



# Weekly Highlights

Week 39/40 - Saturday 30th September - Friday 6th October 2023



**Payback**  
**Wednesday, 9pm**

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**Jonathan Ross:  
Must-Watch Films  
Drops Thursday 5th October  
on ITVX**

**Jonathan Ross introduces a monthly programme that reveals must-watch films available on ITVX and discusses the legacy that they have left on the silver screen.**

Jonathan's monthly film recommendations cover a selection of the best films available on the service, and this October they include *The Howling* (1981), *The Wicker Man* (1973), *Precious* (2009), *Chaplin* (1992) and *Flame in the Streets* (1961).



**Lego Friends: The Next Chapter  
New Beginnings  
Drops Thursday 5th October  
on ITV Kids**

**Get introduced to a whole new world of LEGO Friends - and a fresh batch of stories to be told - in this animated film from the popular franchise of the same name.**

The friends may be trying to negotiate the chaos of the first days of school, but with the Welcome to School Festival approaching at the same time, Aliya and her friends must set aside their own desires and work together to make the event a big success.



**Rugby World Cup 2023 Live:  
Argentina v Chile  
Saturday, 1.25pm  
30th September  
ITV1**

**Coverage of the match between Argentina and Chile as the two South American sides meet in Nantes in Chile's final pool game in their first-ever World Cup.**

Michael Cheika's Argentina started poorly with a loss to England but will hope to put themselves in position to qualify for the quarter-finals ahead of their final Pool D meeting with Japan. Johnnie Hammond and Shane Williams provide the commentary.



**Rugby World Cup 2023 Live:  
Fiji v Georgia  
Saturday, 4.15pm  
30th September  
ITV1**

**David Flatman hosts coverage of the Pool C match between Fiji and Georgia as the Flying Fijians take to the field for the first time since beating Australia.**

Simon Raiwalui's Fiji find themselves in a strong position as they look to progress to the quarter finals of the World Cup for the first time since 2007 - and will hope for what would be a key victory here. Claire Thomas and Tom Shanklin commentate.



**Rugby World Cup 2023 Live:  
Scotland v Romania  
Saturday, 7.15pm  
30th September  
ITV1**

**Mark Pougatch presents coverage of Scotland's third game at the World Cup as Gregor Townsend's side take on Romania at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille.**

These sides have faced each other three times at the tournament, with their most recent meeting coming at the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand as Scotland fought back from 24-21 down to win 34-24 thanks to two tries from Simon Danielli.



**Bali 2002  
Saturday, 10.45pm  
30th September  
ITV1**

**Based on the events of 2002 terrorist attacks on Bali's tourist hotspots, this drama explores how everyday heroes brought order from chaos and hope from despair.**

As some of the perpetrators stand trial, investigators hunt for the mastermind who continues a bombing spree across Indonesia - meanwhile, the injured survivors look to each other for emotional healing and attempt to come to terms with their new lives.



**NFL Live: Atlanta Falcons v  
Jacksonville Jaguars  
Sunday, 1.55pm  
1st October  
ITV1**

**Craig Doyle, Jason Bell and two-time Super Bowl winner Osi Umenyiora present the first instalment of the 2023 London Games as the Jaguars host the Falcons.**

Football fever comes to the capital once more as the Jaguars, who are led by star-studded quarterback Trevor Lawrence, face the might of a young and exciting Falcons team looking to build on their early season form. Who will go home happy today?



**Rugby World Cup 2023 Live:  
South Africa v Tonga  
Sunday, 7.15pm  
1st October  
ITV1**

**Mark Pougatch is joined by Brian O'Driscoll, Sir Clive Woodward and John Barclay as South Africa play their final game of the group stages against Tonga.**

The loss of key man Malcolm Marx has dented the Springboks' prospects, but South Africa are by no means lacking in world-class players. Tonga will relish the physical contest with the defending champions and possess undoubted talent of their own.



