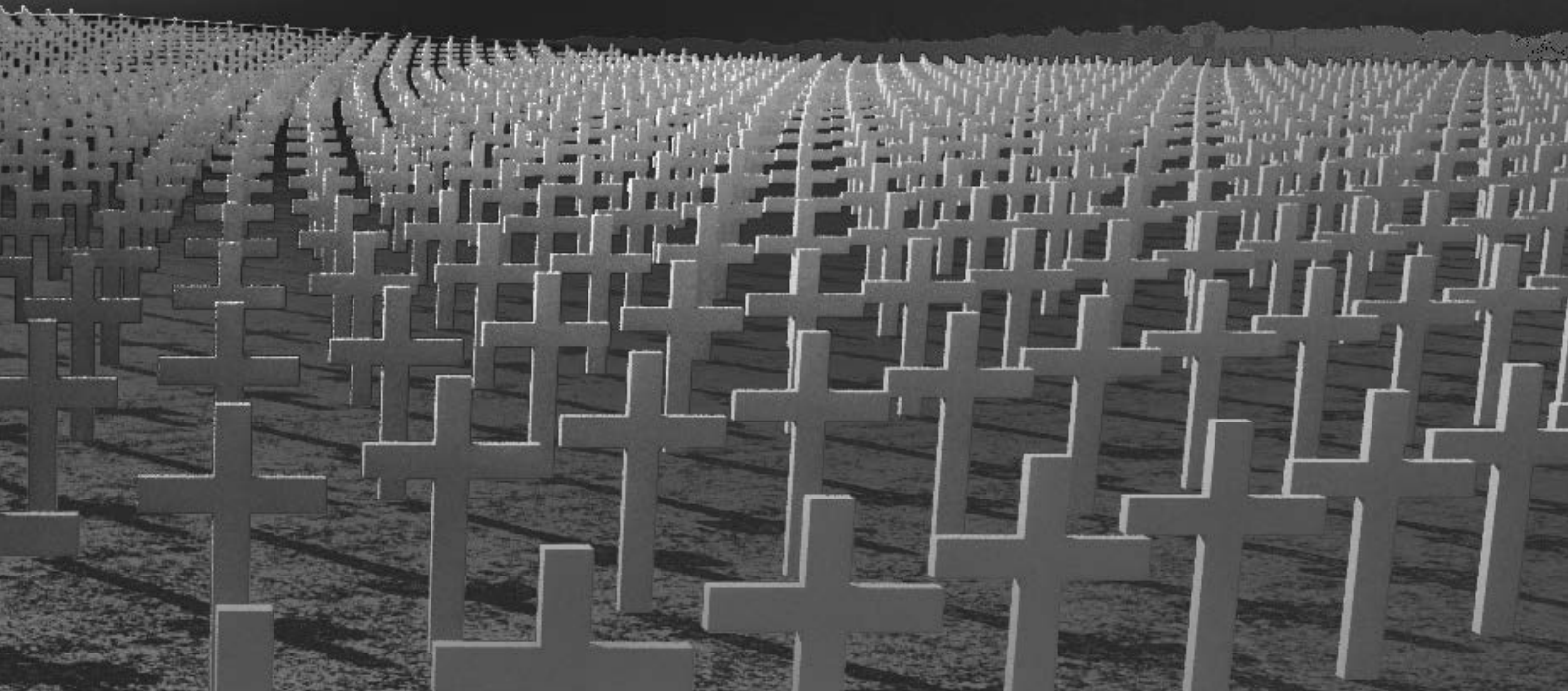


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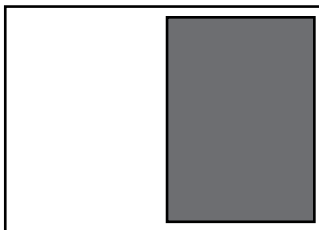
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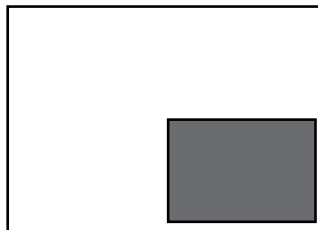
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Paul's News Roundup

Summary of the main news and sports events over the last three months

By Paul G Bazeley for
Government World

October News Review

The second Royal Wedding of 2018 took place as Princess Eugenie married Jack Brooksbank at St Georges Chapel, Windsor Castle. While not quite the same scale as seen earlier in the year, the couple enjoyed a star-studded event with hundreds of people lining the streets to celebrate and join in on the occasion.

In other Royal news, Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex announced they were expecting their first child. The couple had just started their tour in Australia when the news broke. The baby, who will be seventh in line to the throne, is due in spring 2019

It was revealed the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. It is claimed he was tortured before being murdered. The

journalist was very critical of Saudi Arabia and its King in several of his articles. Many politicians and journalists spoke out about the events while the Turkish government launched an investigation into the murder. It is believed there is audio evidence that the journalist recorded on his Apple watch.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad "for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict."

James Allison and Tasuku Honjo won the Nobel Peace Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their work and discoveries in cancer therapy. The prize for Physics was given to Arthur Ashkin, Donna Strickland and Gérard

Mourou for their work on lasers. The Chemistry prize was won by Frances Arnold, George P. Smith and Greg Winter for their work in directed evolution.

The People's Vote Campaign organised a protest at Parliament Square, London to call for a second Brexit referendum deal. The event saw over half a million people attend. The march was also attended by a number of MPs, including London Mayor Sadiq Khan, and a number of celebrities, including Delia Smith, Steve Coogan and Deborah Meaden.

The painting Girl with Balloon by Banksy was auctioned for over £1million in London. After the hammer went down the painting then self-destructed using a shredder built into the frame. It is thought this will only increase the value of the painting.

Taylor Swift won four American Music Awards (artist of the year, tour of the year, favourite female artist pop-rock and favourite album) it takes her total number of AMA

awards to 23, beating Whitney Houston. Camilla Cabello also won four awards, including new artist of the year and Post Malone won favourite male artist pop-rock.

Canada legalised the possession and use of cannabis. They are only the second country after Uruguay and the first G20 country to do so. Information was sent out to millions of households to raise awareness about the new laws, however, others still remain concerned about how ready the country is.

October Sports Review

In the Premier Leagues big matches, Liverpool v Man City finished 0-0, Chelsea 2 - Man Utd 2, West Ham 0 - Tottenham Hotspurs 1. Manchester City ended the month

at the top of the Premier League table on goal difference, with both them and Liverpool on 26 points.

Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, the businessman and owner of Leicester City FC, died in a helicopter crash. The helicopter was seen clearing the Leicester City football stadium before spiralling out of control and crashing in a fireball. Many people laid flowers and scarves to pay their respects to the owner who was incredibly popular with fans. Minute silences were held across football stadiums following the news.

Lewis Hamilton finished fourth at the Mexican Grand Prix to claim the Formula One World Driver's Championship. Hamilton has now won

five championships, equalling Juan Miguel Fangio and being joint second behind Michael Schumacher with seven titles.

In Baseball, the Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Dodgers to claim their ninth World Series.

November News Review

Brexit news - written in chronological order. The MP Jo Johnson resigned as transport minister citing Theresa May's Brexit proposal as his reason for leaving and calls for a second referendum. Later in the month, Theresa May won the backing of her cabinet for her Brexit plan. The Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Dominic Raab and the Secretary of State for work and pensions, Esther McVey later resigned over

May's proposal, they were replaced by Stephen Barclay and Amber Rudd. EU leaders then approve the proposed Brexit deal. The universities minister, Sam Gyimah resigned over the Brexit plan.

The Gilets Jaunes (Yellow Vest) protests take place in France to protest over fuel taxes and living costs. Thousands of people took part in the protests blocking roads around the country. After a few days of protests, things took a violent turn as protestors clashed with police on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Matthew Hedges was sentenced to life in prison in the United Arab Emirates after being convicted of espionage. He is later pardoned and released by the authorities, however, the UAE still claim they believe he is an MI6 agent and was spying.

Hundreds of thousands of people were evacuated in California after a wildfire grew larger and larger. Over 70 people were killed with others still missing (at the time of

writing). It has become the deadliest wildfire in Californian history.

General Mark Carleton-Smith, the head of the British army, says Russia is now a 'far greater threat' to the United Kingdom's national security than Islamic State and that Britain 'cannot be complacent about the threat Russia poses'.

Ross Edgely became the first person to swim around Great Britain. It took Edgely 157 days to swim over 1,500 miles. The 33-year-old endured over 30 jellyfish stings, a rotting tongue, 12-hour swims and ate between 10,000 and 15,000 calories a day.

The former US President George H. W. Bush died at the age of 94. The 41st President of the United

States of America had suffered from a form of Parkinson's Disease since 2012.

Stan Lee, the comic book writer and co-creator of Marvel Comics, died at the age of 95. Lee is responsible for some of the best-known superhero characters including Spiderman, the Incredible Hulk and Iron Man. He appeared in small roles in many of the Marvel films.

Medicinal cannabis was legalised in the United Kingdom. It allows the NHS to prescribe the drug to people with cancer, multiple sclerosis and severe epilepsy.

November Sports Review

Manchester City saw themselves two points clear at the top of the table at the end of

November. Second place Liverpool dropped two points after drawing against Arsenal early on in the month, while City looked impressive as they scored 13 goals in three matches. City's month also included a 3-1 victory against neighbour and rivals Man Utd.

Phil Mickleson beat Tiger Woods after 22 holes of match-play golf to claim the \$9million prize pot.

Alexander Zverev beat Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first ATP Finals title.

Magnus Carlsen wins the World Chess Championship 2018. The Norwegian beat Fabiano Caruana 3-0 in a best of four rapid tiebreakers after twelve consecutive draws.

December News Review

Theresa May maintained her position as British Prime Minister after she won a vote of no confidence 200-117 in the Conservative Party.

For the first time in history, the Government of the United Kingdom were found to be in contempt of Parliament after failing to publish its legal advice on the Brexit withdrawal plan.

Hundreds of flights were cancelled at Gatwick airport between the 19th-21st of the month after reports of drone sightings near the runway. Thousands of people were left stranded and other flights were diverted while the police and eventually the military tried to catch the 'industrial' class drone. On several occasions, the airport was to be re-opened but then the drone would reappear. Two drone enthusiasts were arrested following the debacle, however, they were later released. No further arrests have been made.

