



# Weekly Highlights

Week 50/51 - Saturday 14th - Friday 20th December 2024

## **Gino & Fred: Emission Impossible Monday & Tuesday, 9pm**





## Culprits

**Full series drop on ITVX on Thursday 19th December**

**ITVX**

**This crime thriller centres on family man Joe Petrus, who is living the American dream with his fiancée and stepkids.**

However, unbeknownst to them is that Joe was involved in a mysterious crime three years ago - and that his dangerous past is about to catch up with him.

When a killer starts targeting the crew behind the crime, Joe realises that it's only a matter of time before his family is targeted, returns to London to track down his old gang, and finds out who is coming after them.

The stellar British cast includes Nathan Stewart-Jarrett, Niamh Algar, Gemma Arterton, Eddie Izzard and Kirby.



**ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham**  
**Saturday, 1.25pm**  
**14th December**  
**ITV1**

**Ed Chamberlin presents racing from Cheltenham and Doncaster - the feature race of the day is at Cheltenham where the 2024 December Gold Cup is taking place.**

On top of Cheltenham, there's more action at Doncaster with three more top-notch races. Analysis comes from Ruby Walsh, Mick Fitzgerald and Megan Nicholls, with reporting from Oli Bell and Alice Plunkett, and commentary provided by Richard Hoiles.



**Dame Maggie Smith -**  
**A Celebration**  
**Saturday, 8.35pm**  
**14th December**  
**ITV1**

**A special tribute to the enigmatic actress Maggie Smith - discover her life story, told by the people who knew her best, and celebrate her much-loved appearances.**

Hear the story of Dame Maggie's remarkable life, in a film that tells the story of a girl born in pre-war Essex who took Broadway and the West End by storm against the odds before eventually becoming one of the nation's most popular performers.





**Capital's Jingle Bell Ball 2024**  
**Sunday, 5.35pm**  
**15th December**  
**ITV1**

**Jordan North, Siân Welby and Chris Stark present the best bits from the UK's biggest Christmas party, as some music's biggest stars do their thing at the O2 in London.**

It's an absolute hit factory as acts including Coldplay, Teddy Swims, Tom Grennan, Clean Bandit, Sigala, Perrie, Ella Henderson, Kary Perry, Becky Hill, Sonny Fodera, KSI, Joel Corry, Kygo and Tom Grennan take to the stage alongside some very special guests.



**The Royal Variety Performance 2024**  
**Sunday, 8pm**  
**15th December**  
**ITV1**

**Alan Carr and Amanda Holden team up to host the extraordinary 2024 Royal Variety Performance at London's Royal Albert Hall in the presence of His Majesty The King.**

The star-studded extravaganza includes a performance from Starlight Express, a jaw-dropping trick from Penn and Teller, a performance from Britain's Got Talent 2024 winner Sydnie Christmas, and the West End casts of Oliver! and The Devil Wears Prada.



**Sorry, I Didn't Know**  
**Sunday, 10.25pm**  
**15th December**  
**ITV1**

Jimmy Akingbola hosts the return of the panel show with a twist that takes a tour of Black history across the globe in an insightful take on history with a touch of colour.

Four fantastically funny guests join team leaders Chizzy Akudolu and Eddie Kadi to take viewers on a tour of Black British history - this edition sees Shazia Mirza, Lucy Porter, Curtis Walker and Tyler West join the team leaders for historical laughs.



**Gino & Fred: Emission Impossible**  
**Monday & Tuesday, 9pm**  
**16th & 17th December**  
**ITV1**

Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix go on an eco-friendly trip to explore the cuisine and culture of Austria and Croatia while shaking off the attitude of eco-scepticism.

Gino and Fred Sirieix begin their adventure in Austria, exploring its eco credentials, finding future-proof food, and visiting one of the greenest cities in Europe. Then they're in Croatia, where they travel up the coast trying to be conscientious travellers.



**Martin Lewis:**  
**How to Win at Board Games**  
**Tuesday, 8pm**  
**17th December**  
**ITV1**

**Money man Martin Lewis loves board games - now he's going to reveal his hidden tips, tactics and strategies that help him be victorious in this special programme.**

From explaining which properties to buy in Monopoly to why threes are key in Connect 4, Martin also takes on a world champion in the board game he loves best - Scrabble. The host is here to apply his passion into some of the nation's favourite family games.



**The Winter King**  
**Tuesday, 11pm**  
**17th December**  
**ITV1**

**A bold and revisionist historical drama, based on Bernard Cornwell's Warlord Chronicles series, that follows Arthur Pendragon as he becomes a legendary leader.**

The action-packed fantasy series reaches its conclusion. Derfel enters the Isle of the Dead in his perilous search for Nimue but is horrified at what he sees there. Meanwhile, Arthur finally faces new Saxon leader Aelle as they enter a tense negotiation.



