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SO good to be back on the Lincolnshire coast

An innovative, international, street theatre festival is returning in 2022, bringing a host of high-quality arts and cultural entertainment to two Lincolnshire resorts. For the first time since 2019, the free, family fun three-day SO Festival is back with outdoor performances from dance and visual arts to music, in Mablethorpe (19 August) and Skegness (20-21 August). <http://bit.ly/2ZmWLu1>

QUAD Derby prepares to host colourful Bruce Asbestos exhibition

Giant, colourful inflatable sculptures, including a giant yellow worm, a group of green frogspawn and a giant cartoon arm, will take centre-stage at QUAD Derby this summer. The giant inflatable artworks represent aspects of positive mental health - Rest, Community and Connection - and will be displayed in the Gallery alongside the exhibition's main feature, the *Eye of Newt 2.0* video game, a two-screen playable sound-making environment. The exhibition by Bruce Asbestos will run from 23 July to 30 October. <https://bit.ly/3wqxBtz>

Rugby World Cup in Hull

The biggest, best and most inclusive Rugby World Cup ever (@RLWC2021) comes to England this autumn, when Hull will play host to New Zealand Men vs Jamaica Men; Papua New Guinea Women vs Brazil Women; and the Group C Winner vs Group B Runner-Up in the men's draw. For further details, and to book tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3sWGXem>.

Romeo, Romeo, wherefor art thou, now, Romeo?

It's being billed as "the most spectacular show in the 30-year history" of Stafford Festival Shakespeare... Stafford Castle is getting ready to stage Romeo & Juliet in the Festival's 30th anniversary year – and is promising an "explosive production, bristling with vitality and swagger". Suitable for over 11s, it will be staged between 24 June and 9 July. Tickets priced from around £35. <https://bit.ly/38J4OHH>

Hampshire Archives is a new listing in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee

Six historic sites have been listed by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on Historic England's advice, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Ranging from a theatre to a church and even markers on a major motorway, they also include Hampshire Archives in Winchester. At around 30 years old, it is the youngest building to be listed for the Jubilee and was made using pioneering archive design techniques. <https://bit.ly/3sUf7PF>

Trentham's historic gardens go Live! In September

Trentham Live returns in 2022 for four nights of incredible live music. Headliners include Steps, Craig David and McFly who will all perform on stage at the historic Trentham Gardens, in Stoke-on-Trent, between Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 September. On 2 September Steps are supported by Louise Redknapp; on the 3rd Craig David is supported by Nathan Dawe; and on the 4th McFly will be supported by Scouting for Girls. <https://bit.ly/3NM51bC>

Art meets virtual reality at Burghley

History meets cutting edge virtual reality technology at England's greatest Elizabethan house this summer, bringing to life the story of one of Europe's most celebrated female painters of the 17th century. Italian Baroque painter Artemisia Gentileschi (1593–1653) is regarded as someone who not only broke, but shattered, the 'glass ceiling' of the male-dominated art world 400 years ago. Now visitors to Burghley will be able to join her in 17th century Florence in the new VR experience, from 23 July until 10 August, with tickets costing £10 per person. <https://bit.ly/39nKLyw>