike and Noel on a journey through TV and Radio History at Amberley, from the first Morse code transmission by Marconi in 1896 to the very rare Logie Baird Televisor in action.

There's also a lost reel of Radio London and a reel slice of nostalgia with some wonderful vintage cars, including one belonging to Terry Thomas! I Say!

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7pm BLITHE SPIRIT (1945)

Pip-pip tally-ho – you don't need a smoking jacket and a cocktail to enjoy David Lean's take on Noel Coward's sophisticated comedy, but they may help set the mood. An upper crust widower remarries, but has his style somewhat cramped by the ghost of his first wife. Eccentric medium Madame Arcati is employed to perform an exorcism; sadly, the situation only looks set to get worse. Rex Harrison, Kay Hammond and Constance Cummings play the members of the ménage à trois, but it's Margaret Rutherford who steals the show as the unforgettable psychic.

Did you know...? Hammond and Rutherford reprise their roles from the original 1941 play. An uncredited Coward provides the film's narration. It was his third collaboration with Lean following *In Which We Serve* (1942) and *This Happy Breed* (1944).



9pm FOX (1980)

CHANNEL PREMIERE

Brace yourself for a stone-cold British TV classic – yes, Fox is making a welcome return to our screens. Peter Vaughan was never better – or more chilling – than as Billy, who appears to be your ordinary, run-of-the-mill retired Covent Garden market porter. However, that's just a facade for his more chilling activities as the head of a family with gangland connections. Its creator, Trevor Preston, described it as "*The Forsyte Saga* in 13

episodes about somebody who lives in Clapham" – we can see where he's coming from, but John Galsworthy's characters were never as terrifying as this. Ray Winstone, Elizabeth Spriggs, Larry Lamb and Bernard Hill are among the superb supporting cast.

Did you know...? Fox's producer was the legendary Verity Lambert. As well as being *Doctor Who*'s first producer, she also brought the likes of *The Naked Civil Servant*, *Minder*, *Widows*, *GBH* and *Jonathan Creek* to our screens, as well as *The Sweeney*, which was made during her tenure in charge of Euston Films.



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10pm & THURSDAY, 9.20pm

THE BOYS FROM BRAZIL (1978)

Dr Josef Mengele and his ex-SS colleagues are up to something while hiding out in South America, but what? Ageing Nazi hunter Ezra Lieberman decides to find out, and makes a shocking discovery: Mengele is behind a plot to clone Adolf Hitler as part of an effort to re-establish the Third Reich. The replica Fuhrers

have already been born and are being raised by various families across the world. Lieberman sets out to find them, but ends up coming face-to-face with Mengele in a terrifying and gripping showdown. Gregory Peck, clearly relishing the opportunity to play a villainous role, is chilling as the man dubbed the 'Angel of Death'; Laurence Olivier and James Mason also feature in director Franklin J Schaffner's take on Ira Levin's bestselling novel.

Did you know...? While the film was in production, the real Josef Mengele was still alive; he died in 1979, the year after it was released.



TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

9pm TIGER IN THE SMOKE (1956)

Fantastically atmospheric adaptation of Golden Age crime writer Margery Allingham's 1952 novel. A band of war veterans hunt for stolen treasure in London and France, led by a psychotic killer on the run. Roy Ward Baker directs this classic British film noir with style and panache. The capital is beset by a seemingly never-ending pea-souper – the fog is almost a character in itself, enveloping the cast while both aiding and abetting their search and

efforts to stay one step ahead of the law. Donald Sinden, Muriel Pavlow, Tony Wright and Bernard Miles star, while our old friend Sam Kydd also pops up.

Did you know...? The novel – a huge favourite of crime writers Val McDermid and Robert Galbraith (JK Rowling) – is the 14th in a series featuring Allingham's sleuth Albert Campion. However, despite the film closely following the book's plot, it misses Campion out completely.



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THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

4.45pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – JUGGERNAUT (1936) **CHANNEL PREMIERE**

Mr TPTV himself, Noel Cronin, introduces the latest entry in our season dedicated to the work of producer Hagen. Boris Karloff heads the cast as the wonderfully named, Morocco-based scientist Dr Victor Sartorius, whose work hasn't been going well. In desperate need of funds to continue his experiments, he joins forces with Lady Yvonne Clifford to bump off her husband Sir Clive and his son, Roger, having been promised £20,000 if the plot goes as planned. However, their dark deeds have



not gone unnoticed... Mona Goya, Joan Wyndham and Arthur Margetson also appear in this mystery thriller made at Hagen's Twickenham Studios HQ.

Did you know...? By the time *Juggernaut* was released, Karloff was already a horror superstar. The film is one of two he made back-to-back on his return to England in the mid-1930s, the second being Gainsborough Pictures' sci-fi chiller *The Man Who Changed His Mind*.

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – THE FOG (1980) **CHANNEL PREMIERE**

Caroline Munro provides a five-minute introduction to John Carpenter's classic before the chilling movie airs. Having scored a massive hit with *Halloween* in 1978, the film-maker followed it up with another horror offering, reteaming with Jamie Lee

Curtis, whose mother, *Psycho* star Janet Leigh, also features. No relation to the James Herbert novel of the same name, the plot concerns a small Californian town where the residents are terrorised by the ghosts of dozens of dead mariners. With the nights drawing in, there's no finer time to watch this atmospheric tale.

Did you know...? One of the characters, Dan O'Bannon, is named after the writer, director and special effects master who collaborated with Carpenter on *Dark Star* (1974) before working on *Stars Wars* (1977), *Alien* (1979) and the original version of *Total Recall* (1990).



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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:

- NEW SERIES The Cellar Club with Caroline Munro. Caroline is back to provide more spine chilling cult classics. Series starts 4th September and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- NEW SERIES Rooms, starring Maureen Lipman, Jill Gascoine, Sylvia Kay and loads more. Series starts 9th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).
- NEW SERIES Enemy at the Door, starring Alfred Burke, Bernard Horsfall & Emily Richard. Series starts 13th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).



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