

# Programme Information Highlights

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### HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

#### Thursday 1 March

EU Heads of State meet in Brussels for the regular EU summit. While David Cameron opted out of a new 'fiscal compact' in November 2011, the remaining 26 of the 27 EU member states are expected to sign an intergovernmental treaty ensuring tighter budgets and debt rules in the eurozone.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply publishes its latest analysis of the UK's manufacturing sector.

Drivers living in the UK's remote islands will receive a fuel duty discount. The new scheme is anticipated to bring much-needed relief to the Inner and Outer Hebrides, Northern Isles, the islands in the Clyde and the Isles of Scilly where pump prices are particularly high due to transportation costs.

Knife crime sentencing statistics are published for the period from July to September 2011, a period when experts predicted a rise in gang crime following a cut to youth services.

#### Friday 2 March

The Scottish Labour party hold their three-day spring conference at the Caird Hall in Dundee.

#### Thursday 8 March

The Monetary Policy Committee makes its latest decision regarding UK interest rates.

#### Friday 9 March

The Liberal Democrats welcome members to their 2012 Spring Conference. For the first time, Newcastle/Gateshead will play host to Nick Clegg's party.

#### Wednesday 14 March

The Office of National Statistics publishes its latest unemployment figures.

#### Tuesday 20 March

Winners of the 2012 Royal Television Awards are announced. Last year, shows including Pineapple Dance Studios, X-Factor, Sherlock and Miranda were recognised at the prestigious ceremony.

The Bank of England publishes the inflation figures for February 2012.



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## Wednesday 21 March

Chancellor George Osborne delivers his statement on the nation's finances and announces his next Budget which will detail further plans to move the British economy out of the financial danger zone.

## Thursday 22 March

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) holds its annual three-day conference in Scarborough.

## Friday 23 March

Plaid Cymru discuss their party plans and visions during their Spring Conference in Swansea.

## Sunday 25 March

The UK welcomes lighter evenings as British summer time begins and the clocks go forward one hour.

## Monday 26 March

Diana, Princess of Wales' most iconic dresses are exhibited at Kensington Palace, alongside photographs revealing the memorable occasions they were worn during her public life.

## Thursday 29 March

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