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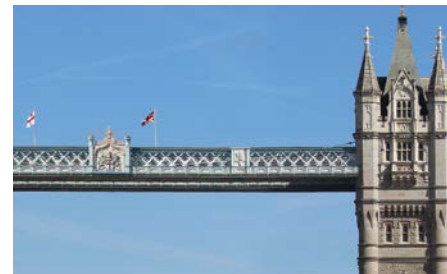
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Paul's News Roundup

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

Ladies and Gents it's time for some of the main talking points in July, August and September. Shall we begin?

July News Review

The aftermath of the EU referendum led to many pro EU rallies popping up across the country. It seemed that many of the crowds were of the younger generation, although those of all ages were taking part. Protesters waved EU flags, wore pro EU shirts and held up placards showing their

allegiance to the EU.

Hilary Clinton had her email investigation closed without pressing criminal charges. The FBI announced they had finished the investigation and deduced that although there was evidence Clinton and her team were 'careless' with their emails there would be no further action.

Former athlete Oscar Pistorius was sentenced to six years in prison for the murder of Reeve Steenkamp on the 14th

February 2013. While it is thought Pistorius will be eligible for release in two to four years, the National Prosecuting Authority said they would appeal against the 6-year jail sentence given by the judge which they believe to be lenient.

Unfortunately, I must once again mention shootings in the US. Five police officers were killed in Dallas, Texas and just ten days later three were shot in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It is believed the attacks were a reaction to police shootings of black men. Protests were seen across the US and tensions remained high for a long period of time.

After the resignation of David Cameron in June it soon emerged that Theresa May and Andrea Leadsom were the two that

would face a members vote, however Leadsom soon withdrew leading to May's appointment as leader of the Conservative party and therefore the new Prime Minister. Mrs May is only the second female PM, the first being Margret Thatcher, and becomes the first woman to have held two of the Great Offices of State.

On the 14th July a large truck was driven into crowds in Nice, France. The incident occurred on the evening of Bastille Day, the French National Day and resulted in 86 deaths. The driver was eventually shot and killed by police after an exchange of gunfire. President Hollande soon announced that the state of emergency, which had been declared following the Paris attacks in November 2015, be extended and three days of national mourning were declared. It is thought the attacks were linked to ISIL.

In Munich, nine people were killed and approximately 35 were injured after a shooting in the Olympia shopping mall on the 22nd July. The

gunman died from a self inflicted gunshot wound to the head. It is still unknown what the motives were behind the attack.

An unusual situation occurred in Turkey when a coup d'état was attempted by some of the Turkish armed forces. While the military coup attempted to take control of some key areas, such as Istanbul, those loyal to the state eventually curtailed the situation which led to approximately 200 deaths and many more being injured. Arrests quickly followed with tens of thousands being detained many of which were soldiers.

In more light-hearted news the Russian balloonist/adventurer Fedor Konyukhov set the

world record for a solo circumnavigation of the globe. The previous record of thirteen and a half days set by Steve Fossett in 2002 was beaten by a time just over 11 days.

July Sports Review

In sport, the strawberries and ice cream were out for Wimbledon. Andy Murray beat Tomas Berdych in three sets in his semi final round to meet Milos Raonic in the final after he beat Roger Federer in five sets. The final saw Murray win his second Wimbledon title after beating the Canadian 6-4, 7-6, 7-6.

In the women's final Serena Williams stormed past Angelique Kerber to win yet another grand slam title. Kerber had beaten Venus Williams in the semi finals

to deny an all Williams final, however sister Serena got revenge after beating the German 7-5, 6-3.

July also saw the Euro 2016 final. Wales surprised everyone by making it to the semi-finals before being knocked out by Portugal 2-0, while France beat Germany to reach the final in their own country. A relatively mundane final saw a 1-0 win to gift Portugal a long awaited trophy.

After a poor England display at the Euros which saw Roy Hodgson leave the managerial position, Sam Allardyce was given the job.

In July Henrik Stenson became the first Scandinavian to win a major golf title. Stenson won as he shot 20 under par for the

tournament beating second place Phil Mickelson by three shots. J.B. Holmes came in third, Steve Stricker fourth and Sergio Garcia, Terrell Hatton and Rory McIlroy tied for fifth.

The F1 saw four races in the month; the Austrian, British, Hungarian and German. Lewis Hamilton took the top spot in all four. Nico Rosberg took second place in the Hungarian, Daniel Ricciardo won second in Germany and Max Verstappen claimed the second spot in both the British and Austrian.

Finally, the PGA championship closed out the month with American Jimmy Walker claiming the title on 14 under. Walker beat the 2015 winner Jason Day by one shot.

August News Review

The Olympic games were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Although there were publicised problems in the run up to the games, the opening ceremony opened what was to be a

successful Olympics for the country. More follows in the sport below.

