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Weekly Highlights 3rd–9th October

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SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER

9.05pm HOUSE OF SECRETS (1956)

A hidden gem from our archives, also known as *Triple Deception*. Michael Craig's debonair good looks are well suited to his role as a British Navy officer; sadly, when we first meet him, he's about to be arrested in Paris, having been mistaken for a forger. When the real villain is killed, our hero is asked to pose as the crook in order to lure out the rest of his gang. The thriller was directed by Guy Green, who went on to work with



Craig again on the likes of *Sea of Sand* and *The Angry Silence*. The latter was written by Bryan Forbes, who also co-wrote the screenplay for *House of Secrets* with Robert Buckner.

Did you know...? After appearing in various supporting roles, the film marked Michael Craig's debut as a leading man, for which he received the princely sum of £30 a week.

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER



1.05pm THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN (1960)

There are more stiff upper lips than you shake a stick at in this all-star crime caper that's as slick and entertaining today as it was when it was first released. Ex-army officer Jack Hawkins enlists seven disgraced fellow former servicemen and persuades them to take part in the 'perfect' bank heist, planned with military precision. Witty, clever and featuring some of the best British thespians of the era (including Richard Attenborough, Nigel Patrick, Roger Livesey and Bryan Forbes, who also wrote the screenplay),

this is a film not to be missed by anybody who believes 'they don't make 'em like they used to'.

Did you know...? Forbes wrote the lead role for Cary Grant. When he turned it down, Hawkins took over; during filming he was diagnosed with the throat cancer that would eventually claim his life. The movie was the first production from Allied Film Makers, a company whose bosses included the film's director, Basil Dearden, Forbes, Attenborough and Hawkins.



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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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Calling all FDs far and wide! Join us this week, as we luxuriate in 'life in the past lane'. First up, a reel explaining why us layabouts – aka Teenagers of the 50s – should join the Air Training Corps in a gem of a reel featuring an actual BUNDLE!!!! Plus, we hear from an enterprising moneymaker, all you need is a Calor gas stove and some old milk bottles.... We travel to London's South Bank for the 1951 Festival of Britain... once again, but you really will love this reel.

Finally we pore over dossiers from FDs across the country – including a topsy-turvy chess game.

There's a medical mystery in One Step Beyond, a curious case of a log cabin with no door, and a slippery snake-catching caper too!

Plus, do you remember the Pavilion in Bath – where the big names appeared?

And if you've still got your usherette's outfit, Noel wants to hear from you!

But It's not what you think...

so join us Sunday at 5 or...

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7pm THE THIRD MAN (1949) **CHANNEL PREMIERE**

There aren't enough superlatives to describe this adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. An American writer visiting Vienna after the Second World War discovers that his old friend Harry Lime, presumed dead by the authorities, is alive and well and spreading misery by dealing drugs on the black market – leading to a dramatic confrontation in the sewers beneath the city. It might not sound all that amazing, but mix together stars including Joseph Cotten, Orson Welles and Trevor Howard, direction from the great Carol Reed and Oscar-winning atmospheric cinematography by Robert Krasker, and you get something very special indeed. And let's not forget Anton Karas's famous zither-dominated soundtrack either.

Did you know...? Welles famously ad-libbed the line about the Borgias in Italy and cuckoo clocks in Switzerland. Cary Grant was offered the role of Lime. Although it eventually went to Welles, Grant regularly visited the set when filming returned to London from Vienna.



TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER



1pm WILLIAM TELL (1959)

We're heading back to 14th-century Switzerland for another classic episode of the beloved ITC Entertainment adventure series. This time our hero, disguised as an Austrian soldier, leads a daring raid on a fortress in the hope of stealing the weapons stored there – but he's

recognised during the act. Does this spell the end of Tell? If you're a regular viewer, you can probably already answer that question. But it's not the fact that he gets out of the tight spot that's important – it's how he does it. As ever, Conrad Phillips takes the lead.

Did you know...? This episode, entitled *The Raid*, was directed by veteran film-maker Leslie Arliss, who scored massive hits in the 1940s with the Gainsborough melodramas *The Man in Grey* (1943) and *The Wicked Lady* (1945).



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1.30pm FOR THE LOVE OF BENJI (1977) **CHANNEL PREMIERE**

Doggone it – here's a charming family film viewers of all ages can enjoy. It's a sequel to the original *Benji* movie, which was released in 1974. This time our furry hero gets lost while holidaying in Greece, and while trying to find his way back to his family, his path crosses that with a secret agent who hides something on the pooch that every villain in sight seems to want. Suave British actor Peter Bowles is among the human cast, which also includes Patsy Garrett and Ed Nelson.

Did you know...? The original Benji was played by rescue mutt Higgins. Sadly, he died in 1975 at the age of 12, so his daughter, Benjean, takes on the role here.



WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER



4pm **THE CARD (1952)**

Delightful comedy which stays close to its original source material – Arnold Bennett's 1911 novel of the same name. Alec Guinness heads the cast as Denry Machin, an Edwardian-era washerwoman's son who is desperate to climb the social ladder and travel the world. The story follows his efforts to do both, during which he gets into a number of hilarious misadventures. Petula Clark,

Glynis Johns and Valerie Hobson (who most famously appeared alongside Guinness in 1949's *Kind Hearts and Coronets*) play the women who steal his heart – but which will Denry choose?

Did you know...? Director Ronald Neame felt that Alec Guinness was the only actor who could play Denry Machin. Thankfully Guinness accepted the part, his first as a romantic leading man. There's another first in the film too – 20-year-old Petula Clark's debut screen kiss.



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THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER

4.45pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – THE LAST JOURNEY (1936)

All aboard steam enthusiasts – make sure you've got your tea and biccies ready before Noel begins his introduction of a long-forgotten gem. If you're a fan of such films as 1949's *Train of Events* or 1970s disaster movies, you're bound to love it too. On the eve of his retirement, a train driver decides to kill himself, his passengers and the fireman with whom he believes his wife is having an affair by crashing his locomotive. However, there's a psychoanalyst on board who believes he can talk himself out of it. Julien Mitchell and Godfrey Tearle appear, alongside then-rising star Hugh Williams and Judy Gunn.



Did you know...? The Cheltenham Flyer was the fastest steam locomotive in the country at the time. Its driver, Tom Lewis, was hired as the film's technical consultant and taught the cast how to drive the replica train built by the team at Hagen's Twickenham Studios.

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER



9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – THE CHANGELING (1980) CHANNEL PREMIERE

Not to be mistaken for the 2008 Clint Eastwood-Angelina Jolie movie *Changeling*, this genuinely creepy chiller stars George C Scott as John Russell, a widowed composer who moves into an old Victorian building in Seattle. He becomes convinced it's haunted by a malevolent spirit,

and after further probing, uncovers the horrendous tale of a murdered child – but can he appease the tortured soul and bring peace to his new home? Melvyn Douglas and Jean Marsh are among the supporting cast.

Did you know...? Playwright Russell Hunter claims the story was inspired by his own experiences while living in a mansion in Denver, Colorado, in the late 1960s.



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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:

- The Boys From Brazil starring Gregory Peck, Laurence Olivier & James Mason. Showing starts 20th September and you can see our trailer [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](#).
- NEW SERIES Play for Today: Edna the Inebriate Woman, starring Patricia Hayes, Barbara Jefford & Geraldine Sherman. Shows 19th September and you can see our promo [HERE](#).



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