

Date / event	Number and name	Description
January		
After Christmas	2.156 Happy hols?	Jackie and Richard had the perfect Christmas, or maybe not
1 New Year's Day	3.27 Resolutions	People talk about the resolutions they have or haven't made for the year ahead
	3.44 The year ahead	How do Richard's mates feel about the next twelve months?
	2.71 Ten to eleven	3 friends look back on one year and look forward to what's coming
Chinese New Year (January or February)	1.122 Chinese New Year	Decorations, dragons and dancers - welcome to Chinatown!
	1.114 Hot wok!	Two videos from Ken Hom to celebrate Chinese New Year this month
4 World Braille Day		
February		
Shrove Tuesday / pancake day	1.28 Pancake day	Jackie shows Richard how to make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
Shrove Tuesday	3.94 Samba sensation	Put your dancing shoes on and join us at the world's biggest carnival!
First weekend	2.59 The 6 nations	Tries, conversions and oval balls - Richard talks about rugby!
13 World Radio Day (UN)	3.29 The radio ham	Frank talks about his love of amateur radio
14 Valentine's Day	2.43 Head over heels. Idioms	The pie team talk about that magic feeling
	3.60 Relationships	Why does Sandra think romance is such a tricky affair?
	3.43 Happily Ever After	Love is in the air as we talk about romantic fiction
The Oscars (February or March)	3.122 Shaken not stirred	British icons: James Bond, the world's favourite spy
	2.117 Jaws	Why the "teeth of the sea" is still one of Hollywood's most frightening films
	2.120 Cowboy country	Join Jackie and Richard with the cowboys, horses and shoot-outs
	2.105 The tramp	The pie team celebrate 100 years of Charlie Chaplin and his famous tramp
	2.30 Lights, camera, action!	Richard chats to his mates about their favourite movies
March		
Easter (March or April)	1.105 The Easter egg	There's more to Easter eggs than just eating them, listen and find out!



	2.106 Holy Week	For the Easter festival the pie team tell the story of Jesus' last days
Earth hour	1.47 What on earth is Earth Hour?	Jackie says 'switch off' and save the world!
1 St David's Day (patron saint of Wales)	2.144 The land of the red dragon	We talk about Wales, one of the smallest countries that makes up the UK
	B.11 Welcome to Wales	where the business world meets.
3 World Wildlife day (UN)	2.163 The big five	Meet Europe's five most impressive wild mammals
	1.115 Wild orchids	Jackie and Richard show you the wonderful wild flowers growing near their home
	1.63 Four little birds	The builders are not the only ones making a home
	1.93 Animal odd couples	Some animals don't understand they're not meant to be friends!
	3.74 Vanishing bees	Does it matter that bees around the world are buzzing off?
	2.73 Buzz buzz!!	The pie team have a new, and perhaps dangerous, hobby!
7? World Maths Day	1.140 It doesn't add up!	Which school subject sent Jackie running away from the school gates?
	2.145 The golden section	The wonder of a mathematical formula found in nature
8 International Women's Day (UN)	3.84 Sisters are doin' it for themselves ♬	Or are they? We talk about International Women's Day
17 St Patrick's Day	3.47 The Emerald Isle (part 1)	Michael talks about Ireland - and St Patrick's Day of course
20 International Day of Happiness (UN)	2.136 That's funny	Jackie and Richard talk about what makes them laugh, hee hee!
	3.70 Happiness	Feeling happy? Enjoying life? How do you know?!
21 World Poetry Day (UN)	3.101 Poetry	Powerful or pointless? Is there still a place for poetry these days?
21 International Day of Forests (UN)	1.72 Amazing Amazon	Some incredible facts from the world's biggest rainforest
23 World Meteorological Day (UN)	1.19 Come rain or shine	How did the weather affect Richard's holidays to Italy and Malaysia?
	2.70 Raindrops keep falling. Idioms	rain. The pie team talk about getting wet, wet, wet!
	2.39 The eye of the storm	Gustav, Hanna, Ike and Josephine - it's the height of the hurricane season (October)
British Summer Time begins	3.61 Spring forward, fall back	The pie team look forward to longer summer evenings and explain why the hour changes
April		
1 April Fool's Day	3.150 Playing pranks	With April 1 coming up we talk about fooling people



