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New interactive space zone opening at Winchester Science Centre this summer

EXPLORER:SPACE at Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium will be launching on July 20. A new interactive space zone, it is intended to be the perfect complement to the UK's largest standalone planetarium. Children and their grown-ups are invited to enter a crash-landed spaceship for a hands-on journey through the Solar System and beyond. Admission will be included with general entry tickets. <https://bit.ly/2rv0amY>

Trentham named one of Britain's top accessible visitor destinations

Staffordshire's Trentham Estate has been included in the new edition of the *Rough Guide to Accessible Britain*, which highlights venues delivering the best experiences and days out for those with diverse needs. <https://bit.ly/2K71d4a>

Go wild at Cheddar Gorge & Caves this half term

Visitors to the world-famous Cheddar Gorge & Caves will once again be given the opportunity to go wild at Cheddar Wildlife Week during the May half-term holidays. This year's Wildlife Week is scheduled to run from May 26 to June 3. In addition to making the most of its resident species, Cheddar Gorge and Caves will also be organising walks, talks and the appearance of several experts in their field. <https://bit.ly/2l0kS9c>

UK Pride, 2018

The Isle of Wight will host the next UK Pride, on July 21, just one year after the Island's first ever Pride event. This fun, inclusive and welcoming event for the whole family will be held in the seaside town of Ryde. It provides the perfect excuse to celebrate the LGBT community, raise awareness and enjoy a long weekend on the beach, as well as fresh locally sourced food and live music down by the sea. <https://www.iwpride.org>

The Festival in a Factory

The Festival in a Factory returns to the Emma Bridgewater Factory from June 7 to 9, featuring a diverse programme of authors, workshops and performers discussing the creative process and their latest releases, giving festival-goers the opportunity to debate with and meet some of the country's leading writers. <https://bit.ly/2FZ2mZ5>

All Wight Now celebrates three 50th anniversaries of original Isle of Wight Festivals

Created to mark the legendary Festivals of 1968, 1969 and 1970, All Wight Now will consist of a series of three annual events over the next three years. The name, All Wight Now, recalls the title of one of the biggest hits of the 1970 Festival: 'All Right Now' by Free. This year's event on September 1 will celebrate the original Festival, at Godshell, in 1968. <https://bit.ly/2wuSZRj>

Hand-painted curtains of artist Rex Whistler to undergo urgent restoration

For the first time, members of the public will be able to witness first-hand the start of urgent conservation work on a pair of Britain's most famous curtains. The curtains in Mottisfont's celebrated Whistler Room, are of great historical significance, as Whistler was painting the mock ermine lining when the Second World War broke out. High up on the wall, out of sight, the artist painted this message: 'I was painting this Ermine curtain when Britain declared war on the Nazi tyrants. Sunday September 3rd. R.W.' <https://bit.ly/2lsvvRl>