**Fresh Cuts**  
**Sunday, 10.40pm**  
**1st October**  
**ITV1**

**Dr Zoe Williams celebrates 75 years of the NHS by meeting four pioneering Black doctors who are shaking up the world of medicine by using innovative methods.**

In the first of five documentaries celebrating Black History Month 2023, Dr Zoe meets doctors who use social media, create ground-breaking online resources and use innovative methods in a quest to inspire the next generation of Black doctors.



**The Long Shadow**  
**Monday, 9pm**  
**2nd October**  
**ITV1**

**A true crime drama series depicting one of the most notorious serial killer cases ever - the hunt for Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, between 1975 and 1981.**

As the drama continues, the police face the prospect of a multiple murderer at large in the devastating wake of more linked murders. However, it quickly becomes apparent that the testimony of a survivor could turn the tide of the entire investigation.



**The Real Crown:  
Inside the House of Windsor**  
Tuesday, 9pm  
3rd October  
ITV1

**With Queen Elizabeth II's reign having come to a sad end, this series captures the powerful real-life human drama of the greatest remaining dynasty in Europe.**

The Royal Family are under threat from enemies both without and within - heir to the throne Prince Charles has yet to find a bride. The Queen must steer Prince Charles into making the right choice, but outside forces threaten to ruin everything.



**Payback**  
Wednesday, 9pm  
4th October  
ITV1

**A woman is unaware that her husband has been laundering a crime lord's illegal earnings on a vast scale - and that his every move is now being monitored.**

As the crime thriller series begins, Lexie Noble discovers that not everything as it seems in her idyllic life - and as police close in on her husband, she's forced into working for the crime lord that is putting her whole lifestyle at risk.



**A Dog Called Laura**  
**Thursday, 9pm**  
**5th October**  
**ITV1**

**A special one-off documentary in which dog-loving actor Martin Clunes sets out to explore the secret lives of Britain's heroic army of guide dogs.**

Martin learns about guide dogs and adopts retired dog Laura from blind fitness guru Jaina Mistry. The film follows Jaina's next huge challenge to find a replacement for Laura, as she visits the Guide Dogs UK's national base in Leamington Spa.



**Rugby World Cup 2023 Live:**  
**South Africa v Tonga**  
**Friday, 7.30pm**  
**6th October**  
**ITV1**

**Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the 2023 Rugby World Cup group match between France and Italy as the host nation play the final game of Pool A in Lyon.**

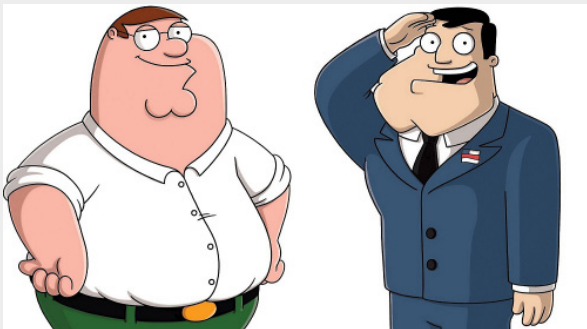
Match analysis on this key encounter is from Brian O'Driscoll, former Italy captain Sergio Parisse and Jonny Wilkinson, with additional pitchside insight from Jill Douglas and commentary from Johnnie Hammond, Ugo Monye and Nolli Waterman.



**Big Brother's Biggest Best Bits**  
**Thursday, 9pm**  
**5th October**  
**ITV2**

**AJ Odudu and Will Best relive some very favourite moments from the Big Brother house that include memorable housemates, iconic tasks, and diary room rants.**

With all-new Big Brother just around the corner, AJ and Will invite us to take a trip down memory lane and look back at the genesis, development, controversy and popularity of one of the most talked-about reality TV shows ever shown in Britain.



**Family Guy**  
**Monday, 9pm**  
**American Dad!**  
**Monday, 9.30pm & 10pm**  
**2nd October**  
**ITV2**

**Brace yourselves as the Griffin and Smith families return to wreak another round of havoc in brand-new episodes of two of America's most anarchic animations.**

Peter and Chris try to reconnect when they finish last in a 'Generation Gap' game at a carnival in Quahog, and that's followed by two visits to Langley Falls where Steve profiles Stan for an essay contest and Roger and Steve try to save a shopping mall.