Two female Police officers were attacked in Charleroi Belgium by a man with a machete. The man was alleged to have been shouting 'Allahu Akhbar' while carrying out the attack. The man was shot by a third officer and died from his wounds.

A series of bomb attacks targeted tourist areas across Thailand. Hua Hin, Surat Thani, Phuket and Trang were all targeted. It's believed the bombings claimed four lives and injured many. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, although it is believed Muslim separatists are behind the bombings.

The jailed athlete Oscar

Pistorius was taken to hospital to receive treatment for wrist injuries.

The injuries were said to be minor by a prison spokesperson and it is believed the athlete slipped in his cell. His brother Carl Pistorius took to Twitter to state that claims the South African had intentionally harmed himself were 'untrue'.

Having mentioned Twitter, the social media giant announced a large amount of accounts linked to terrorism had been suspended. The company revealed it had suspended over 200,000 accounts within six months for violations regarding to the promotion of terrorism and violent threats. The social media company claimed it was getting quicker at responding and

dealing with these sorts of accounts.

A 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit central Italy killing over 250 people and injuring countless others. Strong aftershocks were felt the following day after the earthquake caused chaos around the Umbria region of the country. As well as a loss of life, many buildings were destroyed and damaged.

Gene Wilder, best known for his roles in the movies Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Blazing Saddles, The Producers and Young Frankenstein died aged 83. The actor had suffered from Alzheimer's for the previous three years, but had decided not to announce his condition because he 'couldn't bear the idea of one less smile in

the world' his nephew Jordan Walker-Pearlman said.

US Olympic swimmers Ryan Locate and Jimmy Feigen claimed that they and two other teammates, Gunnar Bentz and Jack Conger, were robbed at gunpoint by men disguised as police officers in Rio. After much media attention it transpired that the group had not been robbed and that one of the four had vandalised a petrol station toilet before leaving when armed security guards arrived at the scene.

August Sports Review

While it would be great to name everyone who won a medal there unfortunately isn't room here. Notable gold medal winners were Mo Farah who won two golds, 61 year old equestrian Nick Skelton, Alistair Brownlee, Jason Kenny with three gold medals, Laura Trott with two, Andy Murray, Justin Rose who won gold in the first Olympic golf competition since 1904 and

Sir Bradley Wiggins who became the first Briton to win eight Olympic medals.

August also saw the return of the football season.

Noteworthy Premier League results for August were; Arsenal 3 - 4 Liverpool, Hull City 2 - 1 Leicester City, Stoke City 1 - 4 Man City, Chelsea 3 - 0 Burnley.

Paul Pogba joined Manchester United after the club paid a world record transfer fee to Juventus. The 23 year old midfielder signed a five-year contract that means United will pay the Italian champions £89million over two years, beating the estimate of £85million Real Madrid paid for Gareth Bale three years earlier.

Nico Rosberg won the only Formula one race

of the month in Belgium. Close rival Lewis Hamilton finished in third place, with Daniel Ricciardo claiming the second spot.

September News Review

Jeremy Corbyn remained leader of the Labour party having won the leadership contest. Corbyn beat rival Owen Smith by claiming 62% of the vote. It had been a tumultuous time for Labour, however having won for the second time in just over a year Jeremy Corbyn claimed he would wipe the slate clean. What this means for Labour only time will tell.

A study which came from authoritative research claimed that the Earth has lost a tenth of its unspoiled wilderness since

the 1990s. The shocking and downright worrying research found that an area twice the size of Alaska has been destroyed due to human activity. The Amazon rainforest accounted for almost one third of the loss, however loss was seen across the globe. Although it was found that there is still around 30 million square kilometres of wilderness left, a ten per cent loss in less than 25 years was a wakeup call to many.

To celebrate what would have been Freddie Mercury's 70th birthday, Queen guitarist Brian May announced that an asteroid was to be named as Freddie Mercury. The asteroid previously known as 17473 is approximately half a billion km away and is around 3.5km wide.

Areas of Miami Beach and the surrounding neighbourhoods were sprayed with pesticide to try and curb the outbreak of the Zika virus. The action came after five people, three women and two men were found to have caught the virus which can cause birth defects.

The Zika spraying led to an outcry from beekeepers after the pesticides intended for mosquitoes killed over 3 million bees in South Carolina. The spray intended to kill Zika carrying mosquitoes was seen as poison from the sky by many beekeepers whose livelihoods were in tatters. A video posted on Facebook by a beekeeper showed dead bees heaped around their hives.

September saw the tech world in a flurry after Apple announced the new iPhone 7 and its Apple Watch 2. Both are updates on previous models, but as expected the new models excited Apple fans across the world, myself included.

Game of Thrones scooped the outstanding drama series award at the 2016 Emmy Awards. Other winners included Rami Malek (outstanding lead actor in a drama), Tatiana Maslany (outstanding lead actress in a drama), Veep (outstanding comedy series) and Sherlock: The Abominable Bride (outstanding television movie).

