

## #newsin30seconds

### **A town that's offered hospitality to pilgrims for 1,300 years**

East Yorkshire's medieval minster town of Beverley is gearing up to mark a major milestone in 2021 - the 1,300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founder's death. Today's thriving market town, dominated by its magnificent 13th century Minster, owes its success to Saint John of Beverley, one of the most popular medieval English saints, who died in 721. Plans are now being drawn up to mark the anniversary in the picturesque market town. <https://bit.ly/3a2mJ9F>

### **Putting a different spin on cricket, where waves stop play**

Hampshire may be playing host to new cricket competition, The Hundred, in 2021, but the county is also home to the world's most quirky match - played in the middle of the sea. Each year, Hampshire – known as the 'cradle of cricket' thanks to a club founded there in the 1750s - is also home to the annual Bramble Bank cricket match which takes place on a sandbar, which surfaces in the middle of The Solent... <https://bit.ly/3wQVtEK>

### **'Battle And Tribute' Anglo-Saxon exhibition set to open next month**

Tamworth Castle will reopen to the public next month with the launch of a new state-of-the-art and interactive exhibition, dedicated to the area's rich Anglo-Saxon history. Building works are complete in Tamworth Castle for a new 'Battle and Tribute' (<https://bit.ly/3gnvPBx>) exhibition that has transformed the top floor of the castle. Tickets to Tamworth Castle can be pre-booked. Catch a sneak peak of the immersive film that forms part of the new gallery at <https://bit.ly/3ss92qJ>

### **Welcome Back To... Lincolnshire**

With restrictions easing, destinations and attractions are gearing up to welcome back visitors safely, in line with the Government's roadmap. So, for when the time is right, here are a few new treats to welcome visitors back to Lincolnshire, including spending time at a new wellbeing centre; rediscovering a "lost garden"; taking a break on an American School Bus; staying in a refurbished iconic seaside hotel; and much more. <https://bit.ly/3x9fpCO>

### **Lichfield Festival is back for 2021**

Eleven days of ballet, cabaret, symphony orchestras, steel pans, family fun, chamber music, live cooking, story-telling, drama, laugh-out-loud comedy can only mean one thing – Staffordshire's Lichfield Festival is back! Taking place between 8-18 July, the annual event attracts visitors to the beautiful cathedral city and is a cornerstone of the region's cultural calendar. <https://bit.ly/32yoxTt>

### **Get ready for the return of The Big Malarkey**

Hull's Children's Literature Festival returns for the fourth year in 2021, with another invitation to children and families to take a trip into a world of books. It will be a bit different this year, but the aim is to bring an opportunity to share some collective outdoor fun in a socially distanced festival (26-27 June). There'll be some familiar faces and some new tents - with plenty of opportunities for children to write, draw, dance, sing, and tell jokes on the Funny Bone stage. <https://bit.ly/3szPHnt>

### **And finally...news from a museum which has "made it"!**

The long-awaited and much-anticipated opening of the new Museum of Making in the City of Derby will see its first visitors stepping over the threshold of a completely transformed property on Friday, May 21. Based at the site of what is widely regarded as the world's first modern factory the opening will kick off city and Derbyshire-wide events to mark not only the 300th anniversary of the first factory, but also 300 years of creativity and making across the region. <https://bit.ly/3xfgb14>