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This week's IWMS

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Woman's Hour Craft Prize exhibition comes to Mottisfont

Bold, beautiful and brilliantly diverse, works by the 12 finalists of the £10,000 Woman's Hour Craft Prize will be showcased at the National Trust's Mottisfont, in Hampshire, from April 25. Ranging from a bespoke bicycle, to futuristic glass figures, the exhibition runs until June 24, and is open from 11am to 5pm. Normal property admission price applies. <https://bit.ly/2H9h2qJ>

TV adaptation of *Les Miserables* filmed in The French Ardennes

Filmed largely in Belgium, a BBC TV Lookout Point production of *Les Miserables* has also been filmed on location in a famous French Ardennes town. Andrew Davies has written the adaptation of Victor Hugo's classic novel, to star British actors Dominic West, David Oyelowo and Lily Collins. Sedan in The French Ardennes has been used in the filming because its historic centre looks like 19th century Paris. <https://bbc.in/2FhwjEB>

St George's Day Celebration at Tamworth Castle, Staffordshire

To celebrate the patron saint of England, Tamworth Castle in Staffordshire is holding a Medieval day of fun - including living history at the Castle, where visitors can have a go at doing the laundry, learn about Medieval weaponry and armour, or experience traditional games with the Castle's very own Lady Freville. <http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk/st-georges-day>

The Royal Wedding 'Celebratory Afternoon Tea', in Derby

To celebrate the marriage of HRH Prince Henry of Wales to Meghan Markle, Royal Crown Derby will be hosting a special afternoon tea on May 19 in the 1750 Tearoom. Held during the wedding ceremony - which will be shown live during a luxury afternoon tea - the cost per person is £20; but places will be limited, and advance booking is required. <https://bit.ly/2GV6Ww4>

2018 Beverley Puppet Festival

Friday 13th July marks the opening night of this year's eagerly awaited Beverley Puppet Festival. Anyone who loves 1970's British horror and holiday camps is in for a treat as Odd Doll Theatre open with a retro-tastic comedy, *Seaside Terror* to give audiences fun frights and ice-cream chills! The largest festival of British puppetry in the world, Beverley's Puppet Festival runs from July 13-15. <https://bit.ly/2ltUIN9>

UK to mark World Circus Day

It's World Circus Day on April 21, and the Staffordshire market town of Newcastle-under-Lyme will be featuring everything from a world juggling tour, to a breath-taking celebration of Big Top-inspired theatre. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the modern circus with commemorations planned right across the UK, but the circus as we know it today would never have happened without Newcastle-under-Lyme's very own Philip Astley. <http://www.philipastley.org.uk>

Bluebell Walks at Rode Hall and Gardens, near Stoke-on-Trent

Rode Hall and Gardens, in Scholar Green near Stoke-on-Trent, will begin its seasonal Bluebell Walks on Saturday, April 28. The carpet of bluebells in the Old Wood is stunning and combines with daffodils, azaleas and early rhododendrons for a lovely Spring Walk. A farmers' market will also be staged on Saturday May 5. <https://bit.ly/2JkQQKu>