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Weekly Highlights 26th Sept–2nd Oct

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SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

1.40pm APPOINTMENT IN LONDON (1953)

Stiff upper lips abound in a stirring wartime tale set in 1943. The action focuses on an RAF Wing Commander who is desperate to complete his third and final tour. Complicating the matter is his love for a dead colleague's wife, who has also caught the eye of an American rival. The all-star cast – which includes Dirk Bogarde, Dinah Sheridan and Bryan Forbes – all shine, giving heartfelt performances in director Philip Leacock's gripping tale.



Did you know...? The screenplay was by ex-Squadron Leader John Wooldrige, who served with Guy Gibson before the latter led the Dam Busters raid. Bogarde claimed his character was inspired by Gibson. Wooldrige was also a composer who devised the film's score.



3.30pm SCALES OF JUSTICE (1962)

A welcome return for the series of 13 short films made at Merton Park Studios between 1962 and 1967. Crime writer Edgar Lustgarten introduces each tale, which are inspired by real cases, and the first six are narrated by the memorable tones of Michael Hordern. We begin with *The Guilty Party*, in which a man lands himself in serious debt by trying to maintain a life of luxury. Zena Marshall, Anthony Jacobs and Derek Francis star. In future episodes, look out for the likes of Patrick Wymark, Mike Sarne, Michael Aspel, Peter Barkworth, Windsor Davies and Keith Barron.

Did you know...? Lustgarten's career as a barrister informed his books. He died, aged 71, while reading *The Spectator* at Marylebone Library in 1978.



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4.05pm **NINE MEN (1943)**

More World War Two heroics, this time produced at a cost of just £20,000 by the famed Ealing Studios. Jack Lambert plays Sgt Jack Watson, who takes charge of a group of British soldiers stranded in the Libyan desert. Due to the low budget, Margam Sands in Glamorgan doubled for North Africa! A young Gordon Jackson is the most familiar member of the supporting cast, which also includes Frederick Piper and, in his final film before swapping acting for the world of business, Grant Sutherland.



Did you know...? This was the first fictional movie made by director Harry Watt, who is best remembered for his documentary work with the esteemed Crown Film Unit.



9.05pm **THE BLUE LAMP (1950)**

Evenin' all – here's a chance to see the film that introduced the world to PC George Dixon, played so memorably for many years by the unforgettable Jack Warner. Not that he lasts long – Dixon is killed off early on by a young thug (Dirk Bogarde), with the rest of the film following Jimmy Hanley's rookie PC Mitchell and his colleagues as they hunt

for the villain who murdered their beloved colleague. Bernard Lee, Peggy Evans and Robert Fleming also appear, while Warner's alter ego was resurrected two years later in TV drama *Dixon of Dock Green*, which ran until 1976.

Did you know...? Directed by the great Basil Dearden, the film also features blink-and-you'll-miss-it appearances from such familiar faces as Alma Cogan, Sam Kydd, Arthur Mullard and Glyn Houston, among others.



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SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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



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Hello chums! We're back in our little cinema this week – four weeks out on the road was quite enough excitement for us!

Yes, no more Mike in short trousers! But I've got some interesting reels to keep you entertained instead.

First stop, Liverpool in the late 50s... Who remembers the public wash houses?

Then we're learning how to make a meal of cheese - 70s style!

There are some great public announcements from the 50s.

And brilliant case work from you too. From Maigret meeting a time-travelling Christmas spirit...

To a leopard with an identity crisis! Not to mention the ingenious ways you churned out pocket money.

A little milk, and a little gas and you could be onto a nice little earner!

So, bring your detective instincts, your milk bottles and, of course, plenty of cheese and we'll see you Sunday at 5 or Monday at 7 for...

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MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

1.40pm A HILL IN KOREA (1956)

Tough-as-nails drama set at the height of the Korean War and based on a novel by Max Catto, which was inspired by real events. A squad of hard-bitten British soldiers struggle to defend a temple against an attack by marauding Chinese forces. Julian Amyes took leave from his BBC job to direct, but it's the cast that really make the film a must-see – Stanley Baker, Robert Shaw, George Baker, Harry Andrews and Ronald Lewis are among the many familiar faces who pop up. The production also provided future Oscar-winning cinematographer Freddie Francis with his first credit.



Did you know...? Michael Caine, who also has a small role in the film, was employed as a technical advisor due to his experience of serving in the Korean War. However, he later claimed everything he recommended was ignored; he still received his £800 fee though.

TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER



4.35pm THE NAKED TRUTH (1957)

Director/producer Mario Zampi and his regular collaborator, screenwriter Michael Pertwee, are the brains behind this classic jet-black comedy. Dennis Price delivers a slick performance as a gossip magazine editor who is blackmailing an aristocrat, a TV presenter, a writer and a model – if they don't pay up, he will publish their darkest secrets in his rag. But he should watch his back because the worms are about to

turn... Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Peggy Mount and Shirley Eaton play the would-be victims.

Did you know...? The editor of *Confidential* magazine was so horrified by the depiction of Price's character, which he believed was inspired by himself, he tried to sue Zampi, Pertwee and the film's distributors, Rank, for defamation.



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THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER

4.05pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – BROKEN BLOSSOMS (1936)

Hankies at the ready – we're bringing you a real tearjerker, a love story that offers a valuable lesson about tolerance. If the title sounds familiar, you may already be aware of the 1919 original directed by cinema pioneer DW Griffith. Hagen had hoped he would direct this remake, but sadly, the pair apparently fell out and so Griffith was replaced. Adapted from a short story by Thomas Burke, the tale takes place in London's Limehouse, where a Chinese Buddhist missionary (played by the very Welsh Emlyn Williams, who also wrote the screenplay) tries to help a poverty-stricken girl (Dolly Haas) who is being abused by her father (Arthur Margetson).



Did you know...? Production manager Hans Brahm changed his name to John and replaced Griffith. The fact he was married to star Dolly Haas perhaps helped him gain the promotion.

FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – THE BEAST MUST DIE (1974)

A howlingly entertaining horror from Hammer's chief rivals in the 1960s and 1970s – Amicus Productions. A millionaire big game hunter invites a strange assortment of guests to help him track down the biggest game of his life – a werewolf. His quarry happens to be one of those in the hunting party.

Calvin Lockhart plays the man on a

mission, while the chief suspects are portrayed by a rather impressive line-up of stars, including Peter Cushing, Michael Gambon, Charles Gray and Anton Diffring.

Did you know...? Close to the film's climax, a 'werewolf break' takes place in which the audience is asked to spend 30 seconds working out which of the suspects is the lycanthrope before the truth is revealed. Director Paul Annett hated the idea, declaring it was "completely artificial and unnecessary."



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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:

- Blithe Spirit starring Rex Harrison, Constance Cummings, Kay Hammond & Margaret Rutherford. Showing starts 20th September and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- NEW SERIES Julius Hagen Season. The legendary producer's best films, all introduced by Noel Cronin BEM. Series starts 10th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).
- NEW SERIES Fox, starring Peter Vaughan, Elizabeth Spriggs, Ray Winstone, Larry Lamb, Bernard Hill + loads more. Series starts 20th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).



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