Programme Information Highlights
April 2019

Happening this month...

Thursday 4th April
70 years ago: NATO formed
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was formed on this day in 1949.

Wednesday 10th April
Alleged Golden State killer - court hearing, Sacramento
Joseph James DeAngelo, who is accused of being the Golden State Killer/East Area Rapist, is due in court. The case concerns 13 homicides, 50 rapes and 120 burglaries in US state of California.

Thursday 11th - Sunday 14th April
The Masters, Augusta, Georgia, US
First Major of the season, featuring the best golfers from around the world. The current champion is Patrick Reed.

Monday 15th April
30 years ago: Hillsborough stadium disaster
Anniversary of the event in which 96 football fans were killed in Britain's worst ever sporting disaster when Liverpool travelled to Sheffield in an FA Cup semi-final.

Thursday 18th April
TIME 100 - list announced
Time magazine announces its list of the most influential politicians, entertainers, businesspeople, athletes and 'rogues' who will define the world this year.

Thursday 18th April
Algeria presidential election
Voters elect head of state for a five-year term. In the last election, held on 17th April 2014, long time leader Abdelaziz Bouteflika was re-elected with 81.5% of the vote.

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Thursday 18th April
Pope Francis celebrates Holy Thursday, Vatican
Pontiff carries out traditional foot-washing ritual on Holy Thursday, ahead of the Easter weekend.

Sunday 21st April
The Queen is 93 today
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the UK’s Head of State, turns 93 years old.

Tuesday 23rd April
35 years ago: discovery of AIDS announced
On April 23, 1984, US Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler announced that doctors working for the National Cancer Institute had found the cause of AIDS, the retrovirus HTLV-III.

Wednesday 24th April - Sunday 5th May
Tribeca Film Festival, New York, USA
Over 400 new and independent films are expected to be screened, along with panel discussions with filmmakers and actors and an outdoor family festival.

Saturday 27th April
White House Correspondents’ Association Dinner, Washington DC
Annual dinner for journalists who cover the White House and the President. Event had traditionally always been attended by the US President, though Donald Trump has not attended for the past two years.

Tuesday 30th April
Japan’s Emperor abdication
Under plans approved by Japan’s government on May 19, 2017, the 85-year-old Emperor Akihito is set to formally step down today. It is the first time an emperor has stepped down since 1817. His son, Crown Prince Naruhito, takes over tomorrow.