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The French Ardennes launches its online 2018 Media Park

A major resource for travel media wanting to know about one of the areas of France with more reasons than most for commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War is now available in a comprehensive 26-page online Media Pack. The Museum of War & Peace reopened here on January 23; and Augustin Trebuchon, the last French soldier to fall during WWI, will also be the subject of major commemorations in 2018. <http://bit.ly/1yCoPQ9>

Elf Forages at Weston Park, in Staffordshire, this half term

Weston Park, the stately home on the Staffordshire/Shropshire border is giving families the chance to enjoy the great outdoors this February half term. 'Elf Forages' around the woodland are scheduled for February 20, 22 and 24, when younger visitors can follow their Elf Map and find the hidden elves, and make their very own Elf House to take home. <http://bit.ly/2GCwMC2>

Friday night headliners for Eklectica

Tinchy Stryder and Reggie Yates have been announced as the Friday night line-up for Eklectica, the boutique music festival at Robin Hill Country Park on the Isle of Wight, taking place on September 7-9. They join the line-up of Scouting for Girls and The Hoosiers who will be performing on the Saturday night, and The Fratellis and Toploader performing on the Sunday night.

<https://eklectica.live>

2018 anniversaries to be marked at the Jane Austen House Museum

Exhibitions and displays at the Jane Austen House Museum in Hampshire will this year celebrate the 200th anniversaries of *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*. The first of two displays, *Family, Friendship and Northanger Abbey*, will run from February to August. The second half of 2018 - the year that marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War - is dedicated to an exhibition entitled *Persuasion and War*. <https://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/whats-on>

City Spitfire to be rehoused for 2019

Work is now under way to move Stoke-on-Trent's famous Spitfire to a stunning new multi-million-pound home, at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery in Stoke-on-Trent. A £6-million glass-fronted extension will open at the Museum in 2019, so that the plane - based on local designer Reginald Mitchell's famous design - can become more viewable to the public. <http://bit.ly/2EtihQ6>

Cheddar Man to take a starring role, as Channel 4 unveils the face of the 'First Brit'

An upcoming Channel 4 documentary will help to put Cheddar Gorge & Caves under the spotlight. The Channel 4 documentary *The First Brit: Secrets of the 10,000 Year Old Man* from Plimsoll Productions, follows scientists as they help put a face to Britain's oldest complete skeleton, which was found at Cheddar over one hundred years ago. <http://bit.ly/2GCinFC>

Top 10 reasons for visiting The Isle of Wight in 2018

A 50th anniversary of one of the world's most famous music festivals, adventure weekends based on the original children's book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, 175 years of the oldest theme park in the UK, and even B&B up a tree! The Isle of Wight is being talked-about in "hotlists" of must-see places for the year ahead. Here's a Top 10 list of reasons to visit in 2018. <http://bit.ly/2GCBxvo>