



This week's IWMS

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Augustin Trébuchon - remember his name

In one year's time the name Augustin Trébuchon will be far better known than it is today. Why? Partly, because he was involved in an offensive on November 11, 1918, which resulted in him being hit in the head by a German bullet. But mostly, because he was the last French soldier to be officially killed in action during the four-year conflict - falling less than fifteen minutes before the end of the First World War. <http://bit.ly/2zZN17V>

48 hours in Southampton: a new UK citybreak destination

The opening of the new five-star Southampton Harbour Hotel & Spa in Ocean Village, could prove to be the catalyst which launches the cruise capital of Europe onto the city break staycation map of Britain. Here, we outline 48 hours in Southampton. <http://bit.ly/2A31Zuu>

Isle of Wight's "country town house by the sea"

North House is a Grade II listed townhouse located in the heart of Cowes Old Town. The house has been sympathetically renovated throughout and retains many of the original features and period quality, including its beautiful authentic fireplaces. Opened in 2016, North House bills itself as "a country town house by the sea". <http://bit.ly/2zclblu>

Heath Robinson's eccentric gadgets and exquisite paintings at Mottisfont

The National Trust's Mottisfont in Hampshire showcases the quirky machinery and exquisite paintings of Heath Robinson from early 2018. *Heath Robinson: Dreams and Machines* runs from January 20 to April 15. Mottisfont's gallery opens at 11am and closes at 4pm (5pm from 4 February). Access to exhibition included in normal admission price. <http://bit.ly/2A9Z3fF>

Special lantern openings for Longleat's Festival of Light are announced

While Longleat's Festival of Light takes place this year on selected dates from November 5 to January 3, the Wiltshire estate has also just announced a special extension to the Festival, with special lantern openings between 1pm and 7:30pm from January 4 and 7, 2018. <https://www.longleat.co.uk/tickets/festival-of-light-lantern-ticket>

Derby Christmas Night Market

Night Markets are still a relatively new concept in the UK. But do make sure you "save the date" if you're likely to be anywhere near to Derby on Thursday, November 16. That's when up to 150 stalls will be erected from 5pm to 10pm as Derby hosts its 2017 Christmas Night Market in the streets, and at various other pop-up locations, throughout the Cathedral Quarter.

<http://bit.ly/2fB5eUQ>

Stoke-on-Trent - UK City of Culture 2021?

Stoke-on-Trent is one of the cities to have been shortlisted to host UK City of Culture 2021. Eleven towns and cities originally registered bids for the title, and five have been shortlisted for the prestigious award. Joining Stoke-on-Trent in the final line-up are Coventry, Paisley, Sunderland and Swansea. The independent advisory panel is currently assessing the final bids from the five cities, and will announce the winner next month. "C'mon Stoke"! <http://www.sot2021.com>