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Are you a Period Drama addict? Put yourself at the centre of your own period drama by visiting the NEC this spring

Doctor Thorne is the latest in the period dramas to reach our TV screens on Sunday evening. Following on from his success with Downton Abbey, Julian Fellowes is repeating his magic with this adaptation of Anthony Trollop's Victorian era novel



Caption: Doctor Thorne - Hat Trick Productions/ITV

Have you ever thought what part your ancestors might play? Would they be living upstairs or downstairs? What would their homes look like and how would they dress? Do you aspire to recreating the look and feel of a bygone era in your own home? Or for that matter dressing in vintage with jewellery to match?

If you are answering YES to any or all of these questions, then why not come along to 'Who Do You Think You Are? Live' - the world's largest family history show - on 7th-9th April and 'Antiques for Everyone' between 7th-10th April at the NEC, Birmingham, and indulge your passions for the past.

At **Who Do You Think You Are? Live**, Antiques Roadshow experts and heirloom detectives, Eric Knowles and Marc Allum, will be on hand to help date any family treasures and place them in their social context. Photograph daters will be looking at the styling, dress and background to unlock the secrets of your own photos, and the Society of Genealogists will be offering one-to-one guidance on your family history research. Listen to TV presenter and Strictly star Anita Rani and actor, author and historian Sir Tony Robinson speak, plus there are a whole host of seminars, presentations and workshops



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about DNA and tracing your family tree. There will even be a full-size replica Spitfire at the show complete with its own ground crew and WW2 props in partnership with Forces War Records.

While at **Antiques for Everyone** more than 230 specialist dealers will be in attendance offering a huge variety of desirable and unusual items. The fair is known for its ceramics, glass, paintings and British and continental furniture, jewellery and vintage clothing, art deco items, silver, decorative collectables, to 20th century design and contemporary pieces. Plus, there is a special feature exhibition all about: 'The Fashion for Lace' - focusing on lace from the 18th to the 21st Century, presented by the Stourbridge based Lace Guild Museum. View any episode of Doctor Thorne and you will see how lace was used to create frills, ruffles and bows on ladies' bonnets and dresses. It was also an indicator of wealth. Come and discover more about this fascinating tale of human skill and artistry through some remarkable items from the museum's collection.

So why not be part of your own period drama this April? Step back in time with the experts and specialist dealers at the NEC this April with these two separate exhibitions. Find out more about your own family history; be inspired by the art, decoration and interior furnishings that were part of their world and bring them into your own home to add a sense of history and nostalgia.

Special two for one ticket offer

Buy half price tickets for both exhibitions and enjoy two shows two for the price of one: Antiques for Everyone will be at the NEC, Halls 18-19. 7-10 April. Admission costs from £12. For further information and to book advance ticket visit www.antiquesforeveryone.co.uk

Who Do You Think You Are? Live is also at the NEC, hall 2. 7-9 April. Admission costs from £16. All workshops must be booked in advance. For further information visit: www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com and use the code WDYTYAL2016 to claim the 50% ticket price.

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For further information about the Who Do You Think You Are? Live event, press passes, and images, contact:

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