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This week's IWMS

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Former Formula One world champion Jody Scheckter accepts a new challenge

Jody Scheckter, has confirmed that he will accept the challenge over who makes the best mozzarella: Italy; or Hampshire. The invitation to a taste-off was made by Pier Maria Sacconi, the head of the consortium of buffalo mozzarella producers in Campania, when Scheckter claimed to make a buffalo mozzarella on his Hampshire farm that's at least as good as the Italians make.

<https://bit.ly/2XDYuqk>

Van Gogh and Hockney put the The Yorkshire Wolds in the frame

In a must-see exhibition for 2019, the Van Gogh Museum will play host to *Hockney - Van Gogh: The Joy of Natur*, from 1 March to 26 May - with one of the highlights being the British pop artist's famous large-scale landscape paintings. For those who admire Hockney's artwork, East Yorkshire offers a chance to follow in the artist's footsteps and discover the inspiration behind some of those most celebrated landscapes. <https://bit.ly/2VCDSgh>

New woodland for Hampshire

A £85,000 donation from the multi-national company SC Johnson will enable the National Trust to plant 6,000 new trees to extend the existing woodland at Curbridge Nature Reserve, located on the banks of the River Hamble in Hampshire. It will create "an ancient woodland of the future while protecting the ancient woodland of today, for generations to come". <https://bit.ly/2Ny7adg>

The stage is set for the biggest-ever summer concert line-up at Trentham

Summer Saturday nights are set to sizzle again at award-winning Trentham Gardens, thanks to its biggest-ever concert line-up aimed at celebrating the 15th anniversary of the historic estate re-opening to the public. A new stage, offering better views for bigger crowds, means that the hot Summer Saturdays will see 15 evening concerts - with crowds set to dance the night away to everything from Abba to Queen, and '80s Mania' to 'Absolute Noughties'. <https://bit.ly/2TIV5hh>

It's Staffordshire Day on May 1st

Staffordshire's industrial heritage will be celebrated with a packed programme of events, activities, special offers and competitions on the fourth Staffordshire Day on Wednesday, May 1. And, as it's a weekday, the celebrations will be extended to include the weekend before and the weekend after. Details of this year's programme are available at www.enjoystaffordshire.com/staffsday

Save the date for this year's Ventnor Fringe

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2019 the Ventnor Fringe is a week-long festival which sees the Island's southernmost town totally transformed into a whole world of pop up venues and bars in every conceivable space, hosting over 100 different shows. From outdoor cinema, the best new comedians and gigs in the harbour to the truly barmy events - like improvised hip hop in a Laundrette or a 1930's Parisian 'Book Bus' - the Fringe takes place July 23-28. vfringe.co.uk

Marwell Zoo preparing for LEGO® brick dinosaurs event: BRICKOSAURS!

A specialist team is using more than two million bricks, to bring the spectacular event BRICKOSAURS! to life ahead of its debut this spring and summer. From 5 April to 1 September 2019, families, LEGO brick and dinosaur enthusiasts alike will be able to discover up to 50 sculptures as well as enjoy a few interactive surprises. <https://bit.ly/2IThw8Q>

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