I wouldn't normally put it in, but it was such a huge news story for some reason that I feel I should mention it. In celebrity news, yes I did say celebrity news; Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt file for divorce. The pair claimed the split was over 'irreconcilable differences'. Pitt was left defending himself over various claims including substance abuse.

September Sports Review

June saw the beginning of the European Football championships. While the final matches and results will be in the next edition (as the tournament finishes in July) we'll review what we know so far. England have been knocked out after losing to Iceland, this subsequently lead to Roy Hodgson resigning as England Manager. Wales are the only home nation left in the tournament at the time of writing. While Northern Ireland won their first ever game in Euro tournament history with a 2-0 win over the Ukraine. On the darker side of the tournament there have been riots in various places in France, most notably was an organised attack on England fans as Russian

fans broke through into the England fan area after their first match. Russian ultras claimed responsibility over the riots raising questions over whether the country should host the World Cup in two years time. Lionel Messi, who many consider to be the greatest footballer in the world, retired from international football after Argentina lost 4-2 to Chile after the 0-0 game went to penalties.

The tennis French Open at Roland Garros saw Novak Djokovic beat Andy Murray in four sets to claim the men's title and Garbine Murguruza beat Serena Williams in two sets to win the women's title. In other tennis news Maria Sharapova was suspended for two years by the International Tennis Federation after she failed a

drug test at the 2016 Australian Open. Wimbledon began at the end of the month and going into July men's favourite Novak Djokovic along with Andy Murray and Roger Federer were all still in with a chance of winning, while both Venus and Serena Williams were still aiming for an all sister final.

Anthony Joshua successfully defended his heavyweight title after knocking out his opponent Dominic Breazeale in the seventh round.

In golf, June saw the US Open get underway at Oakmont Country Club. The championship was won by Dustin Johnson after he finished five under for the tournament. Jim Furyk, Shane Lowry and Scott Piercy were tied for second on one under. **END**

Culture Secretary meets key stakeholders following EU referendum outcome

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport John Whittingdale has met with chairs and chief executives from across DCMS' arms-length bodies.



John Whittingdale MP Source: Wikipedia

Culture Secretary John Whittingdale MP has met with key stakeholders across DCMS sectors to discuss how the outcome of the EU Referendum will provide new opportunities for the UK.

Following the British people voting to leave the European Union on 23 June 2016, the Government are now united in delivering the result and making sure that we secure the best possible future for the UK.

At the meeting with chairs and chief executives from across DCMS' arms-length bodies (ALBs), Mr Whittingdale emphasised that there will be no immediate changes and that there will also be new opportunities for the UK which we will seize.

Culture Secretary John Whittingdale MP said:

"DCMS sectors are amongst some of the strongest and fastest growing, contributing 16 per cent of total Gross Value Added to the UK economy. Britain's

leaving the EU will present challenges but also provide opportunities to win new business and strengthen our influence around the world.

"I intend to hold a series of meetings with representatives of the industries which are supported by DCMS to ensure that their voice is heard as we seek to make new arrangements with the countries of Europe and beyond."

At the meeting, he stressed how the Government will work to represent the interests of all parts of the UK and take forward the important legislation that was set before Parliament in the Queen's Speech, including the Digital Economy Bill and the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill.

New blog for government scientists and engineers

The Government Science and Engineering profession (GSE) is launching a blog to connect with members and help raise the profile of the profession within government.

The blog is a new way for over 10,000 people working in government with an interest in science and engineering to come together to share ideas. The blog will provide:

- examples of good work happening inside and outside government
- career stories
- learning and development opportunities
- details of vacancies

Sir Mark Walport, Head of GSE and Government Chief Scientific Adviser, has written the first blog post introducing his vision for the future of the profession.

You can tell us what you think by leaving a comment at the bottom of our blog posts. <https://governmentsscienceandengineering.blog.gov.uk/>

£200,000 of rod licence money to help anglers with disabilities



The Angling Trust is asking fishing clubs and fisheries to apply for funding to boost fishing participation as part of the latest round of the Angling Improvement Fund.

The Environment Agency has made an additional £200,000 available after strong rod licence sales in 2014/15. This will support the National Angling Strategy by funding 40 to 50 projects in England.

The money includes £150,000 to support projects themed "Access

for All" aimed at increasing participation for people with disabilities by tackling poor access to and at fisheries.

A further £50,000 will combat fish predation by funding fish refuges, non-lethal control of cormorants and goosanders, otter-proof fencing and other projects to manage unsustainable predation of fish stocks.

