 Programme Information Highlights
August 2017

Happening this month...

Friday 4th - Sunday 13th August
IAAF World Championships in Athletics, London
Competition billed as the biggest global sporting event of the year takes place at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The championship will be sprinter Usain Bolt and distance runner Mo Farah's last.

Sunday 6th – Tuesday 8th August
Hiroshima anniversary, Japan
Hiroshima commemorates anniversary of the 1945 nuclear attack

Thursday 7th - Wednesday 13th August
PGA Championship, Charlotte, North Carolina
The golf season's final major, the 99th PGA Championship is taking place at Quail Hollow Club. America's Jimmy Walker won last year.

Tuesday 8th August
Kenyan General Election
President Uhuru Kenyatta is standing against opposition leader Raila Odinga. Violence is expected after allegations of fraud at the primaries and increased tribal friction led to clashes in April.

Saturday 16th August
40th anniversary of Elvis’s death
Events expected to mark 40 years since Elvis Presley died after having a heart attack at Graceland, his home in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sunday 20th August
Clipper Round The World Yacht Race starts in Liverpool
The biggest round the world ocean race sets sail from Liverpool, with participants travelling 40,000 nautical miles.

Monday 21st August
Total solar eclipse, USA
The Moon will pass between Earth and the Sun, blocking all direct sunlight and turning day into darkness. It will be visible from a narrow corridor across the US from South Carolina in the east to Oregon in the west.

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Thursday 24th August
First anniversary of central Italy earthquake
297 people, including 11 Romanians and three Britons died in the quake, which struck near the town of Amatrice. A number of ancient historic buildings were also destroyed.

Monday 28th August - Sunday 10th September
US Open Tennis Championships at Flushing Meadows, New York
Last of four Grand Slam tournaments for 2017. Last year's Men's Singles and Women's Singles winners Stan Wawrinka and Angelique Kerber are expected to defend their titles.

Wednesday 30th August
Tomatina Festival, Spain
La Tomatina festival is held in the Valencian town of Buñol in eastern Spain. Participants throw tomatoes and fight purely for entertainment purposes. Since 1945 it has been held on the last Wednesday of August, during the week of festivities.

Wednesday 30th August - Sunday 3rd September
Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca
Two million Muslims are expected to embark on the five-day pilgrimage to Islam's most sacred site, the cube-shaped Kaaba in the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca.

Thursday 31st August
20th anniversary of the death of Princess Diana
It’s 20 years since Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris. She died in hospital after a high-speed collision in the Pont de l’Alma road tunnel which also killed her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. Paul was later found to have lost control of the Mercedes while intoxicated. A bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived the crash.