



This week's IWMS

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### Don't Breakfast at Tiffany's this Valentine's Day: 'Breakfast with the Monkeys'!

While you can't actually enjoy the breakfast on Valentine's day itself, Trentham Monkey Forest re-opens for the season on 16 February, with this VIP experience now bookable online. 'Breakfast with Monkeys' allows two people to enter the monkey enclosure before opening hours, help one of the top guides feed breakfast to the monkeys, and prepare their next meal. The cost is £100 per person. <https://monkey-forest.com/gifts-experiences/>

### Hayling Island to once again host the Kitesurfing Armada Festival

Save the date for the 2019 Kitesurfing Armada Festival, on Hayling Island Beach: from June 21 to 23. A fantastic weekend of kiting, live music, fundraising, family activities, camping and more, the festival has been voted Best UK Kitesurfing Event for three years in a row and has raised over £200,000 for charity. <https://bit.ly/1SYVU3q>

### "Welcome Aboard" a new Classic Cottage on the Isle of Wight

Spinnaker Houseboat - a luxury two-storey houseboat in Bembridge harbour on the Isle of Wight - boasts two rear balconies and a private pontoon, so that guests can kayak right up to their back door just in time for lunch! New to the Classic Cottages portfolio, it also has state of the art stabilisers anchoring it firmly to the seabed with minimal movement - other than the gentle rise and fall of the tide. Three nights cost from £647.50. <https://bit.ly/2Um6fyG>

### New permanent exhibition for forgotten 'warrior queen'

Staffordshire's Tamworth Castle will unveil a new state-of-the-art gallery this Autumn, celebrating the town's Anglo-Saxon history - including a forgotten 'warrior queen'. Anyone hooked on TV series *The Last Kingdom*, just renewed for its fourth season by Netflix, will recognise the name of Aethelflaed, daughter of Alfred the Great. From this Autumn, everyone will be able to learn more about the real-life Aethelflaed in the new gallery. <https://bit.ly/2s4VtBd>

### Clamber into a cockpit this half term

Families with youngster's crazy about planes are being encouraged to visit the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on the Staffordshire/Shropshire border this February half term, to enjoy rare access to the Hawker Hunter F Mk.4 and McDonnell Douglas Phantom FG1 cockpits. Open from 16-24 February. <https://bit.ly/2Hehp75>

### New accommodation in Hampshire offers 25 stylishly decorated rooms

The recently opened Wellington Arms situated on The Duke of Wellington's estate in Stratfield Saye, Hampshire, has unveiled 25 stylishly decorated bedrooms at the pub which opened in late November, following a £2.5m refurbishment from award winning, independently owned, Farnham based pub company Red Mist Leisure. <https://bit.ly/2FBXL32>

### Save money booking online for a visit to Cheddar Gorge & Caves

Entry tickets for Cheddar Gorge & Caves can now be booked online. An Explorer Day Ticket (which includes The Gorge of Mysteries experience, Dreamhunters, Gough's Cave, The Museum of Prehistory, Beyond the View, Cliff-top Walk) is priced at: Adults £19.95 (online £16.95); Children (5-15) £14.95 (online £12.70); Under 5s Free. <https://bit.ly/2TmSpMi>

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