Sarah Chare, Head of Fisheries at the Environment Agency, said:

In 2015, we sold 1.2 million rod licences. This is great for angling because it means more investment in fisheries and the fishing clubs supporting anglers up and down the country. This round of the Angling

Improvement Fund represents the best of our partnership with the Angling Trust as it is aimed at getting more people into our sport and protecting fish from predators.

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust, said:

One of the many brilliant things about angling is that some disciplines can be practised by people with disabilities and anyone aged 5 to 95, but we need to ensure that they are able to get to the water safely. That's why this round of funding will be targeted at projects that help improve access to the water, based on research into what their members and customers need. We will also be continuing our work to protect fisheries from predators to support our predation action plan.

Government Statement on the status of EU nationals in the UK

There has been no change to the rights and status of EU nationals in the UK, and UK nationals in the EU, as a result of the referendum.

The decision about when to trigger Article 50 and start the formal process of leaving the EU will be for the new Prime Minister. The UK remains a member of the EU throughout this process, and until Article 50 negotiations have concluded.

When we do leave the EU, we fully expect that the legal status of EU nationals living in the UK, and that of UK nationals in EU member states, will be properly protected.

The government recognises and values the important contribution made by EU and other non-UK citizens who work, study and live in the UK.

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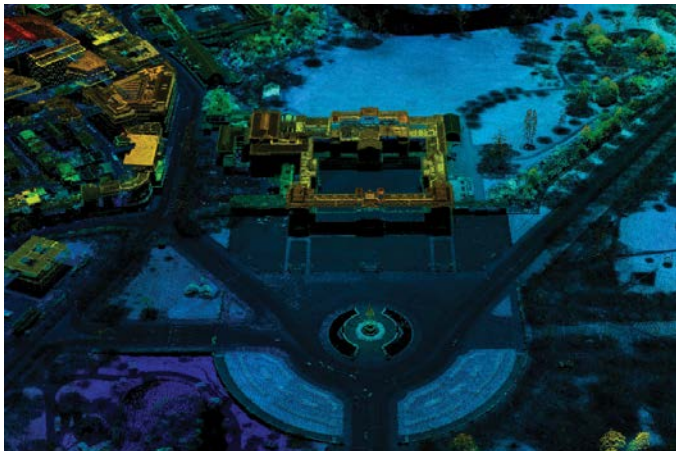
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welters® continue to develop new products and interment facilities to meet the needs of their service users. The company now boasts a wide range of products designed exclusively in-house and developed at their manufacturing base in Carlisle, company owner Keith Welters said:

“Whilst others in the industry are satisfied with simply copying proven designs, we take inspiration from art and nature to create new and innovative products. It’s the only way to move forward and continue the development of a sector we started over twenty years ago”

welters® have invested heavily in mould technologies to increase their production capacities for an ever growing client base. The company can produce high volume products and components serving a nationwide network of sites and customers.

'Raw' laser data can build better city models



Buckingham Palace visualised using Environment Agency LIDAR point cloud data

LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) surveys are carried out by the Environment Agency to help with flood modelling and tracking changing coastal habitats. These aerial surveys collect hundreds of millions (sometimes billions) of point heights from bouncing a laser off the landscape. Three-dimensional 'point cloud'

data is now being made freely available for any use and can help to build highly-detailed models of urban environments.

The release of LIDAR point cloud data began in March 2016 and by the end of July the Environment Agency aims to make all 725 gigabytes of its point cloud archive, covering 175,000

square kilometres of England, available on DATA.GOV.UK

In January this year start-up Emu Analytics used Environment Agency LIDAR data in an interactive map enabling people to easily see heights of buildings across London and at the end of June released a similar map using these data showing building heights across the majority of England

Jonathan Smith, Head of Data Insight at Emu Analytics, said:

"It is superb for start-ups like us that the Environment Agency is making its LIDAR point cloud available as open data. Point cloud data is a step up in terms of the level of detail we can achieve in modelling infrastructure and the natural environment. We are able to define the shapes of buildings and vegetation and

even discover temporary infrastructure, such as cranes.

"With the detail that point cloud provides we will be able to open up new use cases and offerings such as providing clutter data for line-of-site broadband companies or calculating the shadows nearby buildings would cast on a proposed array of solar panels.

"In general the whole Open Defra ecosystem, within which point cloud sits, allows start-ups such as ourselves to easily work with the data, enrich it, and where possible, provide it back to the open data community."

Since the Environment Agency began releasing its LIDAR surveys as open data in September 2015 these data have found many surprising uses including helping archaeologists to discover 'lost' Roman roads and Minecraft enthusiasts to build virtual worlds.

With point cloud data users can create their own customised elevation models incorporating additional information about the type of ground feature (vegetation or hard surface) being surveyed, or the time the survey was conducted.

Turning technology into ploughshares

Through its technology transfer business, Ploughshare Innovations, the UK's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is making a significant contribution to the development of cutting edge aerospace technologies. Invariably these have multiple military and civil applications.

