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This week's IWMS

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Follow in the footsteps of the England football team

Hilton at St. George's Park in Staffordshire is home to the Football Association's National Football Centre, and is where England's World Cup squad gathered for pre-tournament final training before flying off to Russia. The St. George's Park tour offers the chance to go behind-the-scenes for £9 per person. Or, stay the night from £110.00 per room per night, B&B. <https://bit.ly/1ZZ0Ko>

Electric bike sight-seeing packages on the Isle of Wight

The Bay boutique B&B at Freshwater Bay, on the Isle of Wight, is the latest accommodation on the island to offer an Electric Bike Sightseeing Package. The two-night package includes accommodation and a day's e-bike hire for two people, and is priced at £125 per person. All equipment and cycle routes are also provided. <http://www.stayfreshwaterbay.co.uk/explore>

Weeping Window comes to The Potteries

Stoke-on-Trent will present *Weeping Window* by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper as part of the 14-18 NOW's UK-wide tour of the iconic poppies. The sculpture will be at Middleport Pottery, from August 2 to September 16. <https://bit.ly/2znDCXp>

This is Made In Derby

The city which has introduced us to everything from the world's first factory, through to Lara Croft, is set to revolutionise the visitor experience. At the cutting edge of industry and technology for centuries, Derby's latest innovation reinvents the way in which visitors can discover what makes this city so special. The augmented reality experience is a "pop up" self-guided trail, with computer generated information which - once the app is downloaded - tells the story through famous individuals who have made major contributions to Derby's history. <https://bit.ly/2ITchrh>

Six of the best gardens in Hampshire

Hampshire is blooming once again, in 2018. A garden-lovers' paradise in South East England, Hampshire is associated with some of the great names in gardening history, from the Rothschilds' at Exbury to Sir Harold Hillier near Romsey. Though difficult to prune, a "Six of the Best" horticultural highlights tour of the county for 2018 might feature the following. <https://bit.ly/2zcc1gH>

Cheddar Gorge & Caves' summer-long Festival of Archaeology

Cheddar Gorge & Caves in Somerset is taking part in the annual nationwide Festival of Archaeology, and has lined-up a wide range of hands-on activities and demonstrations to help everyone get more excited about local history and the story of the Stone Age. Events - from July 25 to September 2 - are included in the cost of a regular day ticket to Cheddar Gorge & Caves, and will run during normal cave opening times. <https://bit.ly/2HH6T4u>

Image of the week

Two cygnets enjoy the summer sunshine, at Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire. Wildlife is a vital element of the experience within these award-winning gardens, where there is a long-term commitment to nature conservation, and to providing an environment where flora and fauna flourish. <https://bit.ly/2KP766O>

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