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HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

Monday 1 December

The Chartered Institute for Purchasing and Supply publishes its latest manufacturing survey.

The winner of the annual Turner Prize is announced at Tate Britain. Duncan Campbell, Ciara Phillips, James Richards and Tris Vonna-Michell have each been nominated for the £25,000 contemporary art prize.

The British Fashion Awards celebrates a year of creativity and success at its annual ceremony, which sees the country's top designers, models and stylists gather at The Coliseum in Covent Garden.

With just 15 days until Christmas, Mega Monday promises to be the biggest shopping day of the year. Retail experts believe that shoppers will spend all weekend browsing before placing orders on Monday. Last year, Mega Monday saw around £10,000 spent every second in the UK with traffic levels peaking at lunchtime.

People worldwide unite in the fight against Aids on World Aids Day. Observed annually, the day hopes to increase awareness, fight stigma and improve education.

The 167th edition of the British Who's Who is published, including autobiographical information on more than 33,000 influential people from all walks of life.

Bowel Cancer UK asks men across the UK to ditch their shaving routines and grow a beard. The charity hopes Decembeard will raise awareness about Bowel Cancer, as well as make money to help those who suffer from the disease.

Wednesday 3 December

George Osborne provides an update on the government's plans for the future of the British economy in his Autumn Statement to Parliament.

This year the chancellor will deliver his statement just six months before the general election.

Tesco releases its Q3 management statement. Recently, the supermarket giant hit headlines when it was rocked by a £250million accounting error.

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The Bank of England makes its latest decision regarding UK interest rates.



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The NHS's annual conference is held in London. The most important event in NHS finance, the three-day gathering, titled Leading By Numbers, will hear from some of the NHS's most prominent figures, as well as politicians and clinicians.

Friday 5 December

South Africa and the rest of the world mark the first anniversary of the death of Nelson Mandela.

Wednesday 10 December

Same-sex couples will be able to convert their civil partnerships to marriage. Married transgender people will also be permitted to change their legal gender without changing their marriage, providing that their husband or wife agrees.

Thursday 11 December

Nominations for the 2015 Golden Globe awards are announced ahead of the awards show on 11 January. Tina Fey and Amy Poehler will host the ceremony for the third consecutive year during which actor, director, writer and producer George Clooney is expected to be honoured with the Cecil B DeMille Award.

The Council of Mortgage Lending publishes its October figures.

Tuesday 16 December

The Office for National Statistics announces the UK's latest inflation figures and publishes its study of October house prices.

The Bank of England publishes its latest Financial

Stability Report.

Wednesday 17 December

An update on employment figures is provided by the National Office for Statistics.

Thursday 25 December

Queen Elizabeth II reflects on the major events of 2014 in her annual Christmas message from Buckingham Palace.

Friday 26 December

Memorials and events mark the 10th anniversary of

the Boxing Day Tsunami. More than 300,000 people died across 14 countries and two continents when an earthquake created a devastating tsunami around the Indian Ocean in 2004.

Wednesday 31 December

The Queen announces her highly anticipated New Year's Honours List. Last year's list saw more women recognised than men for the first time since the Order of the British Empire was founded in 1917. Actors Penelope Keith and Angela Lansbury were among those who became dames, while a CBE was awarded to The Apprentice star Karren Brady.



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