The Yellow Vest riots continued

into December with further violent clashes taking place. French Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe announced that President Macron's plans to increase fuel taxes will be suspended for a minimum of six months. The announcement failed to suppress protests and riots which took place throughout the month and saw landmarks such as the Louvre and Eiffel Tower close.

A man attacked civilians killing five and injuring 14 others then fled in a taxi during the annual Christmas market in Strasbourg, France. The man was killed in a shoot-out with Police two days later. He had pledged allegiance to Islamic State.

A man was arrested on New Year's Eve after stabbing three people,

one of which was a police officer, at Victoria Station, Manchester. The three people were treated for non-life threatening injuries. At the time of writing the police were treating the incident as terror-related.

According to the deputy governor of Sweden's central bank, Riksbank, the country could become a cashless society in the next three to five years.

For the first time in 800 years, commuters can travel across the River Severn for free after tolls are scrapped on the Severn Crossing Bridges that link South-West England and South Wales. It means some commuters will save up to £1,400 a year.

A prototype underground tunnel in Los Angeles was unveiled by Elon Musk. The tunnel is designed to

transport cars around the city at high-speed in an attempt to reduce traffic congestion.

Japan withdrew from the International Whaling Commission and announced it intended to resume commercial whaling again in July 2019.

North Korean and South Korean soldiers peacefully crossed the Korean Demilitarised Zone for the first time since 1953.

December Sports Review

UEFA confirmed that a Europa League 2 would begin in 2021. The competition will be the third tier of European football after the Champions League and the Europa League. It has been said the name will change at a later

date.

Luka Modric, the Croatian midfielder, won the Ballon d'Or. He is the first person that isn't Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi to win the award since Kaka in 2007. The Norwegian, Ada Hegerberg won the first Women's Ballon d'Or.

Ronnie O'Sullivan defeated Mark Allen 10-6 to win a record seventh UK Championship Snooker title.

Liverpool finished the month of December seven points clear at the top of the premier league after a poor month for Manchester City. Tottenham Hotspurs stamped their name as title contenders after a strong month saw them just two points behind Man City in second place. Manchester United sacked their manager Jose Mourinho. The Portuguese manager was replaced by former United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer who started his time in charge with a 5-1 win away at Cardiff City.

END

Animal welfare boosted by new law coming into force

New regulations have come into force to strengthen animal welfare, particularly around puppy sales, in England.

These will:

- Ensure that breeders must show puppies alongside their mother before a sale is made.
- Tighten regulations so that puppy sales are completed in the presence of the new owner – preventing online sales where prospective buyers have not seen the animal first.
- Ban licensed sellers from dealing in puppies and kittens under the age of eight weeks.
- Regulate adverts, including on the internet, by ensuring licensed sellers of all pets include the seller's licence number, country of origin and

country of residence of the pet in any advert for sale.

- Introduce a new “star rating” for dog breeders, pet shops and others to help people rate them on their animal welfare standards.

These regulations, which are strongly supported by animal welfare organisations such as the RSPCA who've campaigned for a number of years, complement the government's commitment to introduce a ban on third party sales of puppy and kitten sales which has recently been consulted on.

Animal Welfare Minister, David Rutley, said:

“These regulations will end mistreatment and malpractice of puppies and crack down on unscrupulous breeders so pet owners will have no doubt their new dogs have had the right start



in life.

“The licensing systems for businesses that work with animals have not been reformed for almost fifty years. The changes in place from today simplify these into one system for local authorities, help consumers to make better informed

decisions and will further improve animal welfare.

“These changes form part of our efforts to ensure we have the highest animal welfare standards in the world. This includes making CCTV cameras mandatory in all slaughterhouses as well as our plans to increase prison sentences from six months to five years for animal abusers.”

October

UK festival of creativity and innovation to be held in 2022

A UK-wide festival will showcase the creative and innovative strengths of the nation

A major nationwide festival showcasing the UK's unique strengths in creativity and innovation will be held in 2022.

Backed by £120 million government investment, the Festival of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be a moment of national celebration and help attract new inward business and investment.

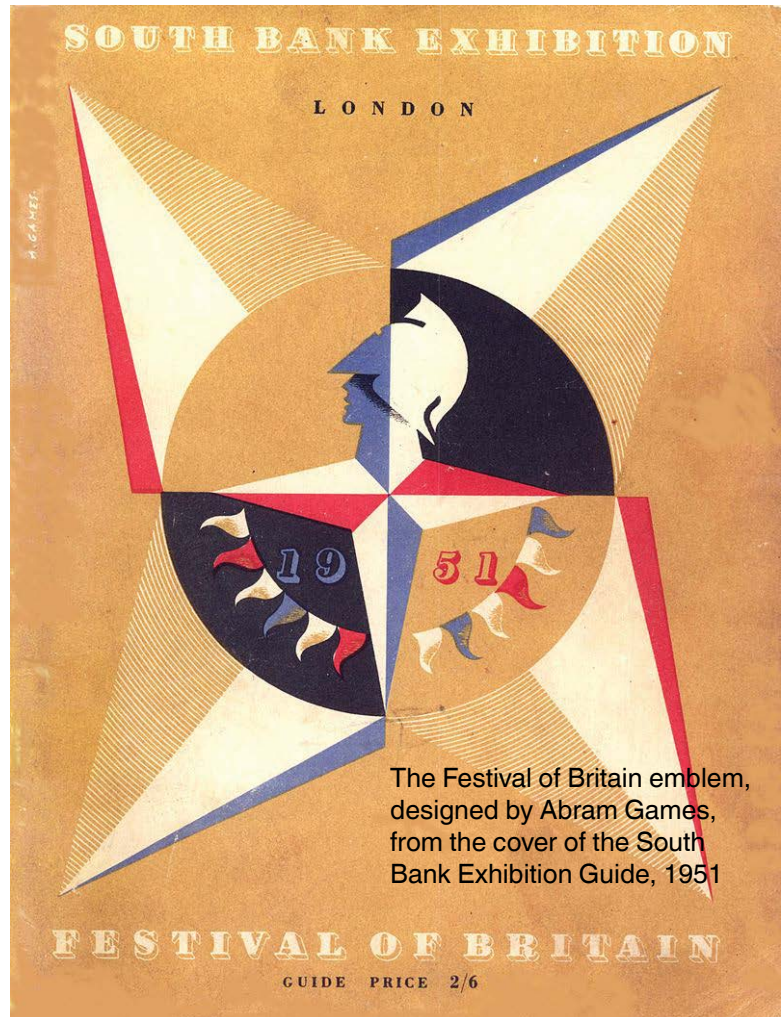
It will deliver an exciting programme of events on arts, culture, design and tech across the country.

Taking place in the year of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the festival will amplify key anniversary celebrations of

some of our most beloved institutions. In 2022, The BBC will mark its 100th birthday, the Edinburgh International and Fringe Festivals will celebrate their 75th anniversary and Birmingham will welcome 54 Heads of State to the Commonwealth Games.

Downing Street described the nationwide festival as a "unique event" that echoes the 1851 Great Exhibition and will take place 70 years after the 1951 Festival of Britain.

Just as millions of Britons celebrated their nation's great achievements in 1951, we want to showcase what makes our country great today," said Prime Minister Mrs May.



The Festival of Britain emblem, designed by Abram Games, from the cover of the South Bank Exhibition Guide, 1951

Super structure lifted over M6 as part of major technology upgrade



The huge 40-metre-wide structure, spanning the width of the motorway, will hold 10 large electronic signs and is the biggest single structure being installed by Highways England during a £274 million smart motorway project in Cheshire.

When the scheme is complete, a total of 258 electronic signs, 104 traffic sensors and 70 CCTV cameras will help keep traffic moving and provide better information for the 118,000 drivers who travel along the 20-mile route

every day.

The upgrade between Crewe and Knutsford also involves converting the hard shoulder to a permanent extra lane to increase capacity by a third. It is one of four smart motorway schemes due to

be completed on the M6 in the next few years to add extra lanes and better technology to 60 miles of the motorway between Coventry and Wigan.



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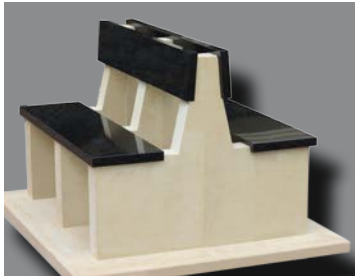
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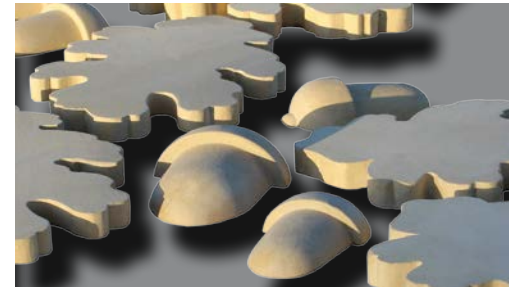
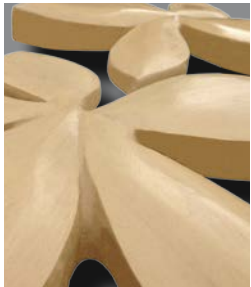
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UK aid arrives: Vital relief lands in Indonesia

An RAF aircraft has successfully delivered 17.5 tonnes of UK aid supplies to those affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Indonesia.

The A400M Atlas touched down at the international relief centre at Balikpapan, which is the humanitarian operational hub for the affected region, at 1302 local time (0602BST).

On board were 1,280 much-needed shelter kits and 288 hygiene kits, as part of the £3 million pledged by the Department for International Development (DFID) to the relief effort. The aircraft was also carrying 3 tonnes of Indonesian supplies, in addition to the 17.5 tonnes of UK aid.

A DFID aid flight also departed for Balikpapan, Indonesia, from the UK last night, carrying vital supplies to support the earthquake and tsunami relief efforts.

The UK aid package includes much-needed air cargo handling equipment. This includes a forklift truck and conveyor belt that will rapidly increase the rate that humanitarian aid can be transferred off flights and distributed to affected communities. Other equipment includes transport trucks and a lighting tower generator.

This will speed up the delivery of aid to those that need it most by facilitating a greater turnaround of aid-carrying flights at Balikpapan Airport.

The UK has responded to information from the Indonesian government about the needs of the residents. There is a DFID team of humanitarian experts in Indonesia coordinating the response.

In addition, the UK

Government has also announced it will match pound-for-pound the first £2 million raised by the generous British public to the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal launched yesterday by the Disasters Emergency Committee.



