



Big Events for your 2016 Diary

Whatever your calendar of events looks like next year, it's important to keep your eye on the wider picture. There are two very good reasons for doing this. Firstly, you don't want to hold your event on the same day as another 'mustn't miss' function as your attendee numbers may suffer. Secondly, it could work in your favour. Time your event to happen a week or so before the release of a much-awaited block buster film and your theming brain storm is over before it's begun.

Sport

Love it or loathe it, you can't avoid the nation's obsession with sport, so make sure you know when all the big matches and tournaments are. As well as making sure your guests a) turn up and b) give you their full attention, you might need to c) check there won't be any public transport issues if the sporting event is nearby.

6 February – 19 March Six Nations Rugby
2-6 March – World Track Championship (cycling)
7-10 April – Golf Masters
9 April – Grand National
8-12 May – Invictus Games - US
21 May – FA Cup Final
22 May – 5 June – French Open (tennis)
10 June – 10 July – Euro 2016
16-19 June – US Open – golf
27 June – 10 July – Wimbledon
2-24 July – Tour de France
14-17 July – British Open (golf)
5-21 August – Summer Olympics, Brazil
29 August – 11 September – US Open (golf)
7-18 September – Paralympic Summer Games Brazil
30 September – 2 October – Ryder Cup (golf)

Film releases

The hype around the release of an upcoming block buster can be an event organiser's dream come true. If you're struggling for ideas for your party theme, there's bound to be a film that would suit your guests and brand. Have a look at the big ones coming up in 2016 and see if any of them could fit in with your time scales. (Release dates correct at the time of going to print, but they do sometimes change, so make sure you double check!)

25 March – Batman vs Superman
15 April – The Jungle Book
29 April – Captain America: Civil War
27 May – Alice Through the Looking Glass
24 June - Independence Day: Resurgence
15 July – Ghostbusters
29 July – Finding Dory
16 December – Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Births and deaths

April – **Shakespeare** died 400 yrs ago
April – **Charlotte Bronte** was born 200 years ago
July – **Beatrix Potter** was born 150 yrs ago
September – **Roald Dahl** was born 100 yrs ago

We at King's Venues are particularly excited about Shakespeare's quartercentenary, which is why King's College London is coordinating the Shakespeare400 consortium. It's a year-long celebration of the Bard's work, resulting in numerous projects across all the arts. Find out more the [programme of activities here](#).

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/cultural/newsrecords/151116-Shakespeare-400-release.aspx>

Other useful dates and days

25 January – **Burns Night**
8 February – **Chinese New Year** (year of the monkey)
6 March – **Mothering Sunday**
27 March – **Easter Sunday**
11-22 May – 70th **Cannes Film Festival**
19 June – **Father's Day**
Christmas Day is on a Sunday

Local events

Make sure you and your team do some research to see if there are any other events local to yours, or specific to your industry that you might need to take into consideration before firming up your date. If appropriate, you could also talk to some invitees about the suitability of your timings to make sure there's nothing you're missing.

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