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Weekly Highlights 12th–18th September

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SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

1.20pm SEVEN THUNDERS (1957)

Derring-do abounds in director Hugo Fregonese's explosive tale set in Marseille during the Second World War. Stephen Boyd and Tony Wright play Dave and Jim, escaped British PoWs on the run. They're paired up by the local resistance and hide in the city's old quarter while waiting for a chance to leave occupied France. They're taken under the wing of the apparently heroic Dr Martout (James Robertson Justice), but Dave and Jim begin to wonder

if he's really the saintly figure everyone else believes him to be. Kathleen Harrison, Rosalie Crutchley and Anton Diffring are among the supporting cast.

Did you know...? *Seven Thunders* was made as part of a two-film deal struck by producer Daniel M Angel with Rank. The other title was the revered *Carve Her Name with Pride* (1958).



4.10pm THE SECRET PLACE (1957)

Tragic beauty Belinda Lee stars in this taut melodrama – 'hidden gem' may be an overused term, but it perfectly describes director Clive Donner's gritty and compelling tale, not least because it involves a diamond heist. Lee plays Molly, a spirited young woman who's tired of life in London's grimy East End. Her best friend Freddie dreams of taking her away from it all, but she's in love with local hoodlum Gerry. He uses her to pull off a robbery, but after implicating Freddie in the crime, she faces a dilemma – should she turn her lover or her friend over to the police? Ronald Lewis, David McCallum and Michael Brooke co-star.

Did you know...? Linette Perry's screenplay is outstanding. Not only was it her first work for the big screen, but also it

was her last. The film provided Lee with her first major dramatic role; her life was as incredible as any film script, and she died, aged just 25, in a car crash in 1961.



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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

12.25pm WITNESS IN THE DARK (1959)

TPTV's much-missed old friend Patricia Dainton stars in a tension-filled crime drama. Patricia plays Jane Pringle, a blind telephone operator who is on her way to visit her elderly neighbour, Mrs Temple, when she bumps into a man on the stairs. He doesn't respond when Jane asks who he is, and is horrified to then find her friend has been murdered. Poor Mrs Temple was the victim of a burglary gone wrong – her killer was looking for a brooch, and he turns his attention to Jane on discovering she has inherited the valuable item. Conrad Phillips and Nigel Green are among the co-stars.



Did you know...? The film was produced by Dainton's husband, actor-turned-filmmaker Norman Williams. They remained married until his death in 2010.



1.40pm THE NET (1953)

Anthony Asquith, son of former Prime Minister HH Asquith, directed several classic films, including *The Browning Version* (1951) and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1952). *The Net* is one of his lesser-known works, but that simply makes it more intriguing. Work on developing a new aircraft that can travel at three times the speed of sound is gathering pace (pun intended), but its future is threatened by the death of one of the project's boffins on the day of a test flight. While some suggest it

should be controlled from the ground, one man wants to fly the plane himself. However, he may be distracted – his neglected wife is being wooed by a colleague, and evidence suggests there could be a traitor in the team's midst... James Donald, Phyllis Calvert, Robert Beatty, Noel Willman and Herbert Lom star.

Did you know...? In America, the film is known as *Project M7*, possible because there are no nets of any kind, metaphorically or literally, featured in it.



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5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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6pm ENEMY AT THE DOOR (1978-80)

Another chance to see the hard-hitting wartime drama telling the story of Germany's occupation of the Channel Islands through the eyes of the residents. Chief among them is Philip Martel, a local doctor who finds himself thrust into the position of spokesperson for his neighbours; his diplomatic skills come to the fore during numerous encounters with Nazi troops. Gritty and uncompromising, the programme stars Bernard Horsfall as Martel, with Alfred Burke as Major Richter, a peacetime academic whose desire to for leniency is constantly undermined by Simon Cadell's cruel SS officer Reinicke. Helen Shingler also appears; her real-life son, Anthony Head, also features in an early role.



Did you know...? The series caused controversy in Guernsey, whose residents weren't happy that despite the series being set there, it was filmed on Jersey.

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER



4.35pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – THE MAN IN THE MIRROR (1936)

Let's make one thing clear, this has nothing whatsoever to do with Michael Jackson's song of the same name. Instead, Noel will be offering a five-minute introduction to one of producer Hagen's quota quickies, which stars American actor Edward Everett Horton. He plays a mild-mannered man who grows increasingly concerned by the fact that every time he looks into the mirror, his reflection comes to life and starts bossing him about. However, his newfound alter-ego is something of a whiz in the business world and carries out successful deals that impress his boss no end. This rather pleasing farce also featured Alastair Sim, Genevieve Tobin and Ursula Jeans.

Did you know...? Horton was expelled from his university after throwing a dummy from the top of one of its buildings, making onlookers believe he had jumped.



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9.20pm SAPPHIRE (1959)

Director Basil Dearden and producer Michael Relph formed a formidable partnership from the mid-1940s until Dearden's tragic death in 1971. They made films in every genre, but they're perhaps best remembered for their social awareness-themed movies, such as *Victim* (1961) and *Life for Ruth* (1962). The Bafta-winning *Sapphire* is another of them. It



deals with race relations by focusing on an investigation into the murder of a pregnant mixed race young woman who had been 'passing' as white. Among the suspects are her fiancé, whose family were not altogether enthusiastic about the relationship. Nigel Patrick, Bernard Miles, Yvonne Mitchell, Earl Cameron, Paul Massie and Michael Craig are among the outstanding cast of a film that still packs a punch today.

Did you know...? Janet Green's screenplay was inspired by the Notting Hill race riots of 1958.

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – HAUNTED (1995)

Caroline Munro introduces viewers to this spine-tingling chiller based on James Herbert's 1988 bestseller of the same name. Aidan Quinn plays Professor David Ash, a bereaved American paranormal expert who travels to a spooky English house in 1928 to investigate the mysterious goings on involving tormented nanny Anna Massey and a trio of siblings (played by one of the

film's producers, Anthony Andrews, as well as Kate Beckinsale and Alex Lowe). John Gielgud also pops up as the local doctor. On the whole, it's an engaging tale that offers a refreshing new spin on a few clichéd plot devices.

Did you know...? Haunted was backed by Francis Ford Coppola's American Zoetrope company and was the penultimate film of veteran director Lewis Gilbert, whose impressive CV also includes *Reach for the Sky* (1956), *Carve Her Name with Pride* (1958), *Alfie* (1966), *Educating Rita* (1983) and three James Bond movies.



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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:

Freddie Davies: A Life in Show Business. Freddie Davies allows film-maker Martyn Tott a candid insight into his life story with rare photos and clips from his exceptional career.

Showing Sunday 30th August and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).

The Lady Vanishes, starring **Herbert Lom, Elliott Gould, Angela Lansbury & Cybill Shepherd**.

Showing Saturday 5th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).



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