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This week's IWMS

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Derby 80s Retro Arcade Weekender

Visitors to Derby over the weekend of November 17/18 can travel back in time to a world of Retro Gaming. The 1980s arcade classics will include the likes of Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Frogger, and more. Vintage consoles and computers, and movies, will also be a part of the weekend. Entrance starts from £10. <https://bit.ly/2O35RXp>

Perfect for discovering British wine...the Winchester Wine Festival

Winchester is quickly becoming one of the nation's gastronomic capitals, and over the weekend of November 23/24 there will be an opportunity to sample a range of top wines. The Winchester Wine Festival will feature masterclasses from the BBC's Masters of Wine, Susie & Peter, along with a selection of over 300 of the best wines from Hampshire's vineyards and beyond. Tickets £35 per person, over 18s only. <http://www.thewinefestival.co.uk>

New Bushcraft and Wild Glamping Centre in Hampshire

Meon Springs is now offering something new alongside its range of accommodation, which includes shepherd's huts and yurts. The new wild glamping and bushcraft combines glamping with the support of bushcraft experts and can be taken over 2 or 3 nights. It offers visitors the chance to be 'at-one' with nature and learning to survive using ancient skills. <https://bit.ly/2ybtQIT>

A new hotel planned for Ventnor, Isle of Wight

A new 10-bedroom hotel may appear in Ventnor, as early as Summer 2019. The group behind the luxury boutique Hambrough Hotel is behind the scheme. The new hotel will be located behind the Hamborough, with an informal entrance from the street, and with a deli bar. Each room will have a small kitchen; but guests can choose to have breakfast in the Hambrough Hotel. They anticipate room rates will be from £130 per night. <https://bit.ly/1kUF1LL>

Get spooked during a Great British Autumn at Longleat

There will be a chance to celebrate another "Great British Autumn" at Longleat, from Saturday 20 October to Sunday 4 November. It's an event that's packed with seasonal activities, and Longleat's epic fireworks displays (November 1-3 only). For a true Halloween experience, meanwhile, visitors can join a spine-chilling tour of Longleat House (pre-booking is essential). <https://bit.ly/2zQc00n>

122,000 see Poppies: Weeping Window in Stoke-on-Trent

Over 122,000 visitors saw Poppies: *Weeping Window* in Stoke-on-Trent over a six-week period, while the sculpture was in the city as part of 14-18 NOW's UK-wide tour of the poppies. The number smashed the 49,000 visitors estimate that was initially set for *Weeping Window* in the city. Stoke-on-Trent was in the short list of cities to become the 2021 UK City of Culture, and continues to have aspirations to host UK-significant artworks in the future. <https://bit.ly/2OLci0J>

The Great British Tea Festival

Derby is set to host The Great British Tea Festival on Sunday 21 October. Taking place at The Roundhouse, it brings together independent tea brands from across the country for a family friendly event which celebrates all things tea - from tasting some of the world's most delicious teas to listening to presentations from some of the world's leading tea experts. <https://bit.ly/2QrgUpO>