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7 World Health Day (UN)	2.94 Under the weather	Richard's not feeling very well. Oh dear, what's the matter?
	2.15 An apple a day	keeps the doctor away. Or does it? Dr Adam tells all
12 International Day of Human Space Flight	3.89 The Eagle has landed	We recall the amazing Apollo 11 mission to commemorate the death of Neil Armstrong
	1.90 Fearless Felix	The amazing story of the man who fell to Earth
18 International Day of Monuments	Travelogues: the Middle East East meets west	Mosques, monument and markets - the pie team enjoyed Istanbul
	2.132 The Taj Mahal	Travel to India and join Richard at a truly magica place
	3.162 A wall, a bridge and a tower	Three British icons that define our history
22 World Earth Day (UN)		
23 English Language Day (UN)	1.78 Double act	Meet Ana Luisa, a language teacher with two hats!
	3.58 Yes, you can!	Phillipa believes everyone can learn English - and has some great advice
23 World Book Day (UN)	1.61 Turn the page	The pie team think graded readers are great!
	2.48 A good book	Richard reveals he's a Raymond Chandler fan
27 International Guide Dog Day	2.91 Good boy!	Guide dogs help blind people to enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else
29 International Dance Day	2.76 Let's twist again	like we did 50 years ago! The pie team celebrate the ever popular dance
	3.125 The dancing queen	Listen to Nora talk about her unusual life as a professional dancer
	1.163 Would you like to dance?	How keen are we to put our dancing shoes on?!

May

1 International Workers' Day		
1 May Day	2.133 May Day	Join Jackie and Richard as they talk about the May 1st celebrations
1 International Dawn Chorus Day		
4 International Firefighters Day	3.80 Fire! Fire!	Peter describes his narrow escape from a forest fire
	3.135 The firefighters	We salute the men and women who do one of the world's toughest jobs
5 International Midwives Day	2.123 Call the midwife	Meet Naomi who is training to become the most important person on the maternity ward!
9 Europe Day		



13 World Migratory Bird Day	3.184 Flying high	The incredible story of bird migration
15 International Day of Families (UN)	2.33 A family tree	Natasha tells Richard about her multicultural family
	1.73 The royal family	Surely one of the most popular British icons!
	3.146 My family tree	Does Richard have any interesting or famous ancestors? Listen and find out!
	1.142 Our sisters	Jackie and Richard both have one sister; find out if they are different to them, or similar
18 International Museum Day	3.59 A history of the world in 100 objects	The pie team talk about a great British Museum project
20 World Bee Day	2.73 Buzz buzz!	The pie team have a new, and perhaps dangerous, hobby!
	3.74 Vanishing bees	Does it matter that bees around the world are buzzing off?
29 First men on Mt Everest	2.97 On top of the world	In 1953 two men stood on Mount Everest for the very first time
31 World No-Tobacco Day	3.142 No smoking	It's over a decade since the no smoking ban; has it made a difference?
June		
First week of June	2.151 TT week	Join Richard on the Isle of Man for the ride of your life!
1 Global Day of Parents (UN)	3.97 Boy George	Rob talks about the challenges of being a father with a young son
	2.69 And the kids came too	Sue talks about family holidays with her not so little children
1 International Children's Day	2.65 Blue is for boys	and pink for girls. Why aren't brothers and sisters treated the same?
5 World Environment Day	2.177 Take the train not the plane	But aren't train journeys long, slow and boring?
	1.62 Survival	Join Jon in the countryside where he can live outdoors
	2.55 Beauty or the beast?	Opposing views on the use of wind turbines
	2.52 The Kyoto box	What's the Kyoto Box? Does it work? Watch the video and find out
World Knit in Public Day (2 nd Saturday)	3.112 Knit 1, purl 1	Get out your needles and yarn, Jackie and Helen are talking about knitting!
8 World Oceans' Day (UN)	2.99 Whale watching	Jackie sails into the Mediterranean in search of marine life
	3.24 Under the sea	Swimming with sharks and seals in the Irish Sea
UK Bike week	3.91 On yer bike!	Helen and Jackie share past and present memories of cycling
	1.129 Stop me and buy one	Jackie and Richard are amazed by the different things that are carried on Vietnamese bicycles



