

Programme Information Highlights

April 2015



Happening this month...

Wednesday April 1st

The second child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Prince William and his wife Kate) is due about now. The baby – a brother or sister for Prince George – will be fourth in line to the throne after the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge and Prince George. Prince Harry will move into fifth place.

Monday April 6th

New pension rules come in today in Britain. The 320,000 people who retire each year with a defined contribution pension will have greater choice over how they take their savings and will no longer be forced into buying an annuity or joining a “drawdown” scheme.

Tuesday April 7th

MG, the car-maker now owned by Chinese company SAIC Motor Corporation, is set to launch its new model MG6 this week

Thursday April 9th

Today, at 4 pm UK time, is the deadline for candidates in Britain’s General Election to deliver their nomination papers. The election is due to be held on Thursday May 7th.

Friday April 10th

The seventh Summit of the Americas – which takes place in Panama – may be the setting for an historic meeting between President Barack Obama and President Raul Castro of Cuba.



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge holds Prince George as he points to a butterfly on Prince William, Duke of Cambridge's hand as they visit the Sensational Butterflies exhibition at the Natural History Museum on July 2, 2014 in London, England. The family released the photo ahead of the first birthday of Prince George on July 22. (Photo by John Stillwell - WPA Pool/Getty Images)

Sunday April 12th

The Olivier Theatre Awards will be held at London’s Royal Opera House. The presenter is the comedian Lenny Henry. The Young Vic has received 11 nominations. A View From The Bridge star Mark Strong leads the nominations in the Best Actor category, in which he will face stiff competition in the form of Richard Armitage (The Crucible), Tim Pigott-Smith (King Charles III) and The Ruling Class star James McAvoy.

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Monday April 20th

Today is the deadline for people in Britain to register to vote in the May 7th General election.

Friday April 24th

This weekend marks the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli at the start of the campaign in which half a million Allied and Turkish soldier were killed. Descendants of those who fought will attend events to mark the centenary in Turkey, London, Australia and New Zealand.

The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Duke of Cambridge, will attend a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in London followed by a Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Harry, will attend services in Turkey.

Saturday April 25th

It is 25 years to the day since the Hubble space telescope, which was launched by Nasa on the shuttle Discovery. Positioned 343 miles above the earth, the Hubble Telescope's six cameras have sent back hundreds of thousands of pictures of the solar system.

Sunday April 26th

The 35th London Marathon takes place today. The women's marathon world-record holder Paula Radcliffe is running in it for the last time. The women's elite field will be led by reigning champion Edna Kiplagat and Mary Keitany, while the men's field includes reigning champion and course-record holder Wilson Kipsang and world-record holder Dennis Kimetto.



Picture taken on April 25, 1990 by the STS-31 crew aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, showing the Hubble Space Telescope. The giant spacecraft is being put in orbit to gather information about a large variety of astronomical objects, from neighbouring planets and stars to the most distant galaxies and quasars. (Photo credit should read -/AFP/Getty Images)