President Joko Widodo amidst collapsed buildings in Palu
Photo by Presidential Staff of Indonesia via Wikimedia Commons

UK-France space agreement delivers device to ocean satellite

A device built in the UK by Honeywell, which will form a vital part of the mission to make the first global survey of the world's surface waters and oceans, has been delivered to Thales Alenia Space in France.

The Surface Water and Ocean Topography, or SWOT, mission is led by CNES (the French Space Agency) and NASA with support from the UK Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency. The UK Space Agency and CNES signed a joint statement in January 2018 during the UK-France Summit in Sandhurst to step up co-operation in space, building on 2014's

Brize-Norton framework arrangement.

The warming of Earth's climate may profoundly alter the movement of freshwater resources from lakes to rivers to reservoirs, resulting in significant societal impact. The SWOT satellite will use radar technology to

measure the features of oceans, coastlines, rivers and lakes across the globe to improve understanding of changes over time and their impact on farming, industry and human populations.

The UK-built device, known as a duplexer, is a vital component that routes

radar signals around the satellite and can transmit at a power of 1,500W – a level never before seen in this kind of device.

It will now be integrated into a Radio-Frequency Unit by Thales Alenia Space before NASA engineers add it to their KaRin instrument developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California. The satellite is due to launch 2021.

Government releases funding to replace unsafe cladding

The government has started distributing an estimated £400 million to remove and replace unsafe aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding systems on social sector high-rise housing in England owned by social landlords.

Twelve local authorities and 31 housing associations are being told that they have been allocated the money they need to cover the cost of removing and replacing unsafe ACM cladding from social, residential buildings they own which are 18 metres or higher.

This funding will enable local authorities and housing associations to get on with the job of making their buildings safe without having an impact on other vital services. As work is ongoing, costs are subject to change, and that is why the government

will be closely monitoring progress.

Secretary of State for Communities, the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP said:

“There is nothing more important than ensuring people are safe in their homes and that is why I am pleased the £400 million funding has started to be released.

“We are doing the right thing by residents and fully funding the replacement of unsafe ACM cladding in social housing buildings 18 metres or above.

“In the private sector, I want to see landlords protect leaseholders from these costs. I am pleased that a number have stepped forward to do so, including Barratt Developments, Legal & General, Taylor Wimpey, Mace and Peabody. However, there

are some who are not engaging in this process. If they don't, I have ruled nothing out.”

The latest figures from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government show that over 75% of social housing buildings with unsafe ACM cladding have completed remediation or are currently removing and replacing the cladding, with plans in place for the remaining 25%. Interim fire safety measures are in place in all affected buildings to keep residents safe until the cladding has been replaced.

Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the government established a comprehensive building safety programme that included an independent review of fire safety and building regulations.



Grenfell Tower fire, 4:43 a.m.
Photo by Natalie Oxford via Wikimedia Commons

Climate change: Council adopts conclusions

The EU is agreeing its position on climate change ahead of COP24.

The Council has adopted conclusions on climate change which emphasise the unprecedented urgency which is needed to step up global efforts to avoid the dangerous effects of climate change. Climate change is happening and its effects are being felt all over the world. Environment ministers are sending a strong political signal in these conclusions, which constitute the basis for the EU's position at the forthcoming COP24 climate conference in Katowice, Poland, in December.

Elisabeth Köstinger, Austrian federal minister of sustainability and tourism said:

“We have underlined again that the EU will continue to lead the way in global action on climate action. The

EU needs to play a crucial role in this important issue. Today's conclusions give us a robust and consistent position for COP24.”

In the conclusions, ministers also react to the special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels which was published yesterday.

The EU is committed to the Paris Agreement and is implementing ambitious policies. In their conclusions, environment ministers recall the progress made in recent months by the EU on legislation which delivers on its commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These include the new EU 2030 renewable energy target of 32%, the new energy efficiency target of 32.5%, the reform of the EU



emission trading system, the emission reduction targets in sectors falling outside the scope of ETS and the integration of land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) in the EU's climate and energy framework. Low-emissions and climate resilient growth is possible: The EU is continuing successfully

to decouple economic growth from emissions. Between 1990 and 2016, the EU's GDP grew by 53% while total emissions fell by 22.4%. The EU's share of global greenhouse gas emissions fell from an estimated 17.3% in 1990 to 9.9% in 2012.

The EU considers that collective and fair action by all is the best way to achieve ambitious action on climate change.

Ending the Conflict in Yemen

Destroyed house in the south of Sanaa 12-6-2015.
Photo by brahem Qasim from Wikimedia Commons



Press Statement from
Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State,
Washington, DC:

The United States calls on all parties to support UN Special Envoy Martin Griffiths in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in Yemen based on the agreed references.

The time is now for the cessation of hostilities, including missile and UAV strikes from Houthi-controlled areas into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Subsequently, Coalition air strikes must cease in all populated areas in Yemen.

Substantive consultations under the UN Special Envoy must commence this November in a third country to implement confidence-building measures to address the underlying issues of the conflict, the demilitarization of borders, and the concentration of all large weapons under international observation.

A cessation of hostilities and vigorous resumption of a political track will help ease the humanitarian crisis as well.

It is time to end this conflict, replace conflict with compromise, and allow the Yemeni people to heal through peace and reconstruction.



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New Signings for 2019 London Fabric Show

Two new companies are exhibiting at the London Fabric Show in March 2019.

The UK's Bill Beaumont Textiles and Ragolle N.V from Belgium are both renowned fabric producers with long histories and extensive collections of upholstery and soft furnishing fabrics.

Bill Beaumont Textiles is based in Lancashire and as well as supplying upholstery fabrics they are a leading brand in the supply of curtain fabrics, made to measure soft furnishings and wall-coverings. The company is currently run by the sixth generation of the Beaumont family to take the reigns. Daniel Beaumont is the eldest son of ex England Rugby star Bill Beaumont.

Ragolle N.V is one of Belgium's leading

manufacturers of jacquard woven rugs and upholstery fabrics. They also produce broadloom carpets and fabrics for cushions and curtains. Their in-house design department continually updated their designs and colours and they use a combination of computerised techniques and traditional methods to produce their fabrics.

The London Fabric Show features over 35 high-end fabric producers from the UK and Europe and is organised by the BFM (British Furniture Manufacturers Association). The 2019 event takes place on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March at Chelsea F.C. in Fulham. For more information and to register go to www.londonfabricshow.uk

Scourge of the van thieves

Police seemingly powerless to combat epidemic levels of theft from commercial vehicles.

Life is tough for companies trying to make an honest living in the UK today. Working to complete hard won contracts far from home and office is challenging enough, but after your staff have been booked into a conveniently located motel, all plans for an early start might just disappear - along with your equipment.

Being faced with damaged vans and loss of valuable tools and equipment can be devastating or even terminal for a company.

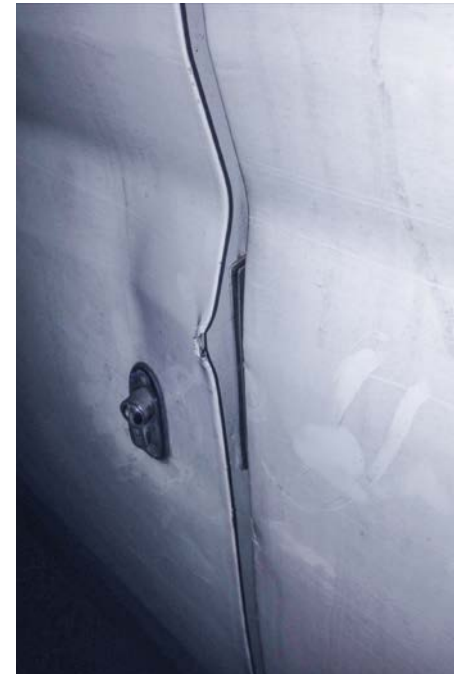
The morning the pictures opposite were taken, the hotel Night Desk Manager had witnessed thieves breaking into FOUR vehicles in total. They followed procedure and called the police who simply gave them a crime number. No wonder fleet insurance is sky high!

The total cost to companies in lost working hours, administration, vehicle repairs, replacement of equipment and higher insurances must

be astronomical, and yet the police seem powerless to do anything.

The thieves are that confident in not getting caught that in this instance they brazenly used heavy equipment, first to break through the car park security fencing and then proceeded to smash and cut their way into multiple vehicles, emptying them of their contents, all under the eyes of a hotel staff member and CCTV cameras. The police response to simply issue crime number and leave it to the victims and insurance companies to sort out is madness...

There is currently an online petition <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/231177> calling on the Government to consider what more can be done to tackle this problem, whether it be introducing new legislation, additional sentencing guidelines or regulations on the reselling of tools, but something needs to be done. Please sign and show your support!



Cut livestock by 50% says new report

A new report by the Committee on Climate Change entitled 'Land use: Reducing emissions and preparing for climate change' has been published.

The Government needs to address climate change, which threatens the land's ability to provide critical services including clean water, healthy soils and timber, and ensure sufficient food production for an increasing population and space for new homes.

Overall, the report finds that fundamental reform is required to ensure land becomes a more effective carbon store, whilst early action is needed to maximise the benefits from changing how land is used.

The report's key recommendations are:

- New land use policy should promote transformational land uses and reward landowners for public goods that deliver climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. New policies should also reflect better the value of the goods and services that land provides
- Support should be provided to help land managers transition to alternative land uses

The key findings from the report are:

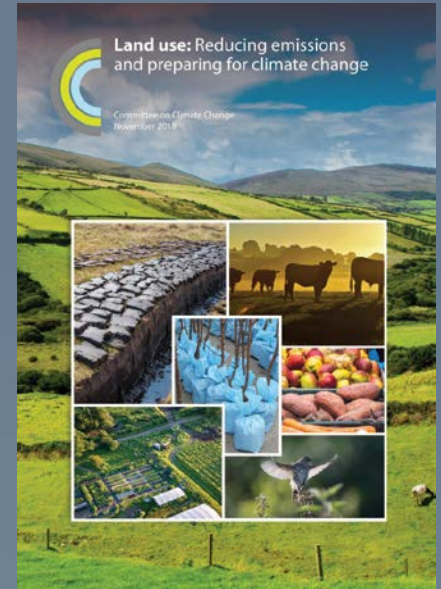
- Climate change impacts are already altering the land's use, while the services provided by the natural environment are being degraded
- Land is a critical natural resource, but past policies governing the use of UK land have been fragmented and incomplete

- New land-use policy must promote radically different uses of UK land
- Alternative uses of land can be economic for farmers and land managers, but Government must provide help for them to transition

However, the report has been criticized as 'blinkered' by the National Farming Union (NFU) for declaring that around 58% of agricultural emissions recorded in 2016 was produced directly from sheep and cattle.

