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Weekly Highlights 17th–23rd October

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SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

4pm THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (1951)

Fancy a Saturday afternoon sci-fi classic? Then you're in the right place. One of the greatest and most influential films in the genre follows Klaatu, an alien who arrives in Washington DC to deliver a sober warning about the Earth's future if humans don't mend their warring ways. Sadly, his words and hopes look set to fall on deaf ears. Michael Rennie plays the visitor, with fine supporting performances from Sam Jaffe, Hugh Marlowe and Patricia Neal. The last on that list thought she was making a standard B movie during filming – how wrong she turned out to be. Listen out for Bernard Herrmann's haunting score too, which includes memorable use of two theremin electronic instruments.



Did you know...? The phrase 'Klaatu barada nikto', used by Michael Rennie's alien to control his robot Gort, has since popped up in other films, including *Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi* (it's the name of several characters) and *Army of Darkness* (as an incantation).



9.05pm FOREVER AMBER (1947)

CHANNEL PREMIERE

If you're a fan of lusty Gainsborough melodramas, you'll love this Hollywood take on historical romance. Taking the lead role is Linda Darnell, a starlet whose troubled life and early death are as dramatic as any film. Amber is a 17th-century wench who uses her allure to climb the social ladder, becoming King Charles II's mistress, despite being in love with a dashing cavalier.

George Sanders and Cornel Wilde play two of the men in her life, while Otto Preminger directs.

Did you know...? Kathleen Winsor's racy bestseller, on which *Forever Amber* was based, had been condemned by the censors at the Hays Office, but that didn't stop 20th Century Fox snapping up the rights to film the novel. The resulting movie was condemned by the National Legion of Decency, resulting in several cuts being made by the studio to avoid a ban.



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SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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



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Hello you lot!

'Tis us once again, ready to entertain you before tea and crumpets at teatime!

This week we've got a "right good reel" on leaving school and finding a job – in 1950s Yorkshire!

Actress Jean Muir is here to persuade you to part with a few shillings...

Tufty's on hand with some sound advice... And we're off to 1950s Slough!

Your case files provide a chuckle too: from a case of déjà vu in The Man From U.N.C.L.E. to two screen legends in the same episode of The Vise – bet the green room was fun that day!

And there's a beast in the back of Putney's Bridge Café!

The Rogues borrow Amos Burke's Rolls Royce... And do you remember 'Dirty Paws'?

Not forgetting the daughter of one of the Four Aces who needs your help!

All this and so much more... So, join us Sunday at 5 or Monday at 7 for...

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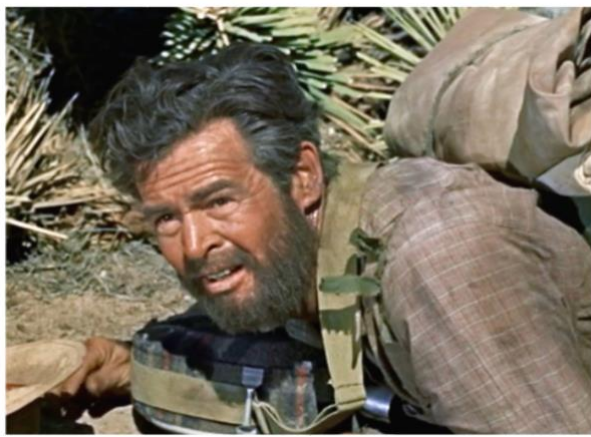
7.20pm A NICE LITTLE BANK THAT SHOULD BE ROBBED (1958) **CHANNEL PREMIERE**

A crazy title for a crazy comedy! This little-seen gem stars Tom Ewell and Mickey Rooney as best pals Max and Gus. Max is under pressure to marry his long-term sweetheart (Dina Merrill), but is short on cash, so he and Gus plan a robbery to raise some much-needed funds. To their surprise, they pull off a heist, but are blackmailed into handing over a cut of the cash to their bookie mate Rocky (Mickey Shaughnessy). They then buy a racehorse, lose all their money and turn to crime again – but they surely can't be successful a second time, can they?



