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This week's IWMS

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A winter walk: at Trentham Gardens

One of the England's most-visited garden attractions provides a spectacular show for winter: a perfect natural wonderland for a seasonal walk - complete with fragrant woodland trails, and even frosty fairies. The award-winning, winter gardens and parkland provide a spectacular backdrop at this time of the year for a whole range of walks: from leisurely strolls around the lake, to more energetic treks. <https://bit.ly/2Jt95O1>

Koala Creek is coming to Longleat in the Spring of 2019

Longleat is to spearhead an international breeding and awareness-building programme for Australia's iconic and increasingly threatened koala. Linked closely to that, Longleat's new Koala Creek, opening in the Spring, will be the only place to see koalas in England, as well as one of only two locations in the UK to look after southern koalas. <https://bit.ly/2plFTPP>

Isle of Wight visitors encouraged to "Go Slow"

A new Slow Travel Guide, scheduled for launch in March 2019, will create a collection of eight routes around the Isle of Wight that can be explored by a combination of bus, walking and bicycle. The routes will be available online and feature food and drink, farm shops, artists and craftspeople as well as places of interest - including some lesser-known rural gems. The guide will be available via Google Maps and a website which will launch in March. <http://www.slowwighttravelguide.co.uk>

Derby QUAD's "Season of Virtual Reality"

Derby QUAD's Season of Virtual Reality (VR), from November 10 February 3, is set to feature a range of immersive digital artworks - featuring work by three artists, Rebecca Allen, Zane Zelmene and Leila Johnston. The exhibitions are all free to visit; and further details can be found at <https://bit.ly/2EQhVXO>

Father Christmas to become a Cheddar caveman

Up to now, Cheddar Man has been the most famous gentleman to emerge from Cheddar Gorge & Caves. But as visitors to this popular Somerset attraction will soon discover, that's all about to change from November 24. Because there's a secret that has been hidden deep underground in Gough's Cave: and thanks to a jolly, white haired, old chap visitors will get to see an outpost of their North Pole HQ, at Cheddar Gorge. <https://bit.ly/2yH6dt4>

Exbury Gardens in Hampshire set to celebrate centenary in 2019

Exbury Gardens - the inspiration of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild, who bought the Exbury Estate in the New Forest in 1919 from Lord Forster - will mark its centenary year during 2019. One of the many fine gardens of Hampshire, Exbury is world-famous for the Rothschild Collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, rare trees and shrubs. <https://bit.ly/2CSpASA>

British Ceramics Biennial to return to Stoke-on-Trent in 2019

It has been confirmed that 2019 will see the return of the British Ceramics Biennial to Stoke-on-Trent, from September 28 to November 10. Back for its sixth festival in its spiritual home, The 2019 Biennial will once again feature some of the very best and most cutting edge contemporary ceramic art and craft through a whole series of events, installations, exhibitions and workshops. <https://britishceramicsbiennial.com>