

# Programme Information Highlights

April 2018



## Happening this month...

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Bill Cosby retrial begins, Norristown, Pennsylvania  
The 80-year-old entertainer is charged with three counts of felony aggravated indecent assault relating to a 2004 case involving Andrea Constand. It follows a mistrial last year when the jury failed to reach unanimous verdicts on any of the charges.

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> -Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast  
70 national teams are due to take part in the XXI Commonwealth Games in Queensland, Australia. Athletes will compete in 18 sports including beach volleyball, basketball and - for the first time - women's rugby sevens.

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

50 years since the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr  
The American Civil Rights leader and clergyman was shot dead at a motel in Memphis in 1968. Fugitive James Earl Ray pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in jail for the assassination.

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Masters Golf, USA  
Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia will once again host the first major golf championship of the year. Sergio Garcia is expected to defend his 2017 title.



Aerial views of the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre which will be the venue for swimming and diving at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, on May 17, 2017. (Photo by Bradley Kanaris/Getty Images)

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

20 years since the Good Friday Agreement  
Signed in Belfast, the Good Friday Agreement was a major political development in the Northern Ireland peace process of the 1990s. Consisting of two accords which were ratified after referendums in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, it covered issues of sovereignty, the decommissioning of weapons, civil rights and cultural rights.

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## Tues 10<sup>th</sup> - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April

TED Conference, Vancouver

The annual event began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics from science to business to global issues - in more than 100 languages.

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, London

A biennial summit meeting of the heads of government from all Commonwealth nations. Theresa May will chair the meeting, which will be attended by the Queen.

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

75 years since the Warsaw Ghetto uprising

Anniversary of the start of the largest single revolt by Jewish people during WW2 in 1943. It began when the Nazis tried to clear the ghetto and take those who remained there to Treblinka. 13,000 Jews died in the uprising which lasted just over a month.

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Paraguay general election

Neither President Horacio Cartes nor Juan Afa of the Colorado Party are eligible for re-election. The new President and Vice-President will take office on August 15, 2018 and will leave the office in August 2023.

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Lyrids meteor shower

Best night to see the Lyrids, which are created by debris from comet Thatcher, which takes about 415 years to orbit around the Sun.



Indian rag pickers search for recyclable items at a garbage dump yard on the outskirts of Hyderabad on April 22, 2015 on Earth Day. (Photo by NOAH SEELAM/AFP/Getty Images)

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Earth Day

Annual international event marking the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. This year's Earth Day will concentrate on ending plastic pollution.

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

White House Correspondents Association dinner, Washington DC

US President Donald Trump famously refused to attend last year's event - but said he would 'absolutely' make an appearance at this year's dinner. This is yet to be confirmed.