

**9 January 2019**

**This week's IWMS**

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### **Revisiting Hull: A City Reborn**

Hull is redefining itself as a key city of the North by building on the success of its 2017 City of Culture status, and forging ahead with ambitious plans to become a world-class visitor destination. Recently named as the UK's third most improved city to live and work - finishing ahead of Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham- the city is also attracting new investment, and planning significant boosts to its visitor offer. <https://bit.ly/2T0QInb>

### **A 'Valentine Escape' to the Isle of Wight**

Enchanted Manor on the Isle of Wight is offering a three-night Valentine Break from February 14-17. The Valentine Escape to "the most romantic hotel on the Island" includes: three nights, B&B; a three-course dinner on Valentine's Night; flowers, a bottle of Prosecco and chocolates; upgrade to a deluxe room; and discounted ferry crossings. The Escape is priced at £500 per couple. <https://bit.ly/2Scrdzp>

### **Thelwell's humour and artistic talent on show at Mottisfont, in Hampshire**

Mottisfont's first exhibition of 2019 will be a welcome return to the world of Norman Thelwell, featuring plump ponies, local landscapes, and social satire. The National Trust property's exhibition in Hampshire also includes a selection of Thelwell's early wartime sketches, which gave him a good foundation for illustrating people, animals and landscapes. <https://bit.ly/2PNNguk>

### **Annie's Burger Shack & Tavern is now open, in Derby**

American Annie Spaziano - born and raised in Rhode Island, New England, down the road from where the first ever diners started - has now opened an authentic American-style venue in Derby. Annie's Original Burger Shack is based in a beautiful 1937 Grade 2 listed former church at Friary Street. <https://bit.ly/2OgoAL4>

### **French Ardennes' town features in BBC TV's *Les Misérables***

Sedan - a small but historic town in The French Ardennes - is one of several locations in Belgium and Northern France which can now be seen in a television adaptation of *Les Misérables*. Rue de l'Horloge and the castle of Sedan were both used in the filming of the mini-series, which can now be seen in the six part BBC TV series. <https://bit.ly/2SuF4AY>

### **Isle of Wight whisky is certified legal!**

The Isle of Wight Distillery announced in December that its whisky has been certified legal. The Island's first ever malt spirit went into barrel on the December 16, 2015, three years ago. In accordance with the Scottish Whisky Association's regulations, spirits destined to be whisky cannot be legally referred to as such until a minimum of three years maturing have passed. <https://bit.ly/2PQfSTC>

### **Image of the week**

If you go down to the woods... It takes some finding (and you may need to look very closely at this image), but here's the latest striking addition to the Nature in Bronze installation on show at The Trentham Estate in Staffordshire <https://bit.ly/2Tmtc4i>

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