



# Weekly Highlights

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**The Masked Singer  
New Year's Day,  
6.30pm**



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**Stonehouse**  
**Full series drop on ITVX on**  
**Monday 2nd January**  
**ITVX**

**The life and times of disgraced Labour minister John Stonehouse are dramatised in this series about the member of Harold Wilson's government and his hidden life.**

A drama inspired by an extraordinary true story, starring Matthew Macfadyen and Keeley Hawes. In 1974, ambitious British politician John Stonehouse hatches an outlandish plan to disappear - revealing some dark secrets along the way.



**A Murder in the Family**  
**Full series drop on ITVX on**  
**Thursday 5th January**  
**ITVX**

**Each film in this new true crime series investigates three shocking murders, where the victim and perpetrator are family as ordinary relationships take tragic turns.**

Using found footage - from victim's social media videos and police bodycam film, text messages or call recordings, each story is pieced together from the victim's point of view, without voiceover, allowing the victim, friends and family to tell their stories.



**The National Lottery's New Year's Eve Big Bash**  
New Year's Eve, 8.30pm  
31st December  
ITV1

**A New Year's TV celebration and reflection on the moments that shaped 2022 through live music, exciting performances, and heart-warming surprises.**

Hosted by Jason Manford and Alesha Dixon and the spectacular show sees unique performances and one-off collaborations from the likes of Tom Grennan, Adam Lambert, Joel Corry, RAYE, Katherine Jenkins OBE, Cirque du Soleil, and many more.



**Jonathan Ross' New Year Comedy Special**  
New Year's Eve, 10.35pm  
31st December  
ITV1

**Jonathan Ross hosts a comedy extravaganza as we prepare to welcome the new year, featuring a who's who of hilarious comedians. It'll be side-splitting fun.**

Featuring sets from the award-winning Tom Allen, the brilliant Judi Love, the straight-talking Katherine Ryan, and I'm a Celebrity funnyman Babatunde Aleshe, as well as a performance from legendary comedian Bill Bailey, and music from Ezra Collective.





**ITV Racing:  
Live from Cheltenham  
New Year's Day, 1pm  
1st January  
ITV1**

**Ed Chamberlin presents action from Cheltenham, Musselburgh and Tramore - Mick Fitzgerald and Sir AP McCoy provide analysis, with Richard Hoiles commentating.**

The Cheltenham meeting on New Year's Day is now a highlight for many people in the annual racing calendar, and 2023 promises to be no different with four excellent races on the card, including the Grade Two Dipper Novices' Chase and the Relkeel Hurdle



**Celebrity Catchphrase  
New Year's Day, 5.30pm  
1st January  
ITV1**

**Celebrity special of the popular family game show hosted by Stephen Mulhern, in which the panel of celebs identify familiar phrases by way of fun animated clues.**

Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the classic game show, with guests Kadeena Cox, Adam James and Ellie Taylor trying to 'say what they see', as they guess well-known phrases for the chance to win £50,000 for their chosen charity



**The Masked Singer**  
**New Year's Day, 6.30pm**  
**1st January**  
**ITV1**

**TV's craziest guessing game begins its new series. Joel Dommett presents as a new gang of celebrities don costumes and sing with their identities hidden.**

The host is joined by panellists Rita Ora, Jonathan Ross, Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan as the first masked signers battle it out - Knitting v Jellyfish, Otter v Ghost and Cat and Mouse v Phoenix. Someone will be unmasked, but who's going home tonight?



**Stonehouse**  
**Monday-Wednesday, 9pm**  
**2nd-4th January**  
**ITV1**

**The life and times of disgraced Labour minister John Stonehouse are dramatised in this series about the member of Harold Wilson's government and his hidden life.**

A three-part drama inspired by an extraordinary true story, starring Matthew Macfadyen and Keeley Hawes. In 1974, ambitious British politician John Stonehouse hatches an outlandish plan to disappear - revealing some dark secrets along the way.



**The Real Stonehouse**  
**Thursday, 9pm**  
**5th January**  
**ITV1**

**In this companion documentary to the drama Stonehouse, we hear from relatives, colleagues and the police members called in to investigate the inimitable MP.**

Stonehouse was an ambitious politician who wanted it all. However, while on a trip to Miami in 1974, he mysteriously vanished after a swim in the Florida seas, unleashing in his wake an explosive political scandal complete with spies, greed, and betrayal.



**FA Cup Live:**  
**Manchester United v Everton**  
**Friday, 7.30pm**  
**6th January**  
**ITV1**

**Mark Pougatch presents coverage from the 2022-23 Emirates FA Cup Third Round match between Manchester United and Everton at Old Trafford in Manchester.**

The home side crashed out of the Cup in the fourth round in the 2021-22 season on penalties, but Erik ten Hag will be hoping for a positive result in his first FA Cup tie against Frank Lampard's Everton side, who reached the quarter-finals last season.



