

## #newsin30seconds

### **Walk this way for a seasonal spectacle at Lincoln Castle**

This December will see Lincoln Castle sparkle with seasonal spirit as popular after-dark illuminations return to light up the heritage attraction. First staged as part of Lincoln Christmas Market in 2019, the illuminated Wall Walk is back 2-5 December, offering spectacular night-time views across the city from the medieval battlements. The whole Castle site will then take-on a seasonal sparkle for Lincoln Castle Illuminated, from 11 to 23 December. <https://bit.ly/3otcCRF>

### **New retail experience showcases local arts and crafts**

A new boutique retail area, named Joshua & Co in homage to Josiah Wedgwood, has opened in time for Christmas within Staffordshire multi-million-pound attraction, the World of Wedgwood. Everything on sale has been locally produced and includes chocolate, pottery, art, bath soap and soaks, glassware, jewellery, prints and cards. It all sits comfortably alongside Wedgwood's own impressive line-up of seasonal events and attractions. <https://bit.ly/3F7HjSR>

### **Roller skating presents and fairy stilt walkers bring Christmas cheer to Hull**

Festive lights and street theatre, including walking Brussels sprouts, roller skating Christmas presents and a sofa-driving Santa, are set to fill Hull with Christmas cheer this year. The city centre's shopping streets, historic Hull Old Town and Hull Marina will feature lighting displays, while shoppers on the first three Saturdays of December can expect even more seasonal sparkle and festive fun with a host of cracking characters. <https://bit.ly/3oNrYk1>

### **Historic country pub is set to reopen**

A historic Staffordshire pub, situated on the Whitmore estate and owned by the Cavanagh Mainwaring family for many generations, has recently undergone an intensive renovation and restoration programme. Having been expanded to host 65 covers in two intimate dining rooms, The Mainwaring Arms will be operated by Cheshire Cat Pubs & Inns, with good ale and fine food at its heart. It is scheduled to open at the end of this month. <https://bit.ly/323ypI0>

### **French Film Festival 2021**

Fresh from being included in the longlist to be named the next UK City of Culture, for 2025, Derby welcomes the French Film Festival to the city centre, with a broad range of gallic flair. Derby QUAD will host a selection of films featuring megastars like Lea Seydoux, Juliette Binoche and Isabelle Huppert as well as themes ranging from political tensions and passion to pastries. La Fête du Cinema runs through to 9 December. <https://bit.ly/30s2nVN>

### **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens show signs of growth**

The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey, in Hampshire will have a new restaurant in 2022. The award-winning and world-renowned 180-acre garden has been busy refurbishing the historic Jermyns House in the heart of the gardens, to install 'The Garden Restaurant', which will offer cooked brunch and lunch options. Elsewhere, garden designer Tom Stuart-Smith will be creating a frontier garden featuring plants at the limits of British Isles conditions. <https://bit.ly/3oAlqnp>

### **Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without Beverley Festival**

Christmas will last that little bit longer in East Yorkshire's medieval minster town of Beverley this year, thanks to a brand new week-long festive market showcasing the best of the region. After being cancelled last year, the Beverley Festival of Christmas returns on 12 December, but for 2021 it will also now be followed by the first-ever Made in East Yorkshire Christmas Market, 13-17 December. <https://bit.ly/3DLw6Hu>