Of particular significance are:

Rapid Aeroelastic and Structural Analysis Modelling (RASAM) software. This transforms the creation of geometric, finite-element, aeroelastic and optimization models for aircraft and weapons.

Models that would otherwise take weeks or months to generate can be created in hours, and updated in seconds. The software has potential to drive or to enhance multi-disciplinary design environments, and is particularly well suited to conceptual and preliminary design studies.

The Enhanced Decision Analysis for Counter-Terrorism (EDACT) decision fusion tool was designed to assist with surveillance within crowded public areas e.g. shopping centres and sporting events. The tool combines the decisions of multiple security sensors to improve detection rates and reduce false alarms.

EDACT enables operators to select the optimal sensor mix and sensitivity in order to maximise the performance of the system.

Bistatic Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR). This builds on the existing SAR concept by introducing a ground component which reduces the required complexity of the satellite/airborne platform. This significantly reduces costs and can reduce the latency in product delivery. SAR has a number of non-military uses including environmental monitoring and imaging buried objects.

Matisse is an image exploitation tool used to process tactical reconnaissance imagery. At its heart is the

use of sophisticated and novel image matching algorithms that dramatically improve geospatial accuracy with significant reductions in time taken over traditional methods.

Commenting on these technologies, James Kirby, the CEO of Ploughshare said:

“Ploughshare is bringing a range of innovative and exciting technologies that were originally developed by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory to market. Although they were developed with defence in mind they have many wider applications. This underlines the innovative, cutting edge research that Dstl is undertaking on a daily basis.”

Through Ploughshare, Dstl is delivering significant benefits to the UK's economy. By 2018 it will have supported the creation of 500 jobs and generated exports of £223 million.

Green Party launches International Membership in bid to combat ‘toxic and exclusionary’ political environment

The Green Party will launch a flat rate ‘International Membership’ to encourage more migrants and EU nationals to become involved in the party.

Introduced in response to the result of the EU referendum and increased incidences of xenophobia and hate crime in recent weeks, the new membership will allow EU nationals and all those who identify as migrants to join the party for £10 per year.

Natalie Bennett, Green Party Leader, said:

“Far too often, migrants in the UK have found

themselves the subject of political debate rather than participating in it - and in recent months the discourse around migration has become particularly toxic and exclusionary.”



Natalie Bennett, Green Party Leader. Source: By Rama, Wikipedia

Bennett, who moved to the UK in 1999, has

consistently spoken out against anti-migration rhetoric. During the 2015 General Election campaign her party created a ‘standing up for migrants’ mug in response to Labour’s controversial anti-migration merchandise.

Shahrar Ali, Green Party Deputy Leader, said:

“The Green Party has always been committed to giving a voice to those who are marginalised, and by introducing this International Membership we hope to give migrants and EU nationals an opportunity to get involved in shaping British politics.”

Since the result of the EU referendum was announced, in which 52% voted to leave, police chiefs have recorded a fivefold increase in reports of hate crime. (1) During the referendum campaign, ‘leave’ campaigners repeatedly came under fire for their ‘racist’ tactics on migration, with Ukip’s ‘breaking point’ poster compared to Nazi propaganda.

Amelia Womack, Green Party Deputy Leader, added:

“This is a deeply worrying time for many of our neighbours. The EU referendum exposed deep divisions in British society which politicians from across the political spectrum have been complicit in inflaming, and it is up to all of us to ensure that those who have come to make their home here feel safe and welcome in our communities.”

Sharia law review issues calls for evidence

Individuals with experience of sharia law are being urged to take part in an independent review examining whether the religious code is being misused within Britain.

The government-commissioned sharia law review is exploring whether the application of sharia is incompatible with the law in England and Wales.

It will also examine the ways in which the practice may be being misused, or exploited, in a way that may discriminate against certain groups, undermine shared values or cause social harms.

The review's chair, Professor Mona Siddiqui, has issued a formal call for evidence urging those who have experienced sharia law to share their views.

Professor Siddiqui said:

The independent review into sharia councils has been established to explore incompatibility with the law in England and Wales as well as the ways in which sharia may be being misused or exploited, to possibly discriminate against certain groups, undermine shared values or cause social harms.

It is vital that the panel hears a wide range of views and experiences from a variety of sources across the country. Therefore, I am issuing a call for evidence to invite those who work in such councils or those who have used sharia councils to come forward and share their views.

The panel is particularly keen to speak to those who:

have worked as part of a sharia council in the last 5

years

have used a sharia council in any capacity in the last 5 years

Professor Mona Siddiqui, an internationally renowned expert in Islamic and inter-religious studies who was appointed OBE for her services to inter-faith relations, is leading the panel of experts that includes experienced family law barrister Sam Momtaz, retired high court judge Sir Mark Hedley and specialist family law lawyer Anne Marie Hutchinson OBE QC.

