

Programme Information Highlights

March 2015



Happening this month...

Sunday March 1st

The Russian opposition activist Alexei Navalny has called for a massive protest in central Moscow on March 1. He is forecasting that 100,000 people will take part.

Monday March 2nd

Prince William starts a visit to China. One of the highlights will be the Great Festival of Creativity in Shanghai, where the Prince will lead a delegation showcasing 500 British companies. Also today, the anti-immigration, right wing organisation PEGIDA will hold a rally in Vienna, Austria.

Thursday March 5th

China's National People's Congress begins in Beijing.

Sunday March 8th

International Women's Day 2015 This year's theme: *Make It Happen*

Tuesday March 10th

The Cheltenham Festival, one of Britain's top National Hunt Racing meetings begins today. Ladies Day, which is traditionally a fashion parade, is tomorrow.

Friday March 13th

A service of commemoration, attended by The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, will be held at London's St Paul's Cathedral to mark the end of combat operations in Afghanistan. It will be followed by a parade.



Royal Marines from Alpha Company, 40 Commando take part in an operation to disrupt insurgent activity in the Nahr-e-Saraj district in December 2012. [Picture: PO Terry Seward, Royal Navy. Crown Copyright]

Monday March 16th

The winner of the Global Teacher Prize, which aims to raise respect for teachers around the world, will be announced at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai. He or she will be chosen from a shortlist of 50, which in turn was chosen from 5,000 nominations from 127 countries.

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Tuesday March 17th

Israel is holding a snap election today after the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired two senior members of his coalition Cabinet for criticizing government policy.

The disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong appears in court in Aspen, Colorado, accused of speeding and failing to report an accident. Armstrong's girlfriend, Anna Hansen, initially took the blame for the accident in which Armstrong hit two parked cars.

Wednesday March 18th

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne will deliver the final Budget statement of the current parliament, before it is dissolved ahead of the General Election on May 7th.

Friday March 20th

A total solar eclipse will be visible in Svalbard (Norway) and the Faroe Islands, and a partial solar eclipse in Europe, northern and eastern Asia and northern and western Africa. It will start at 7:41am UTC. The maximum point (totality) begins at 09:45am UTC and will last for 2 minutes and 47 seconds.

Saturday March 21st

Meteorologists are warning of "supertides" in Britain today – the Vernal Equinox – when the unusual alignment of the earth, moon and sun may combine to produce an unusually powerful gravitational pull.

Thursday March 26th

King Richard III will be reburied at Leicester Cathedral, three years after his remains were discovered under a car park.

Monday March 30th

Britain's parliament will be dissolved ahead of the General Election on May 7th.



GRAND CANYON, AZ - MAY 20: The first annular eclipse seen in the U.S. since 1994 wanes to a partial eclipse as the sun sets on May 20, 2012 in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. Differing from a total solar eclipse, the moon in an annular eclipse appears too small to cover the sun completely, leaving a ring of fire effect around the moon. The eclipse is casting a shallow path crossing the West from west Texas to Oregon then arcing across the northern Pacific Ocean to Tokyo, Japan. (Photo by David McNew/Getty Images)