Happening this month...

**Monday 2nd December**  
*Ballon d’Or winner announced - Paris, France*  
Event highlights achievements of the world's top footballers. Includes the Ballon d'Or, awarded to the best male player; the Ballon d'Or Feminin, awarded to the best female player; and the Trophee Kopa, awarded to the best young player.

**Monday 2nd December – Friday 13th December**  
*UN Climate Change Conference COP25 – Santiago, Chile*  
25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**Tuesday 3rd December**  
*Turner Prize winner announced – Margate, Kent, UK*  
Winner of prestigious art award receives £25k prize. This year's finalists include Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Helen Cammock, Oscar Murillo and Tai Shani.

**Wednesday 4th December**  
*R Kelly charged with sexual abuse hearing – Chicago, USA*  
Hearing in the case of singer, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, after being charged on February 22nd with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse. The charges relate to four victims and date between 1998 and 2010. At least three of the victims were minors between the ages of 13 and 16. Kelly has pleaded not guilty.

**Thursday 5th December**  
*Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree switch on - London UK*  
The Norwegian Spruce is donated annually by their Government as a symbol of gratitude of UK support during World War Two.

**Saturday 7th December**  
*Andy Ruiz Jr v Anthony Joshua - Diriyah, Saudi Arabia*  
Andy Ruiz Jr defends his world heavyweight boxing titles against Anthony Joshua in a rematch of their June bout.

**Monday 9th December**  
*The Golden Globe Awards nominations – Los Angeles, USA*  
The nominees for the 77th annual Golden Globe Awards are announced.

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Monday 9th December
*R Kelly charged with racketeering in New York - status conference*
Status conference takes place in case of singer, real name Robert Sylvester Kelly, who faces racketeering charges related to allegations that he operated a criminal enterprise that promoted his music and recruited women and girls to engage in illegal sexual activity. Separate to his case in Illinois.

Tuesday 10th December
*Nobel Prizes ceremony - Stockholm, Sweden*
Presentation of medals for Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Economics and Literature. The Peace Prize is also presented today, in Oslo.

Thursday 19th December
*Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker - film release UK*
Latest instalment in the Star Wars movie franchise is released. Written and directed by J.J. Abrams

Sunday 22nd December – Monday 30th December
*Chanukah - Worldwide*
Jewish Festival of Lights, also known as Hanukkah. Eight-day festival is celebrated in memory of the victory of the Jewish rebellion against the Greek suppression.

Wednesday 25th December
*Queen’s Christmas Day Message, Nationwide*
Address to the Commonwealth is broadcast on television and radio.

Bagpipers open the torchlight procession through Edinburgh for the start of the Hogmanay celebrations on December 30, 2016 in Edinburgh, Scotland. It is expected that 150,000 visitors from more than 80 countries will visit the city for the traditional New Year celebrations, which run over three days. (Photo by Roberto Ricciuti/Getty Images)

Monday 30th December – Wednesday 1st January 2020
Edinburgh’s Hogmanay, Scotland
Annual event billed as the world’s biggest and best New Year celebration. Celebration begins with a torchlight procession, attended by 35,000 people. Around 150,000 people attend over three days.