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Amy Johnson: Last Flight Out is set to land in Hull

A one-woman play celebrating the life of pilot Amy Johnson will end its tour in her hometown of Hull. The play, *Amy Johnson: Last Flight Out*, will land at Middleton Hall, the University of Hull, on 20 May after taking in venues in Sheffield, Glasgow, Croydon and Leeds. Johnson was born in Hull in 1903 and became the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia. She died in a plane crash while flying for the Air Transport Auxiliary in 1941. <https://bit.ly/4IkXS3Q>

Put your money on one of these horses in Lincolnshire

Horse sculptures created to celebrate artist George Stubbs are to be auctioned to raise money for charity. Ten life-size statues were created for a trail in Scunthorpe and the surrounding area called *Horsing Around*, which marked the 300th birthday of the painter and his connection to Horkstow, where he lived. The trail was organised by North Lincolnshire Council, and eight of the sculptures are now up for sale on 24 and 25 April. <https://bit.ly/4iX6pbs>

Hampshire Fare offers something for everyone

Coinciding with the arrival of Spring, Hampshire Fare has launched its new, 2025 *Local Produce Guide* – a “go-to” for discovering the best food, drink and craft from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. To celebrate the occasion, Hampshire Fare has also teamed up with Chewton Glen to offer a two-night stay in one of their luxurious treehouses. <https://bit.ly/4i5H2Dd>

Spring brings ‘food for the sole’ to East Yorkshire

Visit East Yorkshire has just posted a fresh blog on its website focusing on how its 53 miles of coastline is waking up to Spring. Spotlighting everything from seaside towns and wildlife spectacles to food for the ‘sole’ and a lively season of events, the round-up offers a one-stop shop for would be visitors planning a spring break. <https://bit.ly/42ljB2W>

Spitfire creator celebrated during city’s centenary year

As Britain marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, the hometown of Spitfire inventor, Reginald Mitchell, will commemorate his 130th birthday. Born near Stoke-on-Trent on 20 May 1895, Mitchell went on to develop one of Britain’s most famous aircraft. The Spitfire Gallery in the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery marks his achievements - and offers a chance to have a go in a Spitfire simulator (<https://bit.ly/3YilEU6>). Among anniversary celebrations for Mitchell’s birthday will be a film show at the Brampton Museum, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on 11 May. <https://bit.ly/4i33xbK>

And they’re off...

For those who love horses, sporting drama and British country life, tickets for the world's greatest 5* equestrian event go on sale this month. With Burghley House as the backdrop, Defender Burghley Horse Trials gives spectators the chance to watch world-class equine and human athletes take on eventing's ultimate challenge. And with shopping, plus hospitality, the event, being staged 4 - 7 September 2025, has become a key date in the summer social season. General admission tickets from £29 per person are on sale from 25 April. <https://bit.ly/3wdbgSL>

A day in the life of a Regency Lady

Jane Austen Wednesdays, part of Reading’s celebrations of its connections to the famous author, have already got off to a strong start, after the first of a series of six talks and workshops, marking the 250th anniversary of her birth, sold out. But Austen fans can still immerse themselves in the daily life of a regency lady, such as Austen’s Lizzie Bennet or Emma, at the second event, on 14 May, at Reading Museum. Tickets, which must be booked, are £12 each. <https://bit.ly/3FTVT6t>