

Weekly Highlights

Week 48/49 - Saturday 3rd - Friday 9th December 2022



Gino's Cooking Up Love
Wednesday & Thursday, 9pm



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James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas
Saturday, 9.30am
3rd December
ITV

Our host is embracing his festive spirit, cooking up some delicious December treats, chatting to the best guests and learning recipes from top chefs.

James is starting the Christmas countdown with his guests Aled Jones, Russell Watson, and Jimmy Doherty - there'll be sticky toffee pudding, pork and a masterclass in chestnuts, and dishes from chefs Lesley Waters and Lenny Carr-Roberts.



John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen
Saturday, 11.40am
3rd December
ITV

John and Lisa are also feeling festive, and have plenty of Christmassy treats ready to go in the kitchen. Sit back, relax, take notes, and try not to drool too much.

John and Lisa have a host of recipes that can all be prepared in advance - they start with a beautiful salmon terrine that makes for the ideal starter. Next is a majestic beef wellington which can be frozen until needed, and dessert is sticky toffee pudding.



FIFA World Cup 2022
Saturday-Tuesday & Friday,
Times Vary
3rd-6th & 9th December
ITV

The Group stages are over at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and we're left with just 16 teams. It's crunch time for the players, who is going to shine on the big stage?

Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday feature matches across the Round of 16, as group winners go up against runners-up from other groups. By Friday, we're really into the business end of the tournament, as coverage of the quarter finals begins.



Love Your Weekend
with Alan Titchmarsh
Sunday, 9.25am
4th December
ITV

The nation's favourite gardener returns invites us to once more celebrate the British countryside and everything that it has to offer as his series continues.

Joining Alan Titchmarsh at Manor Farm are Michael Ball and Alfie Boe, who discuss their race to the Christmas Number One spot, and man of a thousand voices Jon Culshaw - we've also got a couple of cows and the very best in British pies and pints.

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**The Big Quiz:
Coronation Street v Emmerdale
Monday, 9pm or 9.15pm
5th December
ITV**

**Stephen Mulhern hosts the annual titanic clash between ITV's biggest soaps.
Tensions run high as the casts of Coronation Street and Emmerdale battle it out.**

Coronation Street captain Jack P Shepherd is joined by Sally Dynevor (Sally Metcalfe) and Ryan Russell (Michael Bailey) - over on the Emmerdale team, Nicola Wheeler (Nicola King) and Jurell Carter (Nate Robinson) play alongside captain Mark Charnock.



**Gino's Cooking Up Love
Wednesday & Thursday, 9pm
7th & 8th December
ITV**

Single people battle it out in an Italian kitchen, cooking up a storm with the hope of finding true love under the watchful eye of the much-loved Gino D'Acampo.

Gino D'Acampo opens up his cooking school to six looking-for-love singles - will they find a connection through a love of food, and how will three new students affect things? When we reach the end, will any of the singles want to see each other again?



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Don't Hate the Playaz

Wednesday, 10pm
7th December
ITV2

The anarchic comedy show that features two teams of famous faces competing for the ultimate prize - bragging rights - brings us more fresh music and laughs.

Host Jordan Stephens and regulars Maja Jama and DJ Shortee Blitz are joined for this edition of the programme by loved-up Love Island couple Dami Hope and Indiyah Polack, the multi-talented Verona Rose, and celebrated Scottish radio DJ Arielle Free.



Celebrity Juice: The Happy Ending

Thursday, 10pm
8th December
ITV2

After 14 years of mayhem and embarrassment for the stars who've dared to appear as guests on it, Keith Lemon's zany quiz show is nearing its final climax.

There's still time for some more outrageous antics, though, and Keith will be joined by team captains Laura Whitmore and Emily Atack, former captains Holly Willoughby and Fearne Cotton, Maya Jama, Big Narstie, Chris Ramsey and many more guests to do so...



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**Real Housewives:
Christmas Cruising**
Monday, 9pm
5th December
ITVBe

A reality series following The Real Housewives of Cheshire as they squeeze in a girls' trip before Christmas and take to the seas to cruise around Mexico in luxury.

As they set sail for the Mexican Riviera to enjoy some last-minute sun, sea and tequila, the Housewives soon learn that there's a surprise guest onboard - in addition, Rachel has big news to celebrate, but there's a storm brewing between Hanna and Seema too.



Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy
Sunday, 8pm
4th December
ITVBe

The travelogue that sees Giovanna Fletcher combine her two biggest passions - family and food - in a beautiful Italian escape continues with a return trip to Valva.

Giovanna and her family are back in the remote village to appreciate its culture and embrace Italian traditions - and this includes how to make Italy's most famous dish, pasta, from scratch. How will they fare with creating this vital part of the local cuisine?



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Cracker

**Monday-Friday, from 10pm
5th-9th December
ITV3**

Another chance to catch the critically-acclaimed crime drama created by veteran TV writer Jimmy McGovern and starring the late Robbie Coltrane as 'Fitz' Cracker.

In the very first case in the series, the police psychologist is called on to determine if an amnesiac man is capable of the brutal murder of a woman on a train - later in the week, Fitz helps the police find a lost boy and works on a murder case linked to racism.



Vera

**Monday & Thursday, 8pm
5th & 8th December
ITV3**

A chance to catch up with more cases in the company of obsessive, caustic and courageous DCI Vera Stanhope with this dip into the series four archive.

DCI Vera Stanhope unearths a 30-year-old mystery when the son of a prominent local family is found brutally murdered on the sands of a seaside resort. Then, Vera investigates the death of a suspected poacher killed by a gunshot wound.



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ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
Saturday, 1.10pm
3rd December
ITV4

Ed Chamberlin presents coverage from Sandown and Aintree, with a total of eight races to look forward that includes the feature Tingle Creek Chase over two miles.

There's another superb line-up of chasers for a race that was first run in 1969, and there's also Grade One action for the novices in the Henry VIII Chase - there are also four great races at Aintree, including the Becher Chase over the Grand National fences.



All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite
Friday, 9pm
9th December
ITV4

It's all change in All Elite Wrestling following MJF's recent title victory over Jon Moxley at AEW Full Gear. Will we hear from the champion on tonight's show?

Another edition of hard-hitting action from the world of All Elite Wrestling. With a roster including stars including world-class talent such as MJF, Jon Moxley, Chris Jericho, Saraya, Samoa Joe and Jade Cargill, expect nothing less than top matches.



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Mr Magoo
Monday-Friday, 4.30pm
5th-9th December
CITV

The kindly but accident-prone Mr Magoo returns to CITV with a brand-new series of misadventures, misunderstandings, and mistakes that totally defy explanation!

Join Mr Magoo as he plans the perfect date for Weasel and Linda by taking them on a sewer tour (...), becomes fascinated by all things tiny when Weasel manages to shrink Fizz, goes on a witch hunt and manages to go on a date with Marnie... in an old factory.



Teen Titans Go!
Monday-Wednesday,
6.30 & 6.45pm
Thursday, 6.30pm
5th-9th December
CITV

More new-to-CITV action with the animated series based on the popular DC Comics superhero team, including a bid by Robin to teach patience to the Titans.

In this week's run of episodes, Brother Blood, Dr Light, Gizmo and The Brain share stories about the Titans over gelatos, a very comfortable massage chair causes Robin to lose consciousness, and there's trouble in store when the 'typocolypse' is triggered...