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A swift return of flower power in Lincolnshire

Spalding's once world-famous Flower Parade, revived in 2023 after a 10-year absence, will be back in 2025 - and this year it's all about the music. Along with a musical themed parade of floats on Saturday 10 May, there will be music on Friday night and Saturday afternoon in the Lincolnshire riverside town. The free events will feature the UK's top ABBA tribute band, the country's most entertaining SKA revival show and a Taylor Swift tribute act. <https://bit.ly/4jQ2FcQ>

Loving the BBC's *Miss Austen*? Head to Hampshire's real-life locations

"Oh, the joy of living here in Hampshire, Cassy. 'Tis the very king of counties" declares Jane Austen to her sister Cassandra in the new TV series *Miss Austen*, available on BBC iPlayer (<https://bit.ly/4hOgOFG>). Starring Keeley Hawes, it tells the story of why Cassandra burned Jane's letters after she died. While it was filmed elsewhere, Visit Hampshire has an online guide to the real-life locations from her childhood in Steventon to the cottage in Chawton where she wrote or revised all her novels. <https://bit.ly/41656k2>

Meet Mary and the Hyenas

A group of performers has taken to the stage in Hull for a musical celebrating the life of feminist icon Mary Wollstonecraft. Raised in Beverley, she was known as a trailblazer and literary pioneer, as well as the mother of renowned novelist Mary Shelley. Meet Mary and the Hyenas, created by Hull playwright Maureen Lennon, at Hull Truck Theatre until 1 March. <https://bit.ly/3WLGcn5>

"SNAP"!

Same place, same time, but different pictures... The Natural History Museum's iconic Wildlife Photographer of the Year will once again revisit Sewerby Hall in East Yorkshire with a brand-new show for 2025. From 3 May to 13 July, visitors will be able to enjoy the 60th exhibition featuring images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species and the breathtaking diversity of the natural world. Standard admission charges apply. <https://bit.ly/3WPSmeO>

Make a date for Soul-on-Trent

A special event celebrating 60 years of Northern Soul, Motown, and Philly (1965- 2025) is being staged in Stoke-on-Trent as part of the city's centenary celebrations for 2025. Stoke-on-Trent was - and still is - one of the nation's hotbeds of Northern Soul and was not only famous for its own Golden Torch Club, but also a lead destination for the filming of the 2010 movie *Soulboy*. Early bird tickets for the 5 April event at King's Hall are priced £12. <https://bit.ly/419Ws3S>

Step into spring in Staffordshire

A celebration of the Great Outdoors returns to the countryside, market towns and villages of the Staffordshire Moorlands this spring. The 2025 Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival, from 25 April until 5 May, will feature a variety of walks for all abilities, with most of them free or low-cost. Walks are now being added to the website, including routes through the stunning Roaches, with views as far as Wales; heather filled moorlands; and Tittesworth Water. <https://bit.ly/3xsj8xR>

Burghley's adventurous season blooms early for 2025

For the first time, Burghley Gardens and popular Hide & Secrets Adventure Play will open during the February Half Term as the Elizabethan country estate launches its 2025 season early. Normally closed until the House re-opens, the popular outdoor play area, along with the Sculpture Garden and Garden of Surprises, will welcome visitors from 15 to 23 February - and again over two weekends in March, before the full season begins on 15 March. <https://bit.ly/42NVtb6>