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Weekly Highlights
31st October–6th November

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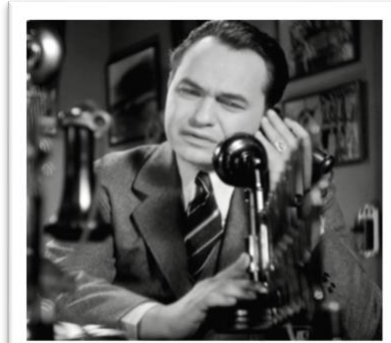


Another quartet of near-the-knuckle breakfast-time entertainment from 1931 as we continue our showcase of some of the best movies made before Hollywood's censors took a high moral stand.

We begin with **Blonde Crazy** (Monday, 8.20am), a comedy-drama focusing on the romance between a con-man and the glamorous chambermaid who becomes his accomplice. James Cagney and Joan

Blondell play the pair, and there's a chance to hear the famous line, "that dirty, double-crossin' rat" that was used by Cagney impersonators for years afterwards.

On Tuesday, drama **Five Star Final** (8.50am) stars Edward G Robinson as a tabloid newspaper editor who lives to regret his efforts to attract readers by breathing new life into a 20-year-old murder case. The supporting cast includes Boris Karloff and HB Warner.



Next up is **Bad Sister** (Wednesday, 9.35am), Bette Davis and Sidney Fox's screen debuts – Humphrey Bogart and ZaSu Pitts also have supporting roles. Based on Booth Tarkington's 1913 novel *The Flirt*, it follows the fortunes of a young woman who knows she can get any man she wants. Unfortunately, she's set her sights on a dodgy bloke who will cause heaps of trouble for her and her family.

Finally, on Thursday, **The Secret Six** (8.05am) is a gangster movie starring Wallace Beery as the fantastically named Slaughterhouse Scorpio, a villain reputedly inspired by Al Capone who is hunted down by six masked crime fighters. Future A-listers Jean Harlow, Clark Gable and Ralph Bellamy also pop up.



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SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER

1.45pm BULLSHOT (1983) CHANNEL PREMIERE

Directed by Dick Clement, produced by his old mate Ian La Frenais and backed by George Harrison's HandMade Films – surely a pedigree like that is enough to tempt anyone to watch this parody of the tales of derring-do carried out by Bulldog Drummond and Biggles. It's actually based on the stage play *Bullshot Crummond*, and sees Alan Shearman (who co-wrote the



screenplay) reprise his role as the title character, a 1930s army officer whose confidence rather outweighs his skills, as we discover when he throws himself into attempting to rescue a boffin from an evil count and his sidekick. Diz White, Ronald E House and Frances Tomelty co-star.

Did you know...? Billy Connolly, Mel Smith and John Wells all make cameo appearances. Connolly would later star in Clement and La Frenais' second HandMade film, *Water* (1985).



9.10pm TALES OF MANHATTAN (1942) CHANNEL PREMIERE

Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers, Charles Boyer, Henry Fonda, Charles Laughton, George Sanders, Edward G Robinson, Paul Robeson, Cesar Romero...

everywhere you look there's a star to be seen in this anthology comedy-drama.

Thirteen writers worked on the screenplay too – and that was lucky for us, because they came up with five wonderful stories following the owners of a black formal tailcoat which is passed

from one person to another after being cursed by the man who cut the cloth.

Did you know...? Paul Robeson was so disgusted with the film's depiction of African-Americans that he walked away from Hollywood; *Tales of Manhattan* was his final feature film, although he did appear later in documentaries. WC Fields, Margaret Dumont and Phil Silvers starred in a segment that was later cut from the version seen in cinemas.



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SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

5pm THE FOOTAGE DETECTIVES

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



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Hello fellow FDs! This week we're stepping back to 1947 with warnings for all you curious children back then!

Yes, an era when even home sweet home was full of hazards!

Then it's off to Sweden for a little nostalgia from 1957.

We talk fireworks 50s style and the explosive escapades we got up to...

I wonder how many of you made your own bangers with saltpetre?

And lots more dangerous things that would never be allowed today – including cap hammers!

There's excellent detective work from you lot too – straight to the top of the class!

From the case of the coiffured hair that survived the rain in Whiplash!

Through Gordon Jackson confusing Burns with Shakespeare...

To yo-yo police promotions in Serena ...

And how can one match illuminate an entire warehouse?

All this, plus more facts you never knew you didn't need to know – including a lost advert for Surprise Peas!

So, we'll see you Sunday at 5 or Monday at 7 for...