Did you know...? Director Leo Tover was better known as a cinematographer, receiving Oscar nominations for his work on *Hold Back the Dawn* (1941) and *The Heiress* (1949). He also worked on another of this week's big films – *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER



8pm INFERNO (1953)

Having enjoyed success with *The October Man* (1947) and *Morning Departure* (1950), among other titles, British director Roy Ward Baker headed to Hollywood. Among the best films he made during his sojourn in Tinseltown was this thriller, originally shown in 3-D with stereophonic sound. Robert Ryan heads the cast as the impressively named Donald Whitley Carson III who, after breaking his leg in

a riding accident in the Mojave Desert, is left to die by his scheming wife (Rhonda Fleming) and her lover (William Lundigan). However, he's made of stern stuff and is determined to make it back to civilisation – and gain his revenge.

Did you know...? Although shot in colour, *Inferno* is regarded as a film noir. It was remade in 1973 with Arthur Hill, Diana Muldaur and James Stacy in the lead roles.



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WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

4.55pm MELODY (1971)

Three years after charming cinemagoers as Master Twist and the Artful Dodger in Oscar-winning musical *Oliver!*, Mark Lester and Jack Wild reteamed for another movie featuring a wealth of memorable songs, this time by the Bee Gees and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. Producer David Puttnam had the rights to use several tunes by the brothers Gibb, including *Spicks and Specks* and *To Love Somebody*, so asked his ad agency colleague Alan Parker (who would eventually become a leading director) to write a screenplay into which they could be incorporated. The result is a sweet-natured romantic comedy in which two youngsters (Lester and Tracy Hyde) fall in love and decide to marry, which annoys his best mate (Wild) and baffles their parents.



Did you know...? Although the film was a flop in the UK and US, it was a huge hit in Japan, where it continues to be much-loved. Director Waris Hussein is now best known for taking charge of *An Unearthly Child*, *Doctor Who*'s very first adventure.



9.10pm NIGHT OF THE DEMON (1957)

The nights are drawing in and Halloween is just around the corner, so there's no better time to close the curtains, lock all the doors and settle down to watch one of the most atmospheric and genuinely unsettling British horror movies ever made. Based on MR James's short story *Casting the Runes*, it stars token American cast member Dana Andrews as Dr John Holden, who arrives in London to attend a conference about paranormal psychology, something he views

with scepticism. He plans to expose the machinations of supposed cult leader Julian Karswell (the chillingly brilliant Niall McGinnis), but is outsmarted by his foe and faces a fight for survival.

Did you know...? "It's in the trees, it's coming!" – the line that famously starts Kate Bush's hit song *Hounds of Love* was sampled from this classic chiller.



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THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

4.40pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – MUSIC HALL (1934)

If you want to know what life was like for Britain's music hall performers during the early part of the 20th century, then this is the film to see. In fact, it's almost a historical document thanks to the fact it features many long-forgotten acts going through their paces on screen – where else are you going to get to see Chesters' Dogs, The Sherman Fisher Girls and Master Jimmy Bryant? Or watch a football match between two men on bicycles? As for the plot, it charts the efforts of a group of performers and backstage crew as they come together to raise the money needed to save an ailing venue via a benefit concert.



Did you know...? Comedy actors such as George Carney, Mark Daly (a former member of the famous Fred Karno Company) and Wally Patch are among the cast, while the production was directed by John Baxter, who also took charge of Deborah Kerr's first film, *Love on the Dole* (1941); his final film was the Arthur Askey vehicle *Ramsbottom Rides Again* (1956).

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – WATCHERS (1988)

CHANNEL PREMIERE

Caroline Munro has delved deep into the cellar's dark depths to find her latest offering. It's a chiller loosely based on Dean R Koontz's 1987 novel of the same name and stars then-teen idol Corey Haim as Travis, who takes in a golden retriever after it escapes from a top secret laboratory. It turns out the hound is super-intelligent, and will prove vital in tracking down and destroying another escaped creature from the site – one that isn't quite so friendly and cute... Michael Ironside and Barbara Williams co-star, while future *Beverly Hills, 90210* cast member Jason Priestley also appears in the small role of 'boy on bike'.

Did you know...? Koontz is a huge fan of golden retrievers and has owned several. Among them is Trixie, a gift from the Canine Companions for Independence charity, given in appreciation for his donations to the organisation.



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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:

- Blue Lamp, starring Dirk Bogarde, Jack Warner & Jimmy Hanley. Showing 26th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).
- Appointment in London starring Dirk Bogarde, Ian Hunter & Dinah Sheridan. Showing 26th September and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- The Third Man starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten & Alida Valli. Showing 4th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- Cheaper By The Dozen starring Clifton Webb, Myrna Loy, Jeanne Crain & Betty Lynn. Showing 11th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).



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