The report states that reducing beef and lamb production by between 20% and 50% would free up between 3 and 7 million hectares of UK land which can be replanted or restored to woodland and natural peatlands.

The NFU states that the



report simply does not recognise the environmental benefits that grass fed livestock brings to the UK.

The Soil Association were less critical stating that farmers were not to blame for the slow progress in cutting emissions from agriculture and that farmers must be adequately supported in the Agriculture Bill and associated policy to transition towards low-carbon farming systems.

Flanders - State of the Art

Flanders encompasses the Art Cities of Brussels, Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen and offers a huge range of opportunities for culture, gastronomy, nightlife, shopping, art, architecture and of course, cycling.

Flanders State of the Art initiative promotes these aspects of Belgian culture as part of the governments Investment and Trade Department, organising and supporting events around the world. In the UK, Flanders are a regular feature in the London arts scene, staging events such as the Flanders Day celebration at the Royal Academy of Arts in London's Piccadilly.

The event saw representatives from UK business and trade organisations such as the British Furniture Manufacturers' Director

Jackie Bazeley and CEO of Welters Organisation Worldwide Keith Welters.

Keith said 'As owner of a design and innovation company, the Flanders State of the Art initiative is really something I can identify with. There is a rich history between the UK and Belgium and in particular with the Flanders region, and it is exciting to see them building on their legacy of artistry and craftsmanship in both established and new fields of art and design'

Most recently, the Flanders Government hosted their annual Flanders Remembers event at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the centenary of the First World War Armistice. This special concert also provided and opportunity for Flanders to thank all their partners for a close and successful collaboration during the centenary of the Great War.



Keith Welters - CEO of Welters Organisation Worldwide



Government
of Flanders



£25m investment in future of #OurValleys

Last month, Welsh Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford announced £25m of capital investment in the draft Budget to create seven strategic hubs across the South Wales Valleys, in line with the priorities of the Ministerial Taskforce for the South Wales Valleys, which Alun Davies chairs.

The taskforce's plan Our Valleys, Our Future, included seven strategic hubs for the Valleys – areas of focused public sector investment, which aim to attract private sector investment, creating jobs and opportunities within the Valleys.

The seven areas identified as strategic hubs are accessible within 45 minutes to

most people living within Valley communities by public transport. These are Northern Bridgend, Ebbw Vale, Cwmbran, Merthyr, Pontypridd, Caerphilly, and Neath.

Mr Davies said:

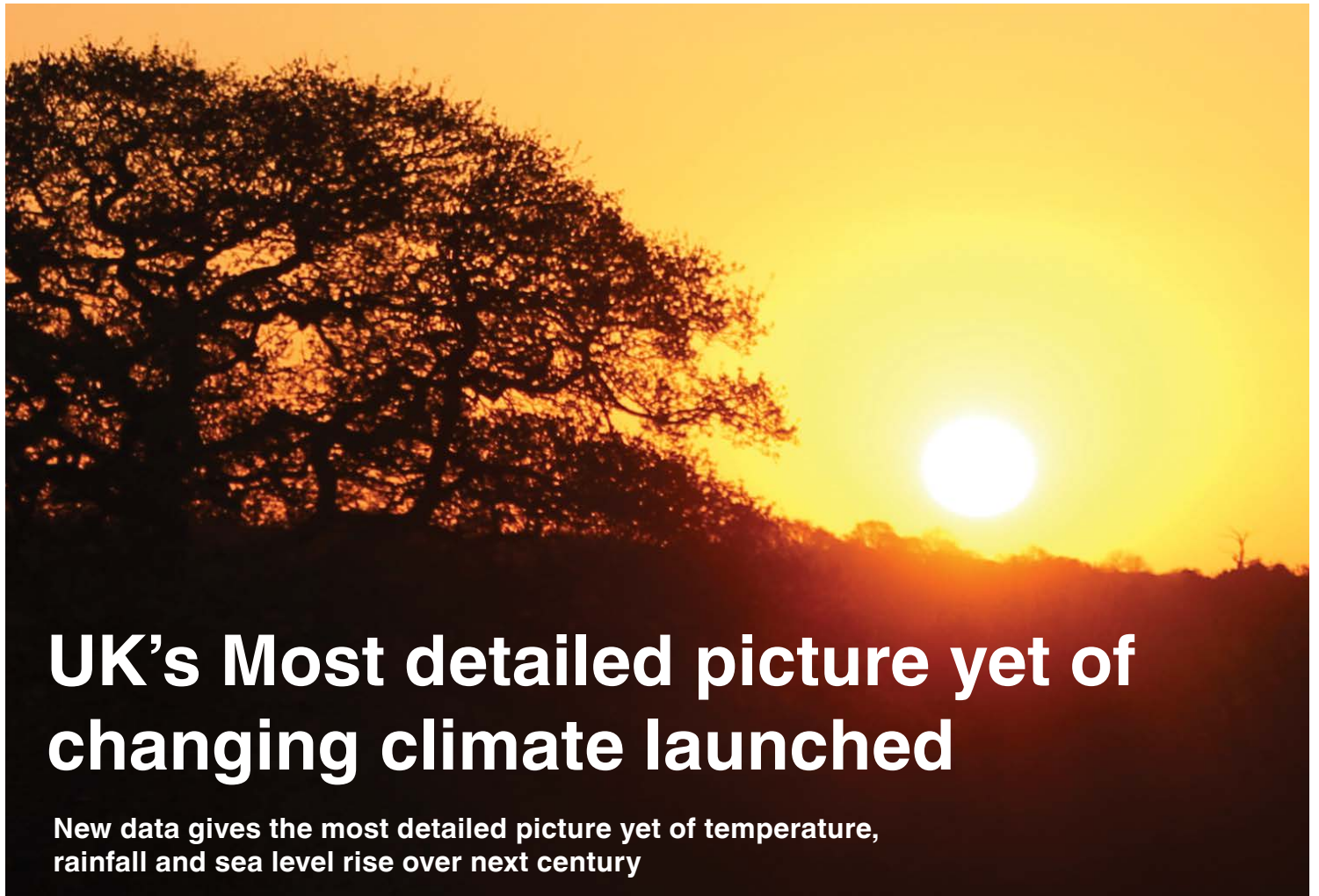
“We’ve been working hard with our local partners, including local government, to identify schemes which will stimulate local economies if supported in the right way. This announcement will enable us to take forward those projects that we believe have the best chance of achieving our aims.”

The funding will be delivered through a strategic hubs grant fund, which will enable local authorities and third sector organisations to bid for

capital funding to develop projects in their areas in line with the taskforce's priorities, as set out in Our Valleys, Our Future. The scheme will support projects which will create fair and high-quality jobs, enhance skills and support entrepreneurship. The ultimate aim is to create long-term sustainable economic prosperity in the South Wales Valleys and transform places.

The criteria for the fund will ensure investment is made which adds value, develops collaboration across public, private and third sectors to target investment in the strategic hub areas and strengthen the impact of other Welsh Government investment.

Image by G.Evans91 (View of Darranlas from Penrhiwcaradog Farm) Source: Wikipedia commons



UK's Most detailed picture yet of changing climate launched

New data gives the most detailed picture yet of temperature, rainfall and sea level rise over next century

The UK's most comprehensive picture yet of how the climate could change over the next century has been launched by Environment Secretary Michael Gove.

Using the latest science from the Met Office and around the world, the UK Climate Projections 2018 illustrate a range of future climate scenarios until 2100 – showing increasing summer temperatures, more extreme weather and rising sea levels are all on the horizon and urgent international action is needed.

To help homes and businesses plan for the future, the results set out a range of possible outcomes over the next century based on different rates of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. The high

emission scenario shows:

- Summer temperatures could be up to 5.4C hotter by 2070, while winters could be up to 4.2C warmer
- The chance of a summer as hot as 2018 is around 50% by 2050
- Sea levels in London could rise by up to 1.15 metres by 2100
- Average summer rainfall could decrease by up to 47 per cent by 2070, while there could be up to 35 per cent more precipitation in winter.

Sea levels are projected to rise over the 21st century and beyond under all emission scenarios – meaning we can expect to see an increase in both the frequency and magnitude of extreme water levels around the UK coastline.

The UK already leads the world in tackling climate change – with emissions reduced by more than 40 per cent since 1990. However these projections show a future we could face without further action.

Today's projections are the first major update of climate projections in nearly 10 years, building on the success of UKCP09 and ensuring the most up-to-date scientific evidence informs decision-making.

With climate change a global challenge, for the first time, UKCP presents international projections, allowing other nations to use this data to gauge future risks for food supply chains, or check rainfall projections for the likelihood of localised flooding.

This announcement also comes as the UK marks the 10th anniversary of its

Climate Change Act – the world's first legally binding legislation to tackle climate change. Just last month the government hosted Green GB Week – a week of action highlighting the economic opportunities from tackling climate change, encouraging communities and businesses to do more.

While these projections highlight the need for further urgent action, since 1990 the UK has cut emissions by more than 40 per cent while growing the economy by more than two thirds, the best performance on a per person basis than any other G7 nation.

While it is not possible to give a precise prediction of how weather and climate will change years into the future, UKCP18 provides a range of outcomes that capture the spread of possible future climates, so we can develop and test robust plans.

The projections will be factored into the UK's flood adaptation planning and the Environment Agency's advice to flood and coastal erosion risk management authorities.

welters® - Quality furniture that endures worldwide

Classic style appeals on a global scale as welters furniture items are traded across the planet.