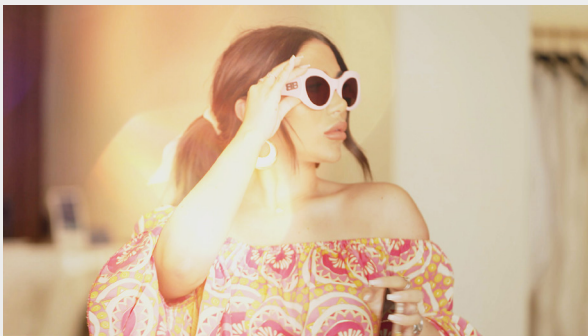
# itvBe Weekly highlights



**The Real Housewives of Potomac**  
**Monday-Friday, 5pm**  
**2nd-6th October**  
**ITVBe**

**Reality series following six women living in Potomac, Maryland, which is a suburb of Washington D.C. and one of the most affluent towns in the United States.**

This week's episodes feature Karen taking shady notes when Gizelle and Robyn put on their live podcast, Mia stealing centre stage when Karen hosts her first-ever live show, and Robyn dropping a bombshell of her own making after sharing a suspicious photo.



**The Only Way Is Essex**  
**Sunday, 9pm**  
**1st October**  
**ITVBe**

**A real-life soap opera focusing on a group of Essex characters - all of their drama unfolds against the backdrop of nail bars, wine bars, flash cars and designer gear.**

With harsh words having been exchanged on both sides, Elma and Brockett have taken their relationship to the brink of destruction, and there seems to be a lot of work to do if the former besties are to get things fully back on track. Will they make amends?

**Cracker****Monday-Friday, 10pm & 11.10pm****2nd-6th October****ITV3**

**Acclaimed detective drama starring Robbie Coltrane as the wise-cracking Dr Eddie 'Fitz' Fitzgerald, a chain-smoking gambler and alcoholic who cracks difficult cases.**

This week's episodes from the first and second series of the programme see Fitz investigate when a young woman is found brutally murdered on a train, help the police track down a murderous couple, and become convinced about a legend's existence.

**Vera****Sunday & Thursday, 8pm****1st & 5th October****ITV3**

**Crime drama following DCI Vera Stanhope, who is obsessive about her work and tackles each new case with unparalleled gusto and professionalism with her team.**

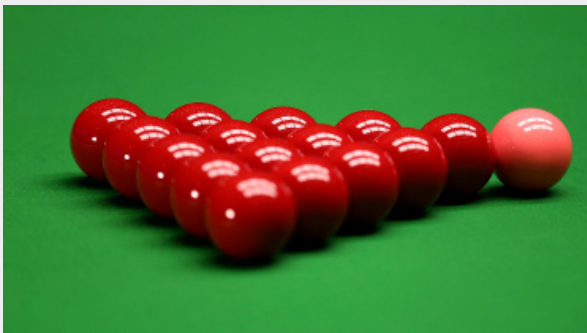
Vera tackles two cases this week - her first sees her investigate a daring robbery at a port and uncover a web of intrigue when it turns out to be an inside job, and that's followed by the case of the death of a school teacher found on a coastal walkway.



**The Grand Fishing Adventure**  
**Monday, 9pm**  
**2nd October**  
**ITV4**

**Ali Hamidi and Bobby Zamora go on a bucket-list fishing adventure in this entertaining programme that sees them travel the world in search of big catches.**

In the first episode of a new series, Ali and Bobby head to central Spain and the wild Guadiana River in the centre of the country to catch Ali's childhood dream fish - the rare comizo barbel - and visit Lake Proserpina, an urban lake built by the Romans.



**Snooker: British Open 2023**  
**Saturday, from 12.45pm**  
**Sunday, from 6.55pm**  
**30th September & 1st October**  
**ITV4**

**Rishi Persad presents coverage of the 2023 British Open from the Centaur in Cheltenham, the only tournament on the World Snooker Tour with an open draw.**

Saturday's session features semi-final action with matches played over the best of 11 frames before the final session plays out on Sunday evening over the best of 19 frames, and a host of top names will vie to emulate Ryan Day's 2022 career-best win.