

The Wider World

National Events

June 2 Coronation Day. Anniversary of the day when the Queen was crowned in 1953
3/4 Beating Retreat, London. Marching music performed by the bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards Parade, with origins in the 16th century **12-14** Isle of Wight Festival. The Prodigy, Stereophonics, Razorlight & Neil Young **12-14** Download Festival, Donington. Faith No More, Slipknot, Def Leppard, ZZ Top, Motley Crue, Anvil & The Prodigy (again... they get around) **13** Queen's official birthday (her real birthday is on 21 April) & Trooping the Colour, London **14** Garter Day. Knights of the Garter gather for a ceremony at Windsor Castle, part of a system of honours dating back to 1348 **21** Father's Day **21** Summer solstice, The longest day of the year **24- 28** Glastonbury Festival. Wiltshire mud bath. Wot, no Hawkwind & where are all the hippies? **25-28** Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh - featuring the best of rural Scotland **26-28** Hard Rock Calling, London Festival in Hyde Park – The Killers, Neil Young & Bruce Springsteen **27/28** Biggin Hill International Air Fair -The largest privately organised air show in Europe **July 1-5** Henley Royal Regatta Traditional rowing races at Henley-on-Thames **3-5** Godiva Festival, Coventry, including a procession led by Lady Godiva on horseback **4** Pride London - Lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgendered community parade through central London followed by a rally in Trafalgar Square. Gay or straight, you're welcome to the party **4/5** Wireless Festival, Hyde Park London Basement Jaxx, The Streets & Kanye West **7-12** Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. The world's largest annual garden and flower show **10-12** T in the Park, Festival in Scotland – Blur, Kings of Leon & The Killers **14** Bastille Day, Paris - France's largest national holiday **15** St Swithins Day - 40 days of rain if it rains today **17 – 12** Sep Proms, London - The BBC Sir Henry Wood Promenade Concerts.

The classical concerts in London **24-26** WOMAD, Wiltshire – Peter Gabriel's world music festival **26** (**– Sep 30**) Summer opening of Buckingham Palace while the Queen visits Scotland.

Sport

June 5-21 Cricket - World Twenty20
6-13 Motor Cycling - Isle Of Man TT Festival
10 Football World Cup Qualifier - England V Andorra **17-20** Horse Racing - Royal Ascot **21** Motor Racing British Grand Prix, Silverstone – Go Jenson **22-Jul 5** Tennis The Championships, Wimbledon **23-26** Golf - British Women's Open, Sunningdale **28** World Superbikes Donington **Jul 8-12** Cricket - First Test, England V Australia, Cardiff **16-20** Cricket - Second Test, Lord's **16-19** Golf - The Open, Turnberry **30-Aug 3** Cricket -Third Test, Edgbaston.

Notable Birthdays

Jun 1 Ron Wood & Marilyn Monroe **3** Rafael Nadal & Tony Curtis **9** Johnny Depp & Natalie Portman **14** Steffi Graf & Donald Trump **20** Brian Wilson & Nicole Kidman **21** Ray Davies & Prince William **July 1** Liv Tyler & Dan Aykroyd **9** Tom Hanks & Nicola Tesla **11** Suzanne Vega & Mark Lester **18** Richard Branson & John Glenn **26** Mick Jagger & Kevin Spacey **30** Kate Bush & Emily Bronte.

Food in Season

June Grey Mullet, Tayberries, Broad Beans, Gooseberries, Courgettes, Welsh Lamb, elderflowers, Lettuce, Crab, strawberries, peppers, asparagus, redcurrants, salmon, cherries, aubergines, peas July Blueberries, Pike, Fennel, Clams, tomatoes, trout, watercress, pilchards, loganberries, Sage, cauliflower, raspberries.

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