



Robin Redbreast

A film by James MacTaggart

A Play for Today

On 28 October 2013, as part of **GOTHIC: The Dark Heart of Film**, a nationwide celebration of gothic film and television, the BFI will bring the legendary BBC 'folk horror' tale *Robin Redbreast* (1970) to DVD for the first time ever. With its combination of unsettling folk rituals and insular regional communities, *Robin Redbreast* is considered to be an influence and precursor to *The Wicker Man* (1973), and has built up a cult following over the years since its original broadcast in the *Play for Today* strand.

Norah Palmer (Anna Cropper) is a television script editor who temporarily moves to a remote English country village to rebuild her life after a bad break-up. At first, she finds that the villagers are friendly, if a little eccentric. When she becomes pregnant to the handsome gamekeeper Rob, she begins to suspect the locals of conspiring against her, preventing her from leaving the village for her home in London.

Made during the golden age of British TV chillers, this provocative and disturbing drama was directed by the renowned producer/director James MacTaggart from a script by John Bowen (*A Ghost Story for Christmas: The Ice House*, *Dead of Night: A Woman Sobbing*).

Special features

- *Interview with John Bowen* (2013, 12 mins): the celebrated writer discusses his career and the origins of *Robin Redbreast*
- *Around the Village Green* (1937, Evelyn Spice and Marion Grierson, 11 mins): short film offering insight into the changing economic and social history of village life
- Illustrated booklet featuring essays and biographies by Vic Pratt, William Fowler, Oliver Wake and Alex Davidson, and full credits

Product details

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD997 / Cert 12

UK / 1970 / a black & white presentation of a colour production / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / 77 mins / DVD9 / PAL / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / Dolby Digital mono audio (320 kbps)

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