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10 Portugal Day	1.118 Portugal: all year round	We talk about the interesting places to visit in Portugal every season of the year
14 World Blood Donor Day (UN)	3.160 There will be blood	Why giving blood is a small thing that makes a big difference
15 Global Wind Day	3.113 Blowin' in the wind	Where is the windiest place in the world? Watch a BBC video and find out
	2.55 Beauty or the beast?	Opposing views on the use of wind turbines
20 World Refugee Day (UN)	1.17 Refugees	What links Angelina Jolie to World Refugee Day on 20 June?
	3.120 The refugees	Thousands are travelling but where are they from and where do they want to go?
21 World Music Day	2.87 The Fab Four	Fifty years later you can still hear The Beatles' songs being played on the radio - why is that?
	3.17 Mike the musician	There's more the playing the guitar than Jackie realises
	3.53 The music biz (part 2)	Why did Nigel leave for the less glamourous world of teaching?
	3.52 The music biz (part 1)	Nigel talks about his rock star days
21 International Day of Yoga (UN)	1.117 Why yoga?	World Yoga Day is 21 June so we talk to Jim about why he does yoga everyday
21 Summer solstice	3.143 British icons: Stonehenge	Why are a circle of prehistoric stones the place to be for the summer solstice?
Wimbleoon June / July	2.77 How to serve	Top tennis tips for the summer months ahead
	3.65 Forty-love	Forget the football - let's see if we can do any better at Wimbledon!
Take Your Dog to Work Day Last Friday	B. 66 Pets at work	Nestlé think you would be barking mad to leave your pet at home, bring it to work!
July		

Pelotons, polka-dots and Paris - it's the Tour de Tour de France 3.98 The yellow jersey France. Allons-y! Britain's Team Sky stand out both for their cycling B.58 The line and for their branding Beavers, ice-hockey and snowflakes; Christina 1 Canada Day 1.51 Canada Day talks about Canada 3 International Plastic Bag The omnipresent material we can't live with or 3.137 Plastic fantastic? Free Day without There's no Planet B: some practical advice on 3.148 Just say no how to make your life more plastic free We celebrate World Chocolate Day with a podcast 7 World Chocolate Day 3.126 Chocolate, yay! about the world's favourite flavour The pie team look back on their favourite 1.79 Mine's a Mars bar chocolate bars 30 International Day of Who are more important to Belinda - her friends 1.42 Friends indeed Friendship (UN) or her family?



August		
Edinburgh International Festival	3.37 Edinburgh festival	Graham talks about the biggest arts festival in the world
	3.76 Festival fun	Will the pie team be joining the festival crowds this summer?
1 Yorkshire Day	3.124 British icons: Yorkshire	Join Pam and Jackie in one of the nicest parts of the UK
13 International Left Handers Day	3.136 My left hand	Pam talks about living in a right-handers' world for International Left Handers Day
19 World Photography Day	2.68 In focus	Cameras have come a long way since Robert started his hobby
September		
London Fashion Week	3.55 The colour purple	Jackie has a rant about the fashion trade
	2.149 Green in the fashion	How can you be stylish and save the planet at the same time?
	3.153 A regency gentleman	Meet Zack who has completely turned his back on modern fashion
21 International Day of Peace (UN)		
World Rivers Day (4 th Sunday)		
27 World Tourism Day (UN)	1.35 Maltese days & knights. A day in the life of	a travel rep. Mary talks about working on the island of Malta
	1.34 Hotel Alicante	Living it up at the Hotel Alicante
	1.94 What a place to stay!	Jackie has found some very unusual places to stay the night
	1.95 A room with a difference	Now Richard finds three more unusual places to stay the night
29 International Coffee Day	3.92 Coffee break	Richard has several ways of getting his caffeine fix in the morning
30 International Podcast Day	3.20 Podcasting	Meet the man who inspired the pie team to start podcastsinenglish.com
Harvest Moon (September or October)	3.90 Harvest moon	Autumn's full moons are cause for celebration in both the East and West
October		
1 International Day of Older Persons (UN)	2.90 The octogenarian	How does Robert feel about being 80 years old?
	2.46 Through the ages	How do you feel about your age? Do you mind growing older?
2 World Vegetarian Day	2.21 You are what you eat	Hamburger and chips? No thanks, says Nick
3 World Architecture Day	2.132 The Taj Mahal	Travel to India and join Richard at a truly magical place



