

Programme Information Highlights

August 2015



Happening this month...

Thursday 6th August

The 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima nuclear bomb. In 1945 a US aircraft dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The bomb devastated an area of five square miles. More than 60% of buildings were destroyed. Around 140,000 people were killed, including those who died later from radiation. Many others suffered long-term sickness and disability.

Saturday 8th August

The English Premier League season begins.

Sunday 9th August

Mandatory open primary elections in Argentina. Every party or alliance is required to choose its federal candidates in simultaneous primaries open to all voters. Participation is compulsory for those between the ages of 18 and 69.

Sunday 9th August

The 70th anniversary of the Nagasaki nuclear bomb. Three days after the bomb in Hiroshima, the United States launched a second, bigger atomic bomb against the city of Nagasaki. Nearly 74,000 were killed and a similar number injured. Five days later Japan surrendered to the Allies.

Monday 17th August

General election in Sri Lanka.

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Inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Cafe siege in Sydney in December 2014. Tori Johnson and Katrina Dawson died when a gunman took 18 people hostage at a cafe in the city's central business district.



PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA - OCTOBER 21: Oscar Pistorius stands as he listens to his judgement in the Pretoria High Court on October 21, 2014, in Pretoria, South Africa. Judge Thokozile Masipa handed down her sentence today. Pistorius was sentenced to five years in prison. (Photo by Herman Verwey/Foto24/Gallo Images/Getty Images)

Tuesday 18th August

Battle of Britain Commemoration, Biggin Hill Airport
More than 20 vintage planes from across Britain will take off from Biggin Hill in the ultimate flypast to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The Battle of Britain was a decisive air campaign fought over southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940 and one of Britain's most important victories of the Second World War.

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Friday 21st August

Oscar Pistorius is expected to be released from prison today. The South African double-amputee Olympic athlete was found guilty of culpable homicide for shooting dead his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in February 2013. Prison officials recommended he be released after serving one-sixth of his five year sentence. An appeal against Pistorius's acquittal on a murder charge will be heard in November.

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd August

V Festival – Hylands Park, Chelmsford and Weston Park, Staffordshire
The annual music festival is held at two parks simultaneously which share the same line-up. Artists including Kasabian, Calvin Harris, Sam Smith and Ellie Goulding will perform at one location on the Saturday and then swap on the Sunday.

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 30th August

IAAF World Championships, Beijing
Beijing's National Stadium, better known as the 'Bird's Nest', will host the world's biggest sporting event of the year. 2000 athletes from over 200 nations will compete over 9 consecutive days of action.

Sunday 30th – Monday 31st August

Notting Hill Carnival, London
Europe's biggest street festival is a vivid spectacle representing London's multicultural past and present. Since 1964 the city's Caribbean communities have celebrated their culture and traditions at this two-day event featuring live music, floats, dancing and food. More than a million visitors are expected.

Monday 31st August – Sunday 13th September

US Open, New York
Croatian Marin Cilic and Serena Williams of the United States will defend their singles' titles at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.



LONDON, ENGLAND - AUGUST 24: Performers parade through the streets of West London during the Notting Hill carnival on August 24, 2014 in London, England. (Photo by Stuart C. Wilson/Getty Images)