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THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

2.35pm WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND (1961)

"It isn't Jesus, it's just a fella!" The most famous line in Bryan Forbes's directorial debut may be true, but it's not the only delight in the movie – it's packed full of beautiful moments, including our own favourite bit of dialogue: "Do you want a kitten? It in't dead." Then-box office sensation Hayley Mills heads the cast as Kathy, who mistakes the fugitive murderer (Alan Bates) hiding in her family's barn for Christ. Diane Holgate and the wonderful Alan Barnes, who steals the film, play her younger siblings, who help her hide him.

Did you know...? The screenplay is inspired by a novella by Hayley Mills' mother, Mary Hayley Bell, who based the siblings on her own offspring – Hayley, Juliet and Jonathan. The original, however, is set on a farm like the family's own in Sussex; screenwriters Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall moved the setting to Lancashire and made the protagonists working-class. Mills claims the whistling on the soundtrack is by producer Richard Attenborough.



4.50pm JULIUS HAGEN SEASON – A FIRE HAS BEEN ARRANGED (1935)

It's bonfire night and Noel has a cracker in store starring not one, not two, but three British comedy legends – double act Bud Flanagan and Chesney Allen, and Alastair Sim. While Sim has a supporting role, Flanagan and Allen are front and centre as jewel thieves who, after spending a decade behind bars, try to reclaim their loot – only to discover a department store

has been built over where they buried it. Director Leslie Hiscott gives the boys the freedom to perform many gags from their stage act, preserving them for future generations to enjoy.

Did you know...? If the plot sounds familiar, chances are you've seen the 1965 Sid James film *The Big Job*, which reuses the same premise, except that this time, the stolen money is within the grounds of a new town's police station.



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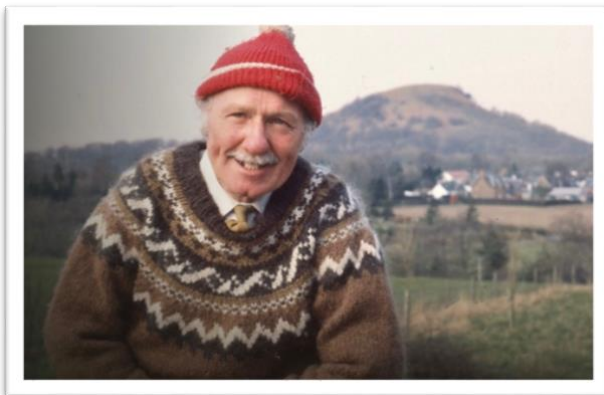
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6.25pm WEIR'S WAY (1979) CHANNEL PREMIERE

If you enjoyed our reruns of Jack Hargreaves's *Out of Town*, you're sure to appreciate *Weir's Way*, which ran for 11 years. It's hosted by Tom Weir, who spends each programme exploring the landscape and traditions of his native Scotland while hearing stories from the people he meets. Weir himself was a remarkable chap; before TV fame beckoned, he was a professional climber, writer and



photographer who was a member of the first post-war Himalayan expedition in 1950 and, two years later, was one of the first people to explore the Nepalese mountains east of Kathmandu.

Did you know...? The presenter's older sister was actress Molly Weir, who you may remember for her role as Hazel McWitch in children's show *Rentaghost*.

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER

9pm THE CELLAR CLUB – FOUR SIDED TRIANGLE (1953)



Former Hammer scream queen Caroline Munro returns to the studio that dripped blood for her latest offering, directed by Terence Fisher, the man behind many of the company's early gothic horror successes. However, *Four Sided Triangle* was made several years before they made Hammer's name. Instead, this is an atmospheric black and white sci-fi chiller that helped pave the

way for *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957). Two scientists create a machine that can duplicate life and use it to clone the woman they both love – with disastrous consequences. Stephen Murray and John Van Eyssen (later to memorably play Jonathan Harker in Hammer's *Dracula*) are the boffins, with tragic Hollywood starlet Barbara Peyton as the object of their affections.

Did you know...? Terence Fisher wasn't a sci-fi fan, which perhaps explains why the script (which he co-wrote with Paul Tabori, based on a novel by William F Temple) plays up the romantic melodrama side of the story, rather than its technical details.



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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:

- Cheaper By The Dozen starring Clifton Webb, Myrna Loy, Jeanne Crain & Betty Lynn. Showing 11th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- Inferno starring Robert Ryan, Rhonda Fleming & William Lundigan. Showing 12th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- Son Of A Stranger starring James Kenney, Ann Stephens & Victor Maddern. Showing 13th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).
- NEW SERIES Lillie starring Francesca Annis, Anton Rodgers & Patrick Holt. Series starts 24th October and you can see our trailer [HERE](#).



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