4 World Animal Day	3.179 The corgis	Queen Elizabeth loved her faithful, furry friends
	2.166 Animals, humans and diseases	Some interesting reasons why we fall sick
	2.134 Four-legged friends	40% of households in the UK have pets. Jackie and Richard talk about their pets past & present.
	1.123 Chalk and cheese	Our two dogs, Jussi and Betty, are very different. Watch our video and find out how.
	B.66 Pets at work	Nestle think you would be barking mad to leave your pet at home, bring it to work!
5 World Teachers' Day (UN)	1.84 Please, sir. A day in the life of a	teacher. Mat talks about his life at school
	1.78 Double act	Meet Ana Luisa, a language teacher with two hats!
9 World Post Day (UN)	1.31 You've got mail A day in the life of a	postman. Jim says there's good and bad things about his job
	2.31 British icons: the postbox	A video and podcast about a popular symbol of Britain
9 World Space Week	2.49 Poor Pluto	The pie team get starry-eyed and talk about the planets
	3.141 British icons: Stephen Hawking	Jackie and Richard celebrate the life of the Master of the Universe
9 Beer and Pizza Day	1.179 Beer'n'pizza	Is this the best food and drink combination?!
11 International Day of the Girl Child (UN)	2.65 Blue for boys	and pink for girls. Why aren't brothers and sisters treated the same?
13 World Sight Day	3.87 20/20 vision	Jemma can see clearly now - but that hasn't always been the case
	3.133 Looking is seeing	Jackie and Richard talk about wearing glasses and visiting the optician's
16 World Food Day (UN)	1.128 Feed the world	Here's some things for you to do for World Food Day
19 World Singing Day	1.131 Sing, sang, sung 🎜	So just how keen are Jackie and Richard on singing? Listen and find out!
	3.132 Stand and sing	Jackie and Richard talk about national anthems; how much do you like yours?
31 World Cities Day (UN)	1.120 Citylife	Jackie and Richard talk about cities far and wide
	1.66 Country life 🎵	The pie team compare living in the country to the city
	Travelogues: Asia Varanasi	Find out what makes this India's oldest and holiest city
	Travelogues: Asia The streets of Kolkata	Join Richard among the hustle and bustle, taste and sounds of this amazing city
	Travelogues: Europe Lisbon is yellow	Why is yellow such a popular colour in the Portuguese capital?
31 Hallowe'en	1.137 Spooky nights	Watch our video and find out what we traditionally do in Britain for Hallowe'en



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	3.8 Hallowe'en	The night of witches and ghosts has an interesting history
November		
Olive harvest	3.56 Liquid gold	Witness the pie team's first olive harvest
5 Bonfire Night	1.100 Bonfire Night	Richard explains the reason behind this traditional November event
11 Armistice Day	2.80 Poppy Day 🎜	How a simple wildflower can have so much meaning
	2.108 The Great War	Listen to some facts about the First World War
19 World Toilet Day (UN)	3.138 A podcast about poo	Jackie and Richard talk about the smallest room in the house for World Toilet Day
21 World TV Day (UN)	2.42 Watching the box	Claire thinks TV Day is every day!
	2.155 TV or not TV?	Is television still the most popular home entertainment?
30 St Andrew's Day	0.9 Scotland the brave	Jackie and Richard talk about the land of the Scots
Thanksgiving (4 th Thursday)	1.112 Thanksgiving	and Black Friday: Richard talks about his time in the United States
Black Friday (day after Thanksgiving)	B.45 Black Friday UK	From over there to over here, how successful was the American sales day in the UK?
UK National Tree Week	1.133 The mighty oak	Jackie and Richard talk about the best known and most loved of Britain's native trees
Buy Nothing Day	2.25 Shop less, live more	That's the message for Buy Nothing Day - can you?!
December		
Festive food	3.147 Look before you eat	The festive period can be a nightmare for those who have food allergies
11 International Mountain Day (UN)	1.97 The tipping point	Unfortunately, it's not just snow and ice on the slopes of Mount Everest
	2.97 On top of the world	The story of conquering Everest for the first time
15 International Tea Day	1.96 British icons: the cuppa	Sit down, put your feet up and have a nice cup of tea!
25 Christmas Day	1.186 The nativity scene	Who is there along with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus?
	0.14 Christmas markets	Find out what there is to buy and see!
	1.155 You are perfect	This year's Christmas advert; try not to cry!
	1.138 Paddington and the Christmas visitor	Another fun end to the year: watch one of the most popular Christmas adverts in the UK
	2.130 Buster the boxer	A fun end to the year: watch the most popular Christmas advert in the UK

	1.121 Toys, toys, toys	Which are the most popular UK toys over the last 50 years?
	1.70 On the first day of Christmas	What presents did Richard buy for his family this year?
	2.92 O Christmas tree!	Why is the 'queen of the forest' part of the Christmas decorations?
	3.9 Jingle bells	Peter compares his family Christmases in the past to the present
	1.43 Dashing through the snow	Something for our younger listeners: an interview with the man of the month!
	1.102 A poem for Christmas	The pie team want you to celebrate the festive season with poetry
	1.101 Figgy pudding	Hear about some Christmas meals eaten in different parts of the world
	B.169 The economics of Christmas	Just how important is the lead up to the holiday for the retail sector?
December / January	3.82 British icons: The panto	Actor David talks about one of Britain's winter highlights