The panel will be advised by 2 religious and theological experts – Imam Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi and Imam Qari Asim.

The Home Secretary committed to an independent review of the application of sharia law as part of the government's counter-extremism strategy. The panel is expected to complete its review in 2017.

Measles vaccination advice for young adults

Measles cases continue to be confirmed in teenagers and young adults across England.

Public Health England (PHE) is advising young adults to ensure they have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Measles can be more severe in teenagers and adults and some may need hospital treatment. Measles is also extremely infectious and summer events like music festivals and fairs where people are mixing closely with each other provide the ideal place for the infection to spread.

The vaccine also protects against other serious illnesses including mumps. Anyone who is unsure of their vaccination status should contact their GP practice to make an appointment.

Dr Gayatri Amirthalingam, measles expert for PHE, explains the importance of being immunised against measles.

Junior doctors attracted to Scotland

More than 5,700 junior doctors will be training in Scotland this year, new figures published in July show.

Data from NHS Education Scotland show that currently over 96% of all medical training posts in Scotland have been filled through recruitment for the 2016/17 academic year.

The number of foundation level doctors applying to train in the NHS north of the border increased by 27%, with an increase in the number of students choosing Scotland as their first preference.

At core training level - doctors who have been graduated for up to two years - there was a 13% increase in posts advertised and a 7% rise in numbers recruited.

At higher specialty training level - doctors who have been graduated for four to five years - there was an 11%

increase in posts advertised and an 18% rise in numbers recruited.

Health Secretary Shona Robison welcomed the figures and said they showed the continuing popularity of Scotland's NHS as a destination for world-class medical training.

Ms Robison said: "Scotland has long had a strong record of delivering high quality medical training, as well as fantastic academic research and development opportunities.

"As a Government we continue to maintain strong, positive relationships with the profession and enjoy a collaborative working relationship. Junior doctors are valued members of our healthcare team and are integral to our continuing drive to improve care in the NHS.

"These figures show increasing numbers of

junior doctors are choosing Scotland's NHS as the place to begin their careers, and it is extremely welcome to see that more training posts have been filled this year.

"However, there do still remain challenges in attracting interest to particular specialties – chiefly GP and mental health specialties.

"That is why we are taking forward a range of actions focussed on attracting trainees into these specialties and to ensure that the training they receive is of the highest quality.

"A key aspect of our work is to better understand the views and needs of junior doctors, with the aim of developing more flexible and attractive training opportunities.

"We are also taking forward a package of measures to increase the supply of doctors and widen access to medical education in Scotland,

including the addition of 50 more medical undergraduate places and the recent announcement of Scotland's first graduate entry programme for medicine delivered by the Universities of St Andrews and Dundee, in collaboration with the NHS and the University of the Highlands and Islands."

Professor Stewart Irvine, Director of Medicine and Deputy Chief Executive at NHS Education for Scotland said: "Scotland has a proud medical heritage and offers world-class medical education and training through our five medical schools and our NHS postgraduate medical training programmes. Earlier this year, Scotland was praised for its strengths in NHS education by the independent Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

"Our aim is to provide excellence in health and care for the people of Scotland through high quality education, training and development. We are aware that we face recruitment and retention challenges in some specialties and some areas and are continuing work to understand the key concerns of doctors in training, to constantly improve our training offer and to attract the next generation of doctors to live, work and train in Scotland."

Officers killed during World War 2 have their graves rededicated

The graves of Major (Maj) Roy Aylmer Wadeson, Royal Engineers and Lieutenant (Lt) Hugh Francis Johnstone Mackenzie, Seaforth Highlanders have now been rededicated. They were killed during the Second World War whilst Prisoners of War (PoW) at Oflag VIIIIF located at the time in Mährisch Trübau, Sudetenland, which was formerly part of Czechoslovakia.

Army officials pay their respects to Major Wadeson and Lieutenant Mackenzie (Crown Copyright). All rights reserved.

At a service on 27 July in Hanover War Cemetery, Germany, the graves of Maj Wadeson and Lt Mackenzie were rededicated during a

moving service attended by family members of Maj Wadeson, representatives from the Royal Engineers, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, the British Embassy, Ministry of Defence (MOD) and the Royal British Legion. The service, led by Army Chaplain The Reverend Heather Rendell, was organised by the MOD's Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC), part of Defence Business Services (DBS).

Having been imprisoned in Oflag VIIIIF, Maj Wadeson and Lt Mackenzie were part of "The First Flight" a small group of specially selected officers chosen as experienced escapers to find friendly addresses, safe routes and possess in depth local knowledge. The

reason, to assist in other escapees going to these known addresses.

Around 24 April 1944, Maj Wadeson dressed as a German officer and 4 other officers including Lt Mackenzie, dressed as a Russian PoW escaped from the camp. The 3 other officers were soon recaptured and returned to the camp but nothing more was heard of Maj Wadeson and Lt Mackenzie.