The famous brand name

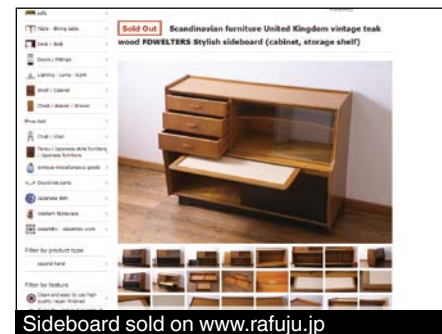


Classic example of welters stylish mid-century furniture design

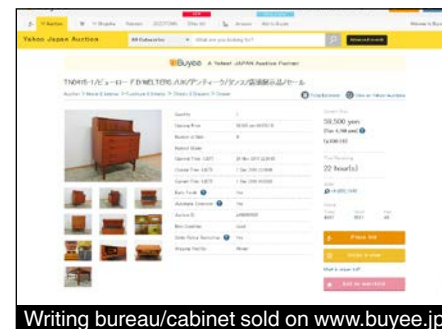
The welters® name has been synonymous with quality furniture making for almost 100 years. Although primarily serving the British markets, over time innumerable items have found themselves exported abroad, either through commercial outlets or more

commonly accompanying families emigrating to far flung lands and bringing their beloved possessions with them. The enduring style of welters® mid-century designs has meant that over the years their appeal has grown and now considered desirably vintage and very

collectable, especially amongst young professionals, who combine classic styling with modern gadgetries, creating a retro-techno hybrid of interior design in which welters® furniture of this era is particularly suited. As such it is not uncommon to see such items appearing on



Sideboard sold on www.rafuju.jp



Writing bureau/cabinet sold on www.buyee.jp

various internationally based websites. Two most recent examples appeared on separate websites in Japan and featured the welters® sideboard and writing bureau/cabinet. Other items have appeared for sale across Europe and in countries such as America and Australia, which really illustrates the longevity of the appeal in the company's legacy of classic furniture designs.

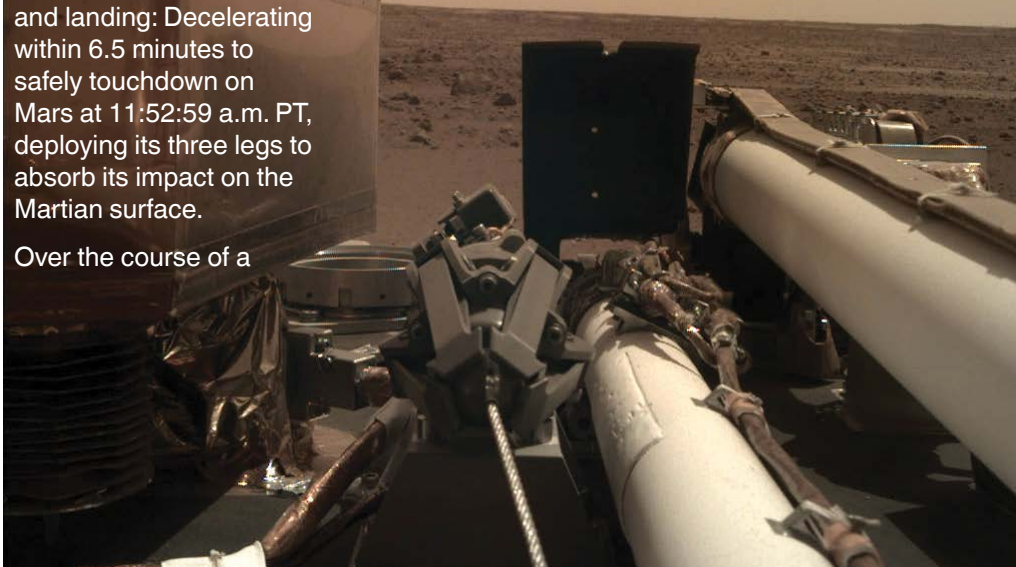
Nasa's InSight makes safe landing on Mars

After launching on May 5, 2018, InSight began a 6.5-month cruise through space. On Nov. 26, it hit a target point at the top of the Martian atmosphere at about six times the speed of a high-velocity bullet. It then began a process known as entry, descent and landing: Decelerating within 6.5 minutes to safely touchdown on Mars at 11:52:59 a.m. PT, deploying its three legs to absorb its impact on the Martian surface.

Over the course of a

couple months, InSight will prepare for surface science operations by using a robotic arm to grasp its science instruments and place them directly onto the surface of Mars. It will be the first space mission to

ever do so. Its heat probe will pound deeper into the Martian ground than any previous space mission has gone. InSight will continue to collect clues about the planet's interior until at least November 2020.



The spacecraft unlatched its robotic arm on Nov. 27, 2018, the day after it landed on Mars. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

welters® Windsor Chairs

The company is celebrating its return to the 'of the moment' Windsor Chair design with a comprehensive and all embracing range of furniture elements.



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Humans overtake nature as the biggest contributors to landscape evolution

According to The British Geological Survey (BGS), humans now have a greater effect on shaping the surface of the Earth than natural processes do. Humans move about 24 times more material around the surface of the planet than rivers move sediment to the oceans. This movement, and the resulting change to landscapes, has accelerated since the mid-20th Century. It is therefore a significant characterisation of the proposed new epoch of geological time – the Anthropocene.

Three studies by scientists from the British Geological Survey and the University of Leicester have helped to determine the scale of human activity on our environment.

Humans are the most significant global geomorphological driving force of the 21st Century

We excavate the planet for minerals and modify the landscape to develop our expanding cities and infrastructure. A study by Dr Anthony Cooper and his co-authors estimates that 316 billion metric tons (a

volume of about 150 km³) of sediment is currently created annually by humans through these activities. This is 24 times greater than the sediment shifted each year by all the world's major rivers.

A 100 years' worth of data on mineral, metal and cement production (and the waste materials these generate), plus construction, dredging and land reclamation estimates have been studied. These all show a dramatic increase in the amount of sediment created during the mid-20th century onwards as the world's

population has grown.

Dr Anthony Cooper said: "For some resources, such as gold and diamonds, the amount of rock removed to retrieve quite small amounts of ore are enormous. A typical gold wedding ring containing 4 grams of gold now requires the excavation of between 4 and 20 metric tons of rock."

Quantifying anthropogenic modification of the shallow geosphere in central London, UK

Our cities have evolved over the centuries and now largely sit upon artificially modified ground (AMG). Ricky Terrington and his team at BGS have estimated these human-generated deposits that have



accumulated in one city, London.

To determine the thickness and composition of this AGM, the team used historical and modern maps, digital models and borehole records from across the City of London and Tower Hamlets boroughs. The average thickness of AMG in the City of London Borough is around 3.75 metres and equates to the height of a full grown adult elephant. The total volume of human generated deposits is the equivalent of three filled Wembley stadiums or 4700 Olympic-

sized swimming pools.

This data was extrapolated across Greater London and the team estimate that the total human-generated accumulations weigh in at around 6 billion metric tonnes.

They also found that almost half of these artificial deposits have accumulated since the end of

World War II, despite this time interval representing only 3% of the total history of the city.

Recognising anthropogenic modification of the

subsurface in the geological record

We are increasingly excavating the subsurface for minerals, to construct buildings, tunnels, to sink boreholes and wells, to store wastes and resources and to test weapons. Our man made intrusions into the Earth change the physical structure and chemistry of the underground. A study led by Prof Colin Waters, based at the University of Leicester, investigated whether it is possible to distinguish humankind's development of the Earth's subsurface from natural processes. The

infrastructure we introduce into the underground may provide a long-lasting and clear record of human interaction with the subsurface. However, the study found that the fracturing of rocks and the mineral or chemical changes as a result of this infrastructure often

do not extend far from the original site. In many cases these changes can be very difficult to discriminate from natural processes.

Prof Waters commented that “our increasing interventions into the deeper parts of our planet will undoubtedly confound generations of geologists from the far future, as erosion and uplift will eventually expose our currently unseen activities.”

welters - Powering the Global Economy



welters organisation worldwide grew throughout the global recession and they're not going to let a little thing like Brexit stop them.

The company has won several high volume contracts during 2018 which has resulted in a healthy increase in material

imports from abroad. With more orders on the books and works programmed deep into 2019, **welters**® are secure in the fact that their business model is successfully propelling the organisation in a direction of strength and continued growth. The seas may have been rough and there may be storm clouds ahead,

but with a steady hand at the helm the company is confident in a bright future. Owner and CEO Keith Welters said, "I am proud of what we have achieved throughout the recession and the trajectory of continued investment and commitment to service reaffirms our leading position in the Industry".





New crew and UK experiment head to the International Space Station

The crew includes two new astronauts, Anne McClain (USA), and David Saint-Jacques (Canada). They join veteran cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko in blasting off to space on a Russian Soyuz crew ship from the

Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 11.31am (GMT) on 3 December.

Their six-and-a-half-month mission involves the first launch of a Soyuz rocket since the emergency landing of a capsule just

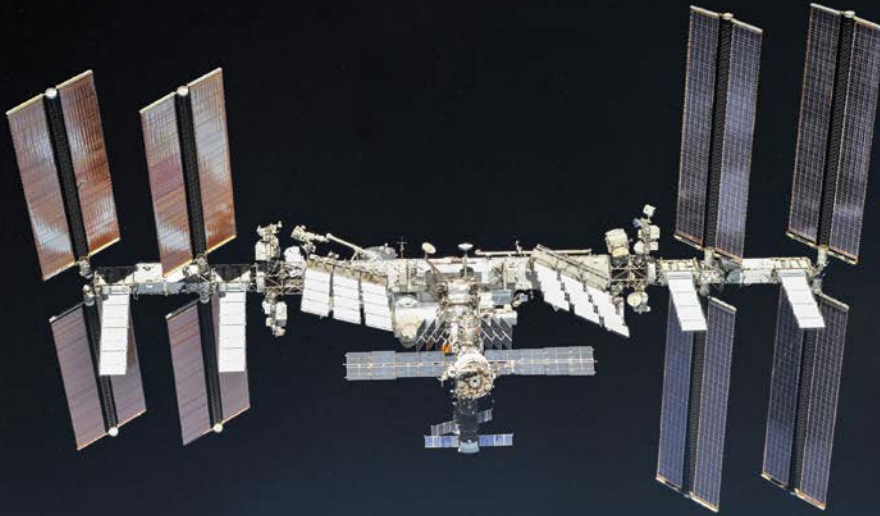
after launch on 11 October 2018.

Once at the station, SpaceX will launch its Dragon cargo craft from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral on a Falcon 9

rocket. On board will be the first UK-led experiment to head to the ISS, which uses worms to look at muscle loss in space and could lead to new treatments for muscular conditions for people on Earth.

