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Weekly Highlights 5th–11th September

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SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

6.25pm DICK TURPIN

The swashbuckling series continues with *The Fox*, the first in a two-part episode originally broadcast in 1980 as the opening episodes of the second series. This time our hero is in even bigger trouble than usual – he's asked to carry out a dying highwayman's last wish, but he and his sidekick Swiftnick are caught and Dick is punished by the sadistic Lord Manderfell who sets him loose, then hunts him for sport – like a fox. However, he can stay alive, he will win his and his friend's freedom...



Did you know...? Writer Richard Carpenter, who created the series, was also the man behind *Robin of Sherwood* and another TPTV favourite, *Catweazle*.



9.05pm THE LADY VANISHES (1979)

Alfred Hitchcock's version of *The Wheel Spins*, a novel by Ethel Lina White, remains the most famous take on the story, but Elliott Gould and Cybill Shepherd make fine leads in this lavish remake – the fact that the cast also boasts such fine actors as Angela Lansbury, Herbert Lom, Arthur Lowe, Ian Carmichael and Gerald Harper helps too. Gould and Shepherd play Americans who, while travelling through Germany by train shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, are drawn into a

web of intrigue when they investigate the mysterious disappearance of an elderly woman.

Did you know...? This was the last big-screen release by Hammer Films until *Beyond the Rave* (2008) hit cinemas almost 30 years later.



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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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Ring that bell as Mike and Noel climb aboard a vintage fire engine and learn about the history of the vehicle and the profession.

They also spend time in Floyd's bicycle repair shop, guaranteed to bring back childhood memories!

While this week's reels share some brilliant snapshots of British history.

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6pm **A NIGHT TO REMEMBER (1958)**

James Cameron's multi-Oscar-winning epic *Titanic* may be the most famous retelling of the liner's tragic maiden (and only) voyage, but Roy Ward Baker's take on it is far more atmospheric, perhaps because it sticks close to the actual events and was shot in a documentary style. We don't need to tell you the plot in detail, because it's been said so many times, but it is important to point

out the high calibre of its cast – Kenneth More stars, ably supported by a raft of familiar faces, including Honor Blackman, David McCallum, Jack Watling and Kenneth Griffith.

Did you know...? Sean Connery pops up in a blink-and-you'll-miss-it uncredited as a deck hand. The film's estimated budget – around £600k – made it the most expensive British production to have been made at that time.



MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER



1.30pm **BROKEN JOURNEY (1948)**

If you're going to be flying over the Swiss Alps any time soon, you might want to look away now... Also known as *Rescue*, *Broken Journey* is a stirring British drama, so settle back with the biscuit and beverage of your choice for the tale of airline passengers and crew whose plane suffers engine trouble before coming down on top of

a mountain. We then get to know this motley group as they struggle to survive in difficult conditions while wondering whether to await rescue, or try to find their own way back to civilisation. Phyllis Calvert, James Donald, Raymond Huntley, Guy Rolfe and David Tomlinson are among those who may or may not live to fight another day.

Did you know...? The plot was inspired by a real-life incident from 1946. Ealing boss Michael Balcon planned a film based on the same story, but dropped it after discovering *Broken Journey* was in production.



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WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

11.45am THE MONKEY'S PAW (1948)

WW Jacobs' classic 1902 horror story has been adapted for stage and screen many times – even *The Simpsons* had a crack at it in their second *Treehouse of Horror* episode back in 1991 – but this British B movie, written and directed by Norman Lee, takes some beating. It's the tale of a magic monkey's paw that has

the power to grant its owner three wishes. Of course, none of them choose wisely, and they're made to pay for their efforts to cheat fate. The cast is largely made up of little-known character actors, but the always reliable Megs Jenkins and Alfie Bass are among them.

Did you know...? The first film version of Jacobs' story was a silent made in 1915. Sadly, it's now considered lost.



6pm & 6.30pm ROOMS (1974-77)

If you've enjoyed the latest run of the BBC's *A House Through Time*, then you'll probably end up gripping to this TV series. It's a sort of dramatic version of the history show, following the lives of various people who move into and out of a not-very-salubrious house of multiple occupancy in London. The semi-regular cast includes Sylvia Kay and Bryan Marshall, but the real fun comes in spotting familiar faces before they became household names – Nigel Havers, Brian Cox, Bernard Hill, Jan Francis and Maureen Lipman are among them. We're reshowing it from the very beginning, with two more episodes at the same time on Friday.

Did you know...? Writer John Finch (not to be mistaken with the similarly named actor Jon Finch) created the series. His impressive CV also includes *A Family at War* (1970-72) and the semi-autobiographical *Sam* (1973-75), as well as 132

episodes of *Coronation Street* between 1961 and 1970.



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THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

4.35pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – THE VICAR OF BRAY (1937)

Clear your calendar every Thursday afternoon because Mr TPTV himself, Noel Cronin, has something very special up his sleeve. Each week he'll be introducing a film produced by Julius Hagen, the German-born, British-based movie mogul who started out as a stage actor and became a salesman selling films before producing them himself. His first movies were Quota Quickies before he began backing more prestigious productions at the famous Twickenham Studios. *The Vicar of Bray*,



made towards the end of Hagen's career, is a musical historical drama set during the English Civil War, charting the efforts of the titular Irish cleric to protect his parishioners. Stanley Holloway plays him; Felix Aylmer and Esmond Knight also appear.

Did you know...? Hagen directed only one film himself – a 1928's *The Passing of Mr Quinn*, an adaptation of an Agatha Christie short story.

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – PEEPING TOM (1960)

Caroline Munro beckons us back into the Cellar for another dark delight. This time she's introducing *Peeping Tom*, director Michael Powell's disturbing cinematic examination of the devastating effects of fear on a person's psyche. Carl Boehm stars as the lonely misfit photographer Mark Lewis. He is the victim of his sadistic father's cruel experiments which have given him a lust for murder, inspiring him to photograph the terror on his victims' faces. Hugely controversial on its original release, it all but ended the once revered Powell's career. It's since gained a cult

following, led by none other than Martin Scorsese, who has declared it a masterpiece.

Did you know...? The screenplay was written by Leo Marks, whose father was one of the owners of the famous bookshop at 84 Charing Cross Road. Leo also worked for the Special Operations Executive during the Second World War, becoming one of Britain's foremost cryptographers.



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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:



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