Around 6 to 8 weeks after their escape, the ashes of Maj Wadeson and Lt Mackenzie were sent to a new camp, Oflag 79, in unmarked urns. Nothing was discovered about their fate other than the German's explanation that they were shot trying to escape. Their ages at the

time of their deaths were 45 and 31 respectively.

Maj Wadeson was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery and was mentioned in dispatches, as was Lt Mackenzie, both for gallant and distinguished services in the field. Lt Mackenzie spent approximately 4 years in the PoW camp with Maj Wadeson spending 3.

Nicola Nash, from the JCCC said:

I am honoured to be in Hanover to commemorate Major Wadeson and Lieutenant Mackenzie. Their courage and dedication to serving their country was second to none.

Tim Wadeson, son of Major Wadeson is presented with the Union Flag (Crown Copyright). All rights reserved.

Two new headstones bearing the names of Maj Wadeson and Lt Mackenzie have been provided by CWGC, who will now care for their final resting place in perpetuity.

Working families deserve access to good affordable childcare - all year round

The cost of publicly provided school holiday childcare in Scotland is the highest in Britain, a new briefing from Scottish Labour reveals

Despite Nicola Sturgeon claiming that childcare is the 'most important infrastructure project of this parliament', Labour's briefing on publicly provided school holiday childcare in Scotland reveals:

- It is the most expensive in Britain, 11% higher than in England and 17% higher than in Wales.
- It is as expensive as heating, eating and rent combined.
- The availability has halved under the SNP and slashed for those with additional needs.

The average single parent will spend £110.93, or almost 20% of their income, on publicly funded school holiday childcare for each child every week this summer in Scotland, while the average couple with two children will spend 30% of their income.

Labour said it was time for Scotland to begin moving towards a flexible year-round approach to childcare and that starts with stopping the cuts to local services.

Labour also called for the SNP to follow the lead of the last Labour UK Government and give parents a legal right to access affordable, flexible childcare.

Scottish Labour Education spokesperson Iain Gray said:

"Under the SNP childcare is not being delivered effectively. There has been a comprehensive failure in delivery after a decade of SNP Government.

"The summer holidays are a difficult time for working families. Accessing and affording good quality childcare is difficult.

"It's just not right that in Scotland in 2016, publicly provided school holiday childcare costs as much as rent, heating and food bills combined.

"Childcare in Scotland is becoming more and more unaffordable and yet more painful SNP cuts won't help. That's why Labour would use the powers of the Scottish Parliament to

stop the cuts to our local services that deliver childcare.

"Experts, providers, academics and above all parents agree that childcare has to be about affordability as well as free nursery hours, but government ministers just refuse to listen. We need the SNP Government to stop coming up with childcare policies written to fit on election leaflets and instead to start delivering childcare that fits around the lives of working families."



Green MEP offers solidarity to Junior Doctors standing up for our NHS

Keith Taylor, MEP for the South East of England, has accused Jeremy Hunt of 'incompetence' and pledged to 'stand in solidarity' with Junior Doctors following the BMA's latest notice of industrial action.



Keith Taylor, MEP

Keith, a vocal supporter of the NHS Reinstatement Bill who sits on the European Parliament's Public Health committee, said:

"It seemed inevitable

that our Junior Doctors would announce further industrial action and it's deeply saddening that they have been forced to this point by the intransigence of an incompetent Health Secretary."

"That the BMA announcement comes just days after the government was forced to reveal its plans to shut down NHS services across England is a stark reminder of the perilous condition of our National Health Service after years of Tory mismanagement."

"With a demoralised, woefully under-resourced workforce, a '7-day plan' exposed as a cynical ploy to open up services to further privatisation, and a Health Secretary apparently charged with undermining one of our proudest public services; it is clearer than

ever that this government cannot be trusted with the NHS."

"A government that believed in a truly public NHS would put forward a contract that is fair and safe for staff and patients alike. A conscientious Health Secretary would cease his relentless attempts to smear a strained workforce tirelessly plugging huge rota gaps with good will alone."

"Until that happens, I and other NHS champions will continue to join the overwhelming majority of the British public in offering solidarity to the frontline NHS staff fighting to protect our beloved health service. Industrial action remains the last resort for desperate junior doctors. The BMA has already made countless offers to re-open negotiations with Jeremy Hunt."

New shale licences are a welcome sign of intent, says the BCC

Commenting on the government's announcement of additional licences for shale gas drilling, John Longworth, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce, said:

"The additional licences for exploratory shale gas drilling will be welcomed as a sign of the government's intent to support the industry, but without meaningful reform to the planning process, extra licences will amount to nought. The government recently announced changes to the planning process, and we need to see if they take hold in practice and deliver shale production in the near future."