The team of scientists from Exeter, Nottingham and Lancaster universities involved in this project hope to discover more about muscle loss in space, which in turn could lead to developing effective therapies and new treatments for muscular dystrophies. The research could also help boost our understanding of ageing muscle loss and even help improve treatments for diabetes.

The microscopic worms being used in the experiment, known as *C. elegans*, share many of the essential biological characteristics as humans and are affected by biological changes in space, including alterations to muscle and the ability to use energy.



iss056e201248 (Oct. 4, 2018) --- The International Space Station photographed by Expedition 56 crew members from a Soyuz spacecraft after undocking. Source: nasa.gov

England's first motorway turns 60 with major technology upgrade

60 years ago on 5th Dec 1958, 2,300 drivers drove along a new road for the first time...and straight into the history books.

The eight-mile section of road they were driving on was the Preston bypass – the very first motorway in Britain, which is now part of the M6. It had just two lanes in each direction, no safety barrier in the central reservation and no electronic signs or other technology.

Today hundreds of thousands of drivers travel

more than 20 million miles on the M6 every day, accounting for one in eight of all motorway journeys.

They are now on the cusp of a major technology transformation which will significantly improve journeys on the M6. In the latest stage of the motorway's evolution, Highways England is now pledging to complete four upgrades on the M6 by spring 2022 to add extra lanes and better technology to 60 miles of the motorway between Coventry and Wigan.

The first upgrade between Crewe and Knutsford in Cheshire is due to be finished by spring next year, and contractors are currently completing the installation of 258 electronic signs, 104 traffic sensors and 70 CCTV cameras along the 20-mile route.

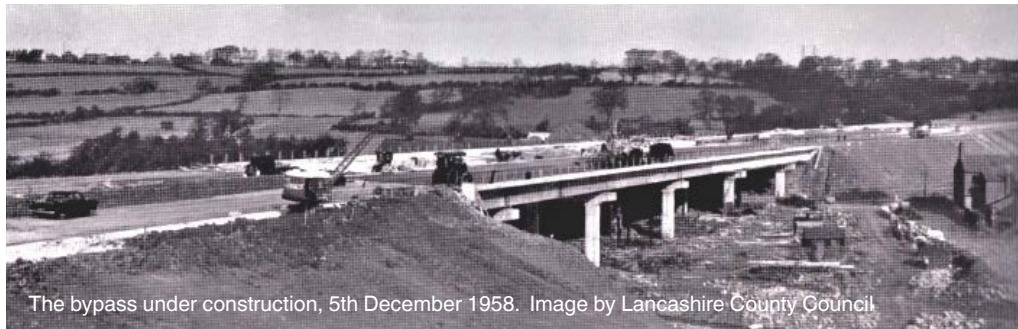
The four upgrades, worth around £900 million, also involve converting the hard shoulder to a permanent extra lane to increase capacity by a third.

The amount of traffic using England's motorways has

increased by almost two thirds in the past 25 years alone, including more than double the number of vans as next day deliveries become a part of everyday life.

England's motorways now cover nearly 1,800 miles and the Preston bypass is almost unrecognisable following a major upgrade to a four lane motorway in the 1990s which replaced all the original bridges.

The new smart motorway technology will allow variable speed limits to be automatically set on overhead signs to improve the flow of traffic, preventing stop-start conditions and tailbacks caused by sudden braking.



The bypass under construction, 5th December 1958. Image by Lancashire County Council



The bypass being used shortly after opening, 1958. Image by Lancashire Evening Post

UK Marks 70th Anniversary of UN Declaration of Human Rights

Minister for Human Rights Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon hosted a panel discussion to mark the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

On the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights the Minister for Human Rights Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon, hosted a panel discussion with Human Rights Defenders Dina Meza and Wanjeri Nderu, alongside Kate Allen, Director of Amnesty International UK. The meeting focussed on Human Rights Defenders who stand up for the rights of all persecuted communities around the world.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, the UK supported over 240 Human

Rights Defenders, training them in self-protection and collective protection strategies and providing legal assistance for their cases.

Britain is a global defender of human rights, fundamental freedoms, and democratic values, and has championed campaigns to end modern slavery and human trafficking, to prevent sexual violence in conflict, and to ensure at least 12 years of quality education for girls.

It was also announced that the UK will co-chair the Equal Rights Coalition in partnership with Argentina from June 2019.

In June 1946, the UN Economic and Social Council established the Commission on Human Rights, comprising 18 members from various nationalities and political



Eleanor Roosevelt and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Spanish text. Source: Franklin D Roosevelt Library website

backgrounds. The Commission, a standing body of the United Nations, was constituted to undertake the work of preparing what was initially conceived as an International Bill of Rights.

The Commission established a special

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Drafting Committee, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, to write the articles of the Declaration. The Committee met in two sessions over the course of two years. The historic document was then adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its third session on 10 December 1948 as Resolution 217 at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris, France.

Drop the double standards and get on with governing, SNP told

The SNP has been told to focus on domestic responsibilities and end its hypocritical “abuse” of the UK Government.

Nicola Sturgeon has spent much of early December issuing critical tweets and statements about matters outwith the responsibility of Holyrood, including the delayed vote on the Brexit deal.

This is despite dithering on her own constitutional dilemma for the best part of two years.

And at First Minister’s Questions, Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw pointed out that even when progress in devolved areas was being

made, it was actually due to UK Government policies, not the SNP’s.

He highlighted a tax cut trumpeted by Derek Mackay in the budget, £130 of which is thanks to Chancellor Philip Hammond’s decisions, and just 49p due to SNP measures.

Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw said:

“Expert organisations and even her own budget documents show block grant investment from Westminster is going up.

“The only person who can’t accept this is Nicola Sturgeon.

“Scotland is in the slow lane under the SNP.

“While the UK Chancellor is committing to tax cuts for hardworking families, the nationalists’ policies provide them with enough extra cash for a packet of crisps.

“Instead of governing for Scotland, the First Minister is intent on hurling abuse from the sidelines.

“Stoking up indignation to a delayed vote in Westminster when she’s spent her entire time as First Minister dangling Scotland over the cliff of another independence referendum.

“It’s the double standards and hypocrisy for which this SNP government has become renowned.”



Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw MSP

Design Icon: Gibson Les Paul

By Paul Bazeley

Plug in and turn the volume up to eleven. Yes, this time the design icon is a guitar used by musical legends, the Gibson Les Paul.

The story of the Les Paul begins when Fender released the Telecaster, a guitar made from a solid body. Gibson saw this and decided they needed to gain some of the market share of solid body guitars. At this point, they approached the musician Les Paul to help them design some solid body electric guitars. Funnily enough, a few years prior to this, Les Paul had actually approached the company with the idea of building a solid body electric guitar and was in fact ridiculed by the company.

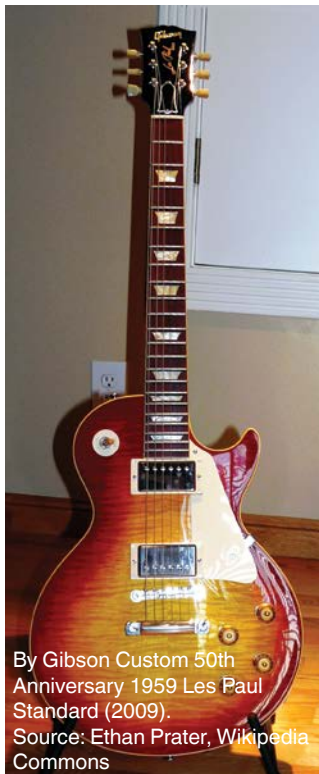
Nevertheless, the thought of increased sales meant Gibson had a change of heart and the first Gibson Les Paul was released in

1952. To this day it is still unclear who designed most of the guitar. Gibson claim they had pretty much finished the guitar and asked Paul to add some finishing touches to it and then endorse it, however, Les Paul claims he already had ideas for certain aspects of the guitar and that Gibson gave him the overall decision of how the guitar was designed.

Over the next few years, the original gold top design received a few minor changes but stayed true to the original 52 model and the Les Paul Custom and the Les Paul junior were also added to the range, although it is the Les Paul standard which has remained the stand-out of the range. In 1958 the sunburst models began to appear as the gold top design was phased out, it is the sunburst model that still remains heavily popular today.

Although, the sunburst

Les Paul may be a design icon now yet originally the sales and popularity were poor. Although over 58 and 60 small changes were made, changes which many guitarists believe make this era of guitars some of the



By Gibson Custom 50th Anniversary 1959 Les Paul Standard (2009). Source: Ethan Prater, Wikipedia Commons

most playable and most valuable, Gibson actually dropped the Les Paul from its catalogue entirely in 1960.

Fast forward almost a decade later, in the late 1960s, and the Gibson Les Paul cemented itself in history. Some of the most influential guitar players of the time, such as Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page, began to use the guitar and eventually, the guitar became a prominent choice for many guitarists.

Now the guitar is considered one of the most versatile and Les Paul Standards have been used by Paul McCartney, Slash, Lenny Kravitz, Hank Williams, Keith Richards, Pete Townshend, Dave Grohl, Sheryl Crow, Bob Marley, Mick Jones and Marc Bolan.

Les Paul sadly passed away in August 2009 due to complications with pneumonia, yet his legacy will live on not just in people's minds but through all the songs that have included a Les Paul guitar. Whether you're a professional guitarist or just someone sat at home trying to play the guitar, if you are lucky enough to pick up a Gibson Les Paul just take a moment to realise you aren't just holding a great guitar, you are holding a piece of music history.

THE LONDON FABRIC SHOW 2019

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March 2019

Fabric Champions at London Fabric Show

Winning fabrics will be on display at the 2019 London Fabric Show, which returns in March. Organised and hosted by the BFM (British Furniture Manufacturers Association), the two day show takes place on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March at the Chelsea F.C. stadium at Stamford Bridge in Fulham.

New exhibitors for 2019 include Bill Beaumont Textiles who can trace

their history back to the Lancashire fabric mills of the 19th Century. They are now a leading brand in the soft furnishings industry, supplying curtain fabrics, made to measure soft furnishings & wall-coverings. The company is now run by ex England Rugby star Bill Beaumont's eldest son Daniel, who is the sixth generation of the family to run the company. Highly regarded Flemish

fabric and textile manufacturers from Belgium are among the many regular exhibitors. Beaulieu, Greenstreet and Muvantex are just some of the famous names from Belgium renowned for the quality of their textiles returning to the London Fabric Show in 2019. Their fabrics include jacquards, linens, velvets and chenilles in traditional and modern designs.

