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.

**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.

All the information included in this document is correct at the time of publication (11 February), but is subject to amendment.
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.