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Enjoy Easter in 1624 at Ford Green Hall

'Does My Bum Look Big In This?', and 'Easter in 1624' are just two of the special events being organised by Ford Green Hall in Stoke-on-Trent as it celebrates its 400th anniversary. One of Stoke-on-Trent's oldest houses, built in 1624, it will be the venue for "crazy" fashions from the early 17th Century from 12-15 February, while the timber-framed farmhouse will host 'Easter in 1624' on 31 March. Normal admission prices apply, with small charges for activities. <https://bit.ly/3QfLvXY>

Lincolnshire blacksmith helps visitors forge a new skill

Award-winning blacksmithing experiences are on offer in Lincolnshire, under the expert guidance of Cameron Huggins. This is a rare opportunity to try-out traditional blacksmithing in the historic surroundings of a 300-year-old forge, when participants can either refine their skills or learn as a complete novice. A half-day experience for two people at The Blacksmith's Shop at Redbourne costs £200, while a full day for one person is £210. <https://bit.ly/41ZOObm>

Heath Robinson at War exhibition at Mottisfont

Over 50 artworks of humorous drawings from British cartoonist and artist Heath Robinson during both World Wars are now on show at National Trust property Mottisfont, in Hampshire, through to Sunday 14 April. Demonstrating Robinson's ability to counter the horrors of war with gentle satire and absurdity, the touring exhibition also features transcripts of letters from the troops and the public thanking him for his morale-raising efforts. <https://bit.ly/4b7f5Zy>

Stately splendour for less this winter

Visit East Yorkshire has come up with a guide to a host of budget-friendly stately treats across the destination this winter. Many of the area's historic homes and estates offer free or discounted entry, giving visitors a chance to blow off the cobwebs with a walk around secret walled gardens or wintry woodlands. The website guide features everything from free admission to Sewerby Hall Gardens to special entry prices at Burnby Hall Gardens and Museum. <https://bit.ly/48KQGr8>

National Pub of the Year retains its title for second consecutive year

The Tamworth Tap has scooped the Campaign for Real Ale's "National Pub of the Year 2023" award - for the second time in a row. Located in a 16th century building within the shadow of Tamworth's Norman castle, the brewpub is only the second to win the prize twice consecutively (<https://bit.ly/3Srh3fH>). Home to Tamworth Brewing Company and its tap, the venue features a historic courtyard beer terrace, and was judged "Best Pub Garden" in 2022. <https://bit.ly/47L9PHS>

Comic Con Mania is coming to Connexin Live

It has just been announced that Comic Con Mania is coming to Hull entertainment venue, Connexin Live, on 20 July. The UK's 'number one pop culture tour' will feature competitions and parades, retro and current gaming, a selection of traders along with TV and cinema props. While these shows are also known for bringing the biggest and best celebrity talent to meet their fanbase, the expanded and enlarged Comic Con Mania is an entirely fresh concept. <https://bit.ly/3Hux6TK>