Other returning European exhibitors displaying new designs include Arruma Trapos from Portugal, Eurotex from Germany, Imatex from Italy and Boyteks and Turman from Turkey. Between them they will show a variety of natural fibre and mixed texture fabrics in plains, stripes, florals and abstracts in soft and vibrant colours.

Returning exhibitors from the UK include Lancashire based British Velvets.

Producing velvets for over 80 years, they are the leading weaver of velvets in the UK and produce over 750 luxury velvets for upholstery and soft furnishings. Art of the Loom are another Lancashire based company who always make a colourful splash with their bright wools, linens and cottons.

Fabric treatments will be on display too, Spanish Inter Fabrics have every kind of fabric treatment covered with their internationally known Aqua Clean brand, as well as producing their own extensive collections of fabrics for a variety of industries including furniture.

Entrance to the London Fabric Show is free and registration for the 2019 event is open at: www.londonfabricshow.uk



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Communities to have greater say in protecting local trees

Environment Secretary Michael Gove has announced plans to create greater protections for trees in urban areas.

The proposals would ensure councils can't cut down street trees without first consulting communities.

The measures reflect the important role trees in towns and cities play in improving our health and wellbeing, as well as providing crucial environmental benefits.

Launching a consultation on a raft of new forestry measures, the Secretary of

State unveiled proposals designed to ensure local people have a bigger say over what happens to the trees in their communities.

The proposals include:

- making sure communities have their say on whether street trees should be

felled with requirements for councils to consult local residents

- responsibilities on councils to report on tree felling and replanting to make sure we can safeguard our environment for future generations
- giving the Forestry Commission more powers to tackle illegal tree felling and strengthen protection of wooded landscapes

Environment Secretary Michael Gove said:

“It’s right that the views of local people are at the heart of any decision that affects their community – and the futures of the trees that line their streets are no different. Trees have often been rooted in our towns and cities for many years, and are undoubtedly part of our local heritage.

“These measures will enhance the protection given to urban trees, ensuring residents are properly consulted before trees are felled and safeguarding our urban environment for future generations.”

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Pankhurst statue given Grade II* listing to mark centenary of votes for women

A statue of Emmeline Pankhurst that overlooks Parliament has been upgraded to Grade II* to commemorate the centenary of women's suffrage in the UK and the election of the first female MP.

The additional protections reflect the statute's architectural and historical significance and the roles that Pankhurst and her daughter Christabel played in campaigning for votes for women through the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).

The Representation of the People Act in 1918 gave women aged 30 and over the age of 30 the right to vote. The following year, 1919, Lady Astor became the first woman to take a seat in Parliament.

It comes after proposed plans to relocate the statue

were withdrawn earlier this year. Pankhurst is one of a small number of women whose statues have been given this status and she now joins the likes of Queen Victoria, Lady Godiva and the Virgin Mary, all of whom have Grade II* listed statues.

Heritage Minister, Michael Ellis said:

“Emmeline Pankhurst was a pioneer of her time and was instrumental in securing votes for women. It is a fitting tribute that at the end of this centenary year we recognise the important role she played in securing the equality we rightly enjoy today.”

Born in Manchester in 1858, Pankhurst founded the Women's Franchise League in 1889 which fought to allow married women to vote in local elections before going on to found the more militant WSPU in 1903. It

was this organisation that gained notoriety and its members were the first to be termed Suffragettes.

Along with many other Suffragettes, Pankhurst was arrested multiple times and also engaged in hunger strikes. The Suffragettes period of militancy stopped after the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 when Pankhurst turned her energies to the war effort in the hope it would benefit the Suffragette cause.

The statue was unveiled by the then Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin on 30 March 1930. In 1956 it was moved to its current position and expanded to commemorate Christabel Pankhurst, Emmeline's daughter and active Suffragette, and members of the Women's Social and Political Union in 1959. In 1970 the statue was granted a Grade II listed status.



Emmeline Pankhurst statue Victoria Tower Gardens. Photo by Priorityman, via Wikimedia

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- PM's civil pact deal for straight couples
- Physics Nobel has its first female winner in 55 years
- Set your date to quit, Cabinet tells Mrs May

4th October

- Russia GRU claims: UK points finger at Kremlin's military intelligence
- May's end of austerity claim 'not credible', says Labour
- Councils make £1m a day 'profit' from parking

5th October

- NHS waste backlog: Criminal probe over body parts 'pile-up'
- Half of twenty-somethings have no savings
- Type-2 diabetes signs 'detectable years before diagnosis'

6th October

- Call for action over pension aid tax trap that hits the poorest
- Brexit: Jean-Claude Juncker says chance of deal has increased
- Banksy artwork shreds itself after £1m sale at Sotheby's



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7th October

- £1bn Navy deal secures 700 jobs in UK shipyards
- Hammond's anger as May 'railroads' him into ending austerity
- Cannabis oil available on prescription within a month

8th October

- Ex-MI6 chief: My fears about Corbyn
- Young people with deposits still cannot buy homes
- Train chaos for thousands in Tube and rail strikes

9th October

- Tax the internet giants 'to save the High Street'
- Skripal attack: Second Russian Salisbury suspect named
- Facebook pays £15m tax on £1.2bn UK revenues

10th October

- Eugenie, super slender bride who's always been a little princess
- Under-25s turning their backs on alcohol, study suggests
- Putin 'tears into Russia spy chief' for bungling Novichok operations

11th October

- May pleads with Labour MPs to put Britain first
- Barnier: Brexit deal is 'within reach'
- Balmy! Britons bask in red-hot October

12th October

- Trump's four-day visit cost the taxpayer £18m
- Rail union boss blasted over his £154k salary
- Promised tax cuts dropped to fund welfare



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13th October

- Terminal breast cancer patients 'abandoned' in nurse shortage
- Is it the end of the supermarket checkout till?
- Arlene Foster warns Theresa May over 'dodgy' Brexit deal

14th October

- Three tycoons are fighting it out to send the first tourists into orbit
- Labour faces shame as extent of anti-Jewish hate crimes revealed
- Tight security net around hate preacher will cost taxpayer £2m

15th October

- Meghan and Harry: Duchess of Sussex expecting a baby
- May puts brakes on customs union deal
- Folic acid will be added to flour to prevent birth defects

16th October

- Keep calm and carry on with Brexit vows May
- New arrival shows there are no barriers in our modern monarchy
- UK wage growth fastest for nearly 10 years

17th October

- Universal Credit roll-out delayed until 2023 in growing revolt
- Brexit: 'Expectations low' as PM heads to Brussels
- Saudi talks in 'murder' storm

18th October

- Police vow as moped menace cut by a third
- Brexit: UK to consider longer transition period
- Banks are urged to stop modern slavery profits



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- End witch-hunt of UK soldiers says US hero
- Britain snubs Saudis over 'murder'
- Anjem Choudary: Radical preacher released from prison

20th October

- MPs demand 'complacent' ministers act to end ageism in the workplace
- Councils call for help as they give up on recycling
- People's Vote march: Thousands expected for London protest

21st October

- New laws to stop Russia meddling in UK elections
- Brexit could kill off entire industries – top car boss
- Film fans see red as Netflix uses 'targeted' posters for black viewers

22nd October

- Russians warn of new arms race as Trump to snub nuclear pact
- Brexit: May says getting deal all about UK's future, not hers
- Top Gear: McGuinness and Flintoff announced as new hosts

23rd October

- Trump calls in military over migrant march
- Could empty shops be turned into new homes?
- Plastic is in everything, from beer to table salt

24th October

- Brexit border chaos 'could be exploited by criminals'
- Patients might have to hoard drugs if UK crashes out of EU
- Hospital waiting targets will not be met until 2021



25th October

- Keeping warm and paying the rent... fears of women in old age
- Europe uncertainty blamed for property slump
- Debenhams faces biggest-ever loss

26th October

- Backlash as peers call for second referendum
- Women can fight in SAS ...and become Marines
- Now Saudis say journalist's killing WAS planned

27th October

- Argentine threat to Falklands
- Chancellor plans High Street rates relief
- 70 per cent of Britons against Budget idea to raid pension savings

28th October

- Revealed: how universal credit is fuelling UK's homeless crisis
- Our justice system can't cope, warns CPS head
- MPs unite in bid to force new Brexit vote

29th October

- 80 British jihadi brides in camps 'to be returned'
- Leicester City owner among five dead in helicopter crash
- Hammond budget to give £2bn extra for mental health services

30th October

- Germany's Merkel vows to quit in 2021 after poll disasters
- Suzy Lamplugh: Police search Sutton Coldfield property
- Delivered: a budget of tax cuts and spending to shore up May

31st October

- George Osborne 'regrets' mistakes that led to Brexit vote
- Clampdown on violence against NHS staff
- Stealth NI rise to nullify half of budget tax cuts



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1st November

- Spike in deaths of young poor as North-South divide widens
- Medical cannabis products available on prescription
- More than 200 UK shopping centres 'in crisis'

2nd November

- Rebels defy Corbyn on Budget tax cuts
- Rate rises if we don't get a trade pact warns Carney
- Now EU states urge Barnier to find a Brexit compromise

3rd November

- Police probe Labour anti-Semitism dossier
- Trump ratchets up Iran sanctions
- Birmingham taxi driver sacked over 'refusing poppies'

4th November

- Brexit 'is threat to NI peace'
- PM's unique tribute to fallen of the Great War
- Parents, staff raise concerns over gender identity clinic

5th November

- Ablaze with 10,000 torches, haunting tribute that says: We will remember
- Corbyn ally's call to nationalise homes
- Corbyn 'must apologise for failing to confront racism'

6th November

- Labour MP's brother admits lying to police
- Spice Girls are back, but where's Posh?
- Hundreds more police on streets after four murders in five days



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7th November

- Brexit tycoon Banks faces £135k fine for data breaches
- Murder victim's family leave UK and say London 'too dangerous'
- Fifteen children found in refrigerated lorry in Newhaven

8th November

- Banks faces £135,000 fine for Brexit data breaches
- January start for energy price cap with up to £120 savings
- Strike set to halt Tube lines as last-ditch talks fail

9th November

- We'll never forget heroes' sacrifice, vows May
- Armed Forces chief: My worry at facing probe over Ulster killings
- Retailers shut 2,700 shops in first half of the year

