Programme Information Highlights
February 2019

Happening this month...

Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} February - Sunday 17\textsuperscript{th} March
Guinness Six Nations, various venues in Europe
The largest international rugby union tournament in the northern hemisphere featuring England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France and Italy. A women’s event also takes place.

Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February
Super Bowl LIII, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Climax of the US football season which sees the champions of the AFC and NFC compete.

Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} February
Pope Francis visits the UAE
Pope Francis will make a three-day visit, during which he will take part in an international interfaith meeting devoted to human fraternity.

Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} February
15 years since Facebook launched
The popular networking site celebrates its 15th anniversary. It was launched by then-Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg.

Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} February
Chinese New Year
Chinese communities around the world will celebrate the start of the new lunar year, which this time is the Year of the Pig.

Vinny Curry #75 of the Philadelphia Eagles celebrates after defeating the New England Patriots 41-33 in Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium on February 4, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Photo by Patrick Smith/Getty Images)

Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} February
30 years since Sky launched in the UK
Sky started broadcasting the UK’s first satellite TV service with four channels: Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Eurosport, and Sky News. It now has more than 25 channels and 23 million customers across seven countries.

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Thursday 7th - Sunday 17th February
Berlin International Film Festival, Germany
Around 350 films are shown every year as part of the public programme. The vast majority are world or European premieres.

Sunday 10th February
GRAMMY Awards, Los Angeles, USA
The music awards show will honour the best in all forms of recorded music, from rap to classical.

Sunday 10th February
EE British Academy Film Awards (BAFTAs), London
Britain’s answer to the Oscars it recognises, honours and rewards individuals for outstanding achievement in feature and short films, produced worldwide and released in UK cinemas.

Sunday 10th - Monday 11th February
African Union summit, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Heads of State and government will meet for the 32nd Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly. This year’s theme is The Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons.

Saturday 16th February
Nigeria presidential and parliamentary elections
Voters will go to the polls to elect a president for a four-year term. In the last election, held on March 28, 2015, Muhammadu Buhari replaced Goodluck Jonathan. Buhari has confirmed he is running for another term. Parliamentary elections will also take place.

Sunday 24th February
The Academy Awards, Los Angeles, USA
The oldest and most prestigious film ceremony in the world it is also known as the Oscars. Comedian and actor Kevin Hart was due to host the ceremony but withdrew due to public pressure.

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