**Shazam!**  
**Monday, 6.20pm**  
**2nd January**  
**ITV2**

**An action-adventure comedy film - and the seventh instalment of the DC Extended Universe - about a boy in care who uncovers unexpected superpowers.**

Billy Batson is a nuisance to Child Services and the authorities with his stubborn search for his lost mother - however, in his latest foster home, Billy makes a new friend called Freddy and then finds himself selected by the wizard Shazam to be his new champion.



**Kavos Weekender**  
**Tuesday, 9pm**  
**3rd January**  
**ITV2**

**The unique reality series that is Weekender is back, and this time the holiday reps are in the Greek party capital of Kavos to give guests a weekend to remember.**

Head rep David Potts returns, and he's brought Tash - his most experienced rep - with him too. A new team of rookies have arrived that need to be trained up 'David-style', but with so much having changed for David, has he bitten off more than he can chew?



# itvBe Weekly highlights



**Love Island: Australia**  
**Monday-Friday, 10pm**  
**2nd-6th January**  
**ITVBe**

**It's the home stretch for the Down Under class of 2022 - at the end of this week's goings-on in the Villa, one pair will be walking away with a massive cash prize.**

There's plenty of action before then, though, with one couple saying the big three words and more Islanders getting dumped before the Grand Final. Who has done enough to convince Australia that their love is true and that they deserve to win out?



**Kelsey Parker: Life After Tom**  
**Thursday, 9pm**  
**5th January**  
**ITVBe**

**The last episode of the documentary series following Kelsey Parker and her two young children as they negotiate life after the death of her musician husband Tom.**

Kelsey revisits the hospice where Tom died and takes Siva Kaneswaran, Tom's bandmate, for support. Kelsey also attends a charity golf tournament in Liverpool, goes on a spiritual retreat and discovers the last song Tom wrote before he died.



**The Royal Variety  
Performance 2022  
New Year's Day, 2.20pm  
1st January  
ITV3**

Lee Mack hosts the 2022 edition of the event, featuring Nile Rodgers and Chic, the casts of Cabaret and Disney's Newsies, and magic sensations The Ehrlich Brothers.

Also on the bill are Ellie Goulding, David Baddiel, Frank Skinner, Ian Broudie and the Lightning Seeds and the Lionesses, a stunning duet from Hollywood star Rita Wilson and US jazz sensation Gregory Porter, and Omid Djalili and The Pub Landlord Al Murray.



**Doc Martin  
Friday, from 8pm  
6th January  
ITV3**

It may have finished on Christmas Day 2022, but here's a chance to see the hit comedy-drama series starring Martin Clunes and Caroline Catz from the start.

When a vacancy arises in the sleepy Cornish hamlet of Portwenn, Dr Martin Ellingham jumps at the chance, but he later realises that adjusting to village life is not going to be plain sailing. To compound matters, some of the locals don't like his brusque manners...



**ITV Racing: Live from Newbury  
New Year's Eve, from 1pm  
31st January  
ITV4**

**Ed Chamberlin presents racing from Newbury, Warwick and Lingfield - the day's feature meeting is at Newbury, where the Grade One Challow Hurdle will be run.**

Some of the best novices this season will be hoping to close out the year with a victory in this race, but only one can succeed - race analysis comes from Mick Fitzgerald and Alice Plunkett, reporting from Luke Harvey, and commentary from Richard Hoiles.



**English Football League  
Highlights  
Monday, 9pm  
2nd January  
ITV4**

**Hugh Wozencroft presents action from across a busy New Year's weekend in the Football League, and he's joined for this edition by guests including Dean Ashton.**

With 2021-22 Premier League relegation victims Burnley aiming for an immediate bounce back from the Championship - plus League One's Ipswich Town and Plymouth Argyle battling to return to the Championship - there's plenty going on in the EFL.



**Lloyd of the Flies**  
**New Year's Day, from 8.25am**  
**1st January**  
**CITV**

**The first two episodes of the animated series about a young fly with a lot to prove - it's not easy being the middle child of 453, but Lloyd often makes things worse!**

In the very first episode of the programme, Lloyd and Abacus are on the hunt for a nice quiet spot to play their favourite board game, but they can't seem to find one at all! Later, Lloyd earns financial power when Biggo empties the toaster tray over him...



**Playmobil: The Movie**  
**Monday, 10.25am**  
**2nd January**  
**CITV**

**Anya Taylor-Joy and Daniel Radcliffe star in this animated adventure comedy film about a young woman who must embark on a quest to save her younger brother.**

When Charlie Brenner disappears unexpectedly into the magical animated universe of Playmobil, his unprepared sister Marla tries to bring him home by setting off on a fantastical journey that features stunning new worlds and some very charming allies.