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This week's IWMS

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### A taste of the sea, in 'The Lobster Capital of Europe'

Locally caught lobster and crab will be showcased when the Bridlington Seafood Festival - last held in 2016 - returns this year on June 15 and 16. As well as cookery demonstrations with a host of local chefs cooking local seafood produce, there will also be a range of other food stalls selling everything from hog roasts to paella; and visitors will also be able to buy locally produced artwork. Bridlington itself has gained a reputation as 'The Lobster Capital of Europe'. <http://bit.ly/2QGwpeW>

### Fringe puts Ventnor on the map

What started 10 years ago as a "social experiment" by a group of six 18-year-old friends on the Isle of Wight, has now become a showcase Fringe Festival that is gently nudging towards becoming one of the leading events of its kind in the UK. This year's Fringe between July 23 and 28 will also mark its 10th anniversary. <https://bit.ly/2JWkOCk>

### A horticultural highlight for Hampshire

Exbury Gardens - the inspiration of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild, who bought the Exbury Estate, in the New Forest, in 1919 from Lord Forster - marks its centenary year during 2019, and is also helping to put the spotlight on other Hampshire gardens throughout the year. <https://bit.ly/2WlJ609>

### 2019 Lichfield Festival will have feelgood factor

With its vibrant mix of music, theatre, dance, comedy, talks, family events, and all-round "feelgood" festival atmosphere, this year's Lichfield Festival promises a 9-day city takeover between July 5 and 13. Lichfield remains one of Britain's most eclectic multi-arts festivals, and a key cultural event in the Midlands, bringing a host of renowned performers and entertainers to the region each year. <https://bit.ly/2EN00xR>

### Yum! Festival of Food & Drink

Yum! is a two-day free-to-enter Festival of Food and Drink in Hull on August 9 and 10, offering street food, fresh local produce, and delicious beverages. Boasting the The Yum! Emporium - filled with the best locally-sourced produce the region has to offer - there is also free children's entertainment, ranging from face painting, to cupcake decorating and healthy cookery classes. <https://bit.ly/2OnfifQ>

### Save the date for "GW300"

July 18, 2020 will mark the tercentenary of Gilbert White's birth. Gilbert White's House & Gardens is located at his former home in Selborne, and is home to the original manuscript of the *Natural History of Selborne* and other treasures. They are now planning to celebrate the tercentenary with a programme of activities in Selborne, throughout Hampshire and across the UK in 2020. Not a widely recognised figure, White (often called the first ecologist) is a hero amongst naturalists; and GW300 will help to tell this incredible story. <https://bit.ly/2EXLKEN>

### Summer Nights Film Festival

Summer Nights is a festival of outdoor film screenings in heritage locations throughout the summer. Organised by QUAD, Derby's Centre for Art and Film, among movies are romantic weepie 'Ghost' at Kedleston Hall, (July 5-7); and 'Bohemian Rhapsody' at Calke Abbey (August 1-3). Tickets are priced at £15.50 per adult. <https://bit.ly/2XtvJvX>

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