10th November

- PM honours 'those who gave lives for what we hold dear'
- Ex-soldiers get 1,300 letters from MoD over Ulster deaths
- Former MP killed in WW1 finally added to Parliament's memorial

11th November

- A century on, a nation remembers ...
- Young people must learn that the nature of war never changes
- Never Forget: Anger as 'scruffy' Corbyn lays wreath in an anorak

12th November

- A century on, millions unite in gratitude
- For first time, the old foe Germany joined Her Majesty at our most sacred event
- Children who wore their lost ancestors' medals with pride



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13th November

- Wages show fastest rise in almost a decade
- Unbe-leafable! Southeastern blames autumn for slow trains
- 'No deal is better than caving in to Brussels'

14th November

- Police cuts far deeper here than Europe
- 17 Iranians steal French boat to get to England
- Brexit: Theresa May to face cabinet showdown over deal

15th November

- A decisive step but now May faces MPs' revolt
- Air ambulances may be grounded after Leicester City crash
- May Brexit plan: a split cabinet, a split party and a split nation

16th November

- EE and Virgin Media fined £13.3m for overcharging customers
- Shock drop in retail sales as shoppers tighten purse strings
- Resignations, a coup and a day of hostility. But May fights on

17th November

- Brexit cabinet ministers in plan to shift May on EU deal
- Children in Need 2018: All-time total reaches £1bn
- Austerity has inflicted misery on people – UN

18th November

- Phonics tests reveal white pupils already worst readers at five
- Brussels tells May: more delay to Brexit will cost UK £10bn
- UK economy 'put at risk from too many people retiring in mid-50s'



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19th November

- I haven't read EU deal in full, admits Corbyn
- Tory plotters will 'wreck economy'
- Theresa May seeks business support for Brexit plan

20th November

- Nissan boss arrested over shock claims of financial misconduct
- Spain Brexit: PM Sánchez threatens to vote no over Gibraltar
- Brexit: DUP tells Theresa May to 'keep her side of the bargain'

21st November

- Surge in older singles as finding love turns into postcode lottery
- Number of child gamblers quadruples in just two years
- Brexit: May heading to Brussels amid scramble to finalise deal

22nd November

- £3.5bn-a-year vow to help NHS treat patients at home
- Agreement could leave us in a trap like Turkey, says Hunt
- Matthew Hedges: Student jailed in UAE for spying 'failed' by UK government

23rd November

- Minister unveils help for heroes to find homes
- Brexit: May looks beyond Parliament for support for deal
- Matthew Hedges: Jailed UAE spy row Briton 'terrified'

24th November

- Millions told to have flu jabs as NHS says shortage is now over
- UAE hints it will free 'spy' British student jailed for life
- Ipswich school triggers inquiry into 'pupil aged 30'



25th November

- May begs the public: unite behind me on Brexit deal
- Will Britain's beaten, betrayed migrant children find justice?
- May accused of 'selling out' Gibraltar with Spanish veto

26th November

- Macron threat to keep fishing in UK waters
- Obese children more likely to develop asthma
- PM 'wants Corbyn TV debate'

27th November

- Ukraine puts military in charge over threat of attack from Russia
- UK warship buzzed by Putin's fighter jets
- Now May targets Labour MPs to win Brexit vote

28th November

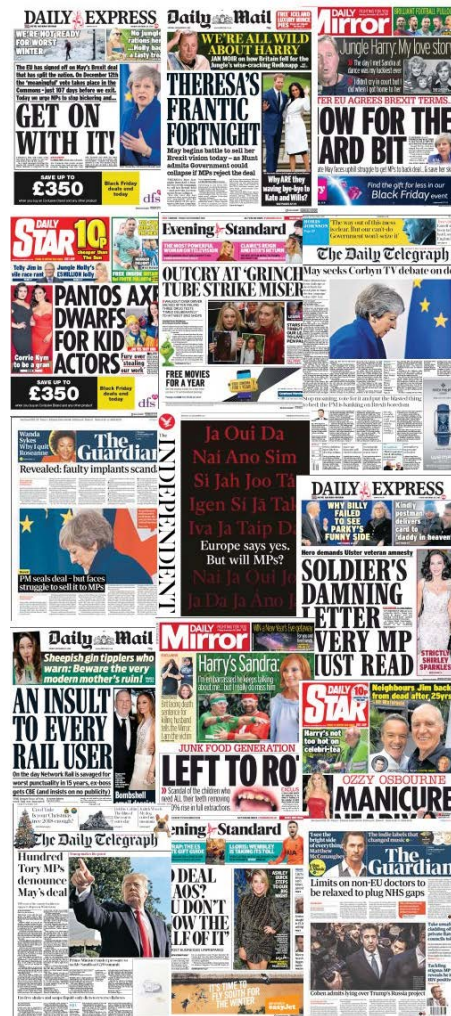
- Why traditional childhood games are in danger of dying out
- Philip Hammond: Brexit will leave UK economy worse off
- Drivers in dark over new £12.50-a-day charge for London

29th November

- Let's anticipate new attacks in darkening world, says General
- Put the good of the country first and avoid chaos of no deal, MPs urged
- Theresa May: My focus is on getting Brexit deal passed

30th November

- Anger as overseas aid bill hits record £14bn
- Brexit: May rejects all alternatives to her EU exit deal
- Snow leopard shot dead at Dudley Zoo after escaping area



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1st December

- Winter deaths in UK hit highest level in 40 years
- Gove: I back May's deal
- 'Colossal' Marriott hack affects up to 500m clients

2nd December

- Ex-President Bush Sr dies just months after wife of 73 years
- Key Labour figures urge party to prepare for new Brexit poll
- Nearly 200 arrests as fuel tax riots grip Paris again

3rd December

- Families face biggest tax burden since the Sixties
- Macron jeered as 400 arrested over Paris riots
- MI6 chief uses speech to issue warning to Russia

4th December

- Plea to save high streets by taxing online sellers
- Taxman is too powerful, warn peers
- Backstop will be indefinite, MPS told

5th December

- Trump salutes coffin of 'really great man' Bush
- Macron caves in over fuel tax rises
- MPs may try to steal Brexit from British people - Liam Fox

6th December

- May accused of 'destroying the police service'
- Ministers call on May to postpone vote on Brexit deal
- Brexit: Theresa May 'looking at MPs' role on backstop'



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7th December

- Loyalists come to PM's aid with backstop plan
- Macron's rating hits record low as he predicts 'great violence'
- London councils could seize power from police to fine speeding drivers

8th December

- Christmas strikes to hit rail and air
- Brexit: Amber Rudd says Plan B options plausible
- May told to quit if she loses vote

9th December

- Cops face off mob on streets of Paris
- May losing grip as party is rocked by resignations
- Blair asked officials to keep lucrative deals a secret

10th December

- Kremlin poisoners linked to two more suspected killings in Britain
- Brexit ruling: UK can cancel decision, EU court says
- Brexit: Nothing off table for Theresa May ahead of key vote

11th December

- Tusk tells May: EU won't budge on the backstop
- Brexit: Theresa May meeting EU leaders in bid to rescue deal
- Six suspected migrants rescued from Dover shipping lane

12th December

- Recycle rates up in smoke as councils burn more rubbish
- Theresa May to face vote of no confidence from Tory MPs
- May facing her Brexit moment of reckoning



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13th December

- UK festive market attack alert after French terror
- Massive hunt for Islamist who shot three dead
- Hammond set to unlock millions in no-deal cash

14th December

- Outrage at £100 council tax bill rise for millions
- Brexit: EU says no to May on renegotiating deal
- Debenhams may run out of cash, claims Ashley

15th December

- Separate food waste may become compulsory
- Brexit: Amber Rudd urges MPs to 'forge a consensus'
- Low-skilled EU migrants will only have visas for a year

16th December

- Getaway chaos on roads and rail
- Labour plotting extra £12,000 stealth tax on every lorry in Britain
- Front Page: Brexit deadlock 'is blocking off vital domestic policy reforms'

17th December

- Now A&E doctors told to look out for young victims of county line gangs
- New EU referendum would break faith with Britons, May to warn MPs
- Badly behaved pupils driving teachers out of profession

18th December

- MPs' vote could put back Brexit date
- Jose Mourinho: Manchester United sack manager
- Chunk of student loans put on nation's debt



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19th December

- New migrants from EU will get no benefits
- Santander failed to pass on inheritances
- Brexit: 'Horrorified' firms warn time is running out

20th December

- Crackdown on £4bn rip-offs just because customers stay loyal
- Exercising takes 10 years off your brain age
- Gatwick Airport: Drone sightings cause delays

21st December

- Christmas cancelled as shutdown disrupts thousands of flights
- Beekeepers strike at Tower of London over pensions change
- Abbott and Rudd say new vote may be only way to escape deadlock

22nd December

- Thames Estuary cargo ship stowaways detained
- Northern and South Western rail strikes disrupt Christmas weekend
- George Osborne: Conservatives must adapt to stay in power

23rd December

- SAS axes leave over terror fear
- Corbyn faces furious Labour backlash over backing Brexit
- Scramble to stop fresh drone chaos by copycats

24th December

- Queen's plea for unity on Brexit
- Ministers discuss Gatwick drone drama as suspects released
- Police: We can't be sure there was a drone



25th December

- UK now has systems to combat drones - Ben Wallace
- Thirteen migrants rescued off coast of Walmer in Kent
- Survivors' anguish as hundreds die in Indonesian tsunami

26th December

- 'Wrong to ignore' ethnicity of grooming gangs - Javid
- Three English Channel 'migrants' brought ashore
- Jeremy Hunt orders review into persecuted Christians' plight

27th December

- Cost of plastic bags in shops will rise to 10p
- Trump surprises troops in Iraq with secret visit
- Legal aid cuts force parents to drop fight for children

28th December

- Police battle to stem tide of guns from Eastern Europe and Balkans
- Bid to end changing of clocks
- HMV on brink of second collapse in six years

29th December

- Thai cave rescuers rewarded
- 8,000 care home beds vanish in just 3 years
- Gatwick drones: Sussex Police 'really sorry' for arrested couple

30th December

- Exam reforms boost private pupils in race for universities
- Church urges compassion for Channel migrants
- Javid told 'get a grip' of migrant chaos

31st December

- Scandal of rich nations getting millions of our cash for vanity projects
- High St faces more agony in New Year as vultures circle
- Hammersmith stabbing prompts 39 attempted murder arrests



