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While COVID-19 is having a drastic impact on UK tourism, there is still some positive news to be found. We'll do our best to keep you updated, via various means, on some of the best examples of how tourism businesses in the destinations we represent are rising to the challenge.

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Enjoy the gin now, and make a date to meet Betty later

You might not be able to visit White Peak Distillery, near Derby - or see 'Betty', a 600 litre spirits still - but you can still enjoy award-winning Shining Cliff gin. Tours are off at the moment, but the distillery shop remains open, including an online delivery service available via first class post. And for a post-crisis treat, make a date to see 'Betty' by buying a tour voucher for any future available date. <http://bit.ly/2U32ssO>

Potteries art gallery goes virtual

In order to help support their artists during this challenging time Trent Art Gallery plans to increase their activity on social media by creating 'Virtual Gallery' that will take the art into the home at a time when they can't come to see it. The threads and posts will offer insight, background and history to an artist, or a particular painting. They say: "We hope that this will also be therapeutic for those self-isolating and anyone looking for a little joy". [@TrentArtGallery](https://twitter.com/TrentArtGallery)

A taste of Hampshire - in your own home

While the month-long Hampshire Food Festival in July has been postponed, foodie fans can still tuck into a taste of the county...at home. Be inspired by recipes created by talented chefs from local Hampshire restaurants, hotels and cafés, with everything from canapes to New Forest Strawberry Mouse. Find it all on the Hampshire Fare, website. <http://bit.ly/38ZKoUz>

Bags of stuff from Wyatt and Jack

Georgia and Steve Lovell from Wyatt and Jack on the Isle of Wight have sent their staff home (whilst still being paid), closed their factory and taken their sewing machines home. Between them, Georgia and Steve will continue to make bags from recycled inflatables, bouncy castles, deck chair material in order to keep the income flowing to pay their staff. <https://bit.ly/3deCnOY>

Dark chocolate honeycomb bite anyone?

East Yorkshire's only Michelin-starred restaurant, The Pipe and Glass, has taken the difficult decision to temporarily close, but how about trying one of their tasty recipes at home? Set in glorious countryside near Beverley, this former coaching inn - which also has five luxury boutique suites - reveals recipes for some of its favourite dishes, including this sweet treat, "a very smart version of a good old-fashioned Crunchie bar". <http://bit.ly/2U35bm2>

Isle of Wight wins top award

The Isle of Wight has learned that it clinched a top award in a national competition. It has been crowned the BBC Countryfile Magazine Holiday 'Destination of the Year', following a national vote. The Island was able to hold off tough competition from Essex, Orkney, Anglesey and the Severn Valley to claim the top prize. In 2019, the Isle of Wight claimed the UK's Best Beach for Sandown Bay and the Best Village for Bembridge. <https://bit.ly/3909ItS>

An explosion of taste

A video of an exploding hot chocolate bomb, created by an East Yorkshire chocolatier, is proving a worldwide hit on social media. The viral video from White Rabbit Chocolatiers, with shops in Beverley and Hull, reveals what happens when hot milk is poured onto the bomb. As a result, orders are pouring-in, as well... <http://bit.ly/2lxv9HL>

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