**Inside M&S at Christmas**  
**Wednesday, 9pm**  
**18th December**  
**ITV1**

Go behind the scenes of M&S Food's latest and biggest store refresh, taking a peek behind the curtains at the retailer as they approach the hectic festive period.

A behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of one of Britain's favourite retailers in the run-up to Christmas. There's a look at the creation of an experimental Christmas sandwich - as well as the world's first snowing chocolate box - can they pull it off?



**For the Love of Dogs with Alison Hammond at Christmas**  
**Thursday, 8.30pm**  
**19th December**  
**ITV1**

Alison Hammond returns to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for a festive special hoping to give its canine residents the best Christmas present possible.

Top of Alison's to-do list is gorgeous seven-month-old spaniel Holly, who came in severely underweight and in need of an operation on her eye. Plus, we meet six-month-old cockapoo Bauble, and Cracker, a stray lurcher who is struggling with alopecia.



**An Audience with Kylie**  
**Tuesday, 9pm**  
**17th December**  
**ITV2**

Global superstar Kylie Minogue hosts the biggest Audience with... to date at the legendary Royal Albert Hall in front of excited fans and a specially invited audience.

Kylie performs some of her greatest hits from across her record-breaking career that include the smash hits Padam Padam and Tension, and there are surprises and personal stories too as she takes questions from a dazzling celebrity audience during the show.



**The 1% Club Christmas Special**  
**Thursday, 9pm**  
**19th December**  
**ITV2**

Lee Mack hosts a festive special where all the questions are Christmas-themed and 100 contestants hope for a great holiday season by winning up to 100,000 pounds.

Find out if any of the plucky contestants manage to take home the perfect Christmas present by winning the Prize Pot and earning themselves a place in the 1% Club, an elite group of people who can honestly say that they are smarter than 99 per cent of the UK.



# itvBe Weekly highlights



**The Only Way Is Essexmas**  
**Sunday, 9pm**  
**15th December**  
**ITVBe**

In this festive special, the TOWIE family has been split asunder after a tumultuous summer that saw the break-up of Harry and Joe and the hook-up of Junaïd and Joe.

Saffron is hoping to bring everyone back together in the spirit of Christmas and has booked a festive getaway for the whole gang. Will the mistletoe and holly bring everyone closer, or are there some divides that even the miracle of Christmas can't fix?



**The Notebook**  
**Saturday, 9pm**  
**14th December**  
**ITVBe**

Gena Rowlands, James Garner, Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams star in a touching romantic drama adaptation of the debut novel of writer Nicholas Sparks.

Duke, a kindly resident of a peaceful nursing home, reads the story of poor yet poetic country boy Noah and Allie, an affluent city girl, from the worn-out pages of his leather-bound notebook to a fellow female patient daily... but why does the tale intrigue her so?



**Grace**  
**Sunday, 10pm**  
**15th December**  
**ITV3**

**An intense crime drama series about Brighton-based Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, a hard-working police officer who gives his life to his job and cracking cases.**

Grace divides his team up when a shocking incident the same night that music star Gaia Lafayette announces exciting news at a concert leaves her drummer's life hanging by a thread is followed by a grisly discovery of human remains on a remote Sussex pig farm.



**The Long Shadow**  
**Monday & Wednesday,**  
**10pm & 11pm**  
**Tuesday, 10.05 & 11.05pm**  
**Thursday, 10pm**  
**16th-19th December**  
**ITV3**

**True crime drama series depicting one of the most notorious and shocking serial killer cases ever - the hunt for Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, from 1975 to 1981.**

Police undertook the biggest manhunt in British criminal history as the search for Sutcliffe lasted five years - this series follows the desperate cat-and-mouse hunt for Sutcliffe and focuses upon both the police investigation and the lives of the victims.



**The Motorbike Show**  
**Wednesday, 8pm**  
**18th December**  
**ITV4**

**Presenter, motorcycle adventurer and writer Henry Cole takes a look at the world of motorcycling in this adventurous series that sees him travel across the country.**

In this edition of the show, Henry rides through the Cotswolds on some of his favourite roads, tells the story of the Yamaha V-Max, meets top rider Maria Costello and brings the restoration of his Suzuki JiXR to its climax with the help of the trusty Allen Millyard.



**Junk & Disorderly**  
**Monday, 9pm**  
**16th December**  
**ITV4**

**Henry Cole and Sam Lovegrove scour the country in the series that answers one question on everyone's lips - can you make money from autojumbles and auctions?**

Henry Cole, Allen Millyard and Guy Willison have got their Weslake bike after trawling Britain's auction houses for rusty relics on which to make a tidy profit, but they need to test it out and make enough money at a final jumble in Ardingley to pay to take it racing.