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The Carringford School Mystery

UK serial : 1958 : dir. William C. Hammond : C. F. F. : 8 episodes =134 min
prod: John Haggarty : scr: John Haggarty : dir.ph.:
[Anthony Richmond](#)
Jenny Jones; Derek Freeman; Richard James; Eric Corrie; Jack Stewart; Keith Marsh;
Arthur Lovegrove; Gerald Case; Shaw Taylor

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*Boys in dark tunnels – a major motif of British children's films. But this shot is strikingly lit, it must be said.
Source: C.F.F. Catalogue & Index of Films 1972*

Children's Film Foundation Catalogue &
Index of Films 1972 listing:

"The exciting adventures of five children who set out to vindicate a school friend wrongly accused of theft from the local museum. Produced by British Films Ltd. Story by Anthony Wilson. Producer John Haggarty. Music Kenneth Jones.

Episode 1: "Crisis in the Classroom" (18)
Episode 2: "Evening of Danger" (18)
Episode 3: "Gunplay" (19)
Episode 4: "Kidnapped" (18)

Episode 5: "Ordeal Under Water" (17)
Episode 6: "Danger Under Ground" (16)
Episode 7: "Peril at Sea" (14)
Episode 8: "The Fatal Slip" (14) "

The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Children's serial. Crook poses as science teacher to steal gold necklace from museum."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Anthony Richmond:

“Oddly enough this was not the famous British cameraman (born 1942) but a square-jawed little chap who played the lead in **"Bang! You're Dead"** and appeared in a few subsequent films of the Fifties. His last two, leading roles again, were for the Children's Film Foundation.”

Cast:

Jane SelwynJenny Jones
Maurice AndersonDerek Freeman
Brian Kendall**Anthony Richmond**
Peter HastingsRichard James
BeaumontEric Corrie
GibsonJack Stewart
Ben BrundleKeith Marsh
Mr AshworthGerald Case
Insp BradfieldShaw Taylor

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information further available. There's **five** of them again, isn't there! – But I've said my piece on this numerological obsession at the C.F.F. elsewhere. In addition to its feature output, the Foundation released various shorts, cartoons, and a number of matinee serials – many of them produced initially by "Children's Entertainment Films" to service the cinema clubs of the Rank circuit and others, with titles like this one, **"RAIDERS OF THE RIVER"**, **"FIVE ON TREASURE ISLAND"**, **"MYSTERY IN THE MINE"** and **"THE DAWN KILLER"**. So far as I'm aware, none of these serials has **ever** been broadcast on UK children's television, which may perhaps be some indication of their quality. This one, like most of the rest, has more than a whiff of Enid Blyton about it.

Anthony Richmond was 15, and perhaps nearing his sell-by date. After the hit episode of **"Alfred Hitchcock Presents:"** (**"Bang! You're Dead"** - which was remade in colour for a subsequent posthumous run of the series) he featured in the legendary **"DEVIL GIRL FROM MARS"** (54), **"THE GLASS CAGE"** (55), **"THE OUTSIDERS"** (55) and – also for the C.F.F. – **"ONE WISH TOO MANY"** (56). Obviously most of the other cast members listed will be children, but there's no way of guessing which ones.

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