"The government must develop a long-term energy policy, embracing all sources - including shale - to make sure that costs don't become crippling for businesses and consumers alike, and that the lights remain on in the coming decades."

NHS facing billion pound cuts bombshell under the SNP

Scotland's health boards are facing a billion pound cuts bombshell under the SNP government.

Analysis from Scottish Labour has revealed that Scotland's health boards face more than £1 billion worth of cuts in the next four years, including:

- £258 million in Glasgow by 2021
- £382 million in Lothian by 2021
- £113 in Lanarkshire by 2018/19
- £105 million in Ayrshire and Arran by 2020
- £103 million in Highland by 2021

The figure across Scotland is likely to be much higher as boards such as Fife, Grampian and Tayside have not announced their

'efficiency savings' for the next four years.

Labour's Shadow Health spokesperson Anas Sarwar said:

"After nearly 10 years in charge of Scotland's NHS the SNP cannot escape from responsibility for the performance of Scotland's NHS.

"The budget cuts they are forcing on Scotland's Health Boards are having a direct effect on patient care and a direct effect on the amount of pressure hard working and dedicated NHS staff are under.

"This year Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board are being forced to cut £69 million from their budget, with the result that valued local services at Lightburn Hospital, the Vale of Leven and the RAH are being lost.

"In Lothian, the SNP have already forced the Health Board to cut £192 million from their budget. But over the next 4 years the SNP are proposing an eye-watering £400 million in additional cuts in Lothian alone.

"This is not sustainable. Staff are already under pressure and valued local services are being closed or downgraded. Even the former Health Secretary, Alex Neil, is facing demonstrations from former employees over broken SNP promises.

"But there is a better way. The SNP Government could choose to use the powers of the Scottish Parliament and invest in Scotland's Health Service. Rather than grandstand on grievance and try and drag us back to the arguments of the past, Nicola Sturgeon should be focusing on bread and butter issues like our NHS."

Broadband 'not-spots' still plague too many businesses and consumers

Commenting on the Government update on the rollout of superfast broadband, Dr Adam Marshall, Executive Director of Policy and External Affairs at the British Chambers of Commerce, said

"No one should be patting themselves on the back because an unambitious target is likely to be met in two years' time. Across the UK, far too many businesses and consumers still have insufficient or unreliable broadband coverage, which stops entrepreneurs and exporters in their tracks. While many are in rural areas, 'not-spots' plague companies even near our major cities.

"If we want to be the most prosperous country in the world, we need to have the best digital infrastructure in the world, and we're a long way from that. Ministers and regulators need to set their sights - and their investment commitments - higher."

More than 1 in 3 local roads in 'unacceptable condition'

More than a third of council-managed roads are in an unacceptable condition.

Audit Scotland said spending had fallen and roads across the country must be improved to help the economy and improve driver satisfaction.

The report – 'Maintaining Scotland's Roads' – found that spending on road maintenance in England was higher, and that trunk roads there were in "significantly better condition".

The Scottish Conservatives have urged the SNP to act on the findings of the report to ensure road surfaces across Scotland improve dramatically in coming years.

Among the findings of the paper were:

- 13 per cent of trunk roads were in an unacceptable condition
- 57 per cent of drivers

were dissatisfied with the quality of roads

- Councils spent £33 million less than required last year
- Some local authorities spent five times more than others on maintenance

Auditors stated: "It is clear that the status quo is no longer an option if there is to be any improvement in road condition. A longer term view is required."

The worst performing council, Argyll and Bute, had 56 per cent of its roads deemed unacceptable, while the best – Orkney – had just 21 per cent.

Police estimate the state of roads contributes to around 0.7 per cent of fatal accidents in the UK.

By extrapolating those statistics, Audit Scotland said, the condition of roads was to blame for six fatal

crashes, 64 serious and minor 234 accidents in the past five years north of the border.

And with further budget cuts coming, the organisation warned the maintenance fund would come under even more pressure.

Scottish Conservative transport spokesman Alex Johnstone said:

"This is a damning report which exposes how the SNP has let the state of Scotland's roads slip significantly.

"It's incredible to think that in some parts of Scotland there are more bad roads than good.

"This is the latest example of the SNP neglecting the day job while it agitates for separation.

"As the report clearly states, roads in Scotland are vital to the economy, and by not maintaining them properly the Scottish Government is inadvertently impacting business.

"There are also safety implications, not to mention the damage caused to cars belonging to those who are already putting up with an anti-motorist agenda north of the border.

"Ministers ought to read this report carefully and make sure the situation can be turned around.

"As we've seen in England, when roads are invested in properly, the condition significantly improves."



Government response: Charity Commission reminds public of safer giving advice following funeral fraud

Commission urges public not to be put off donating to charities but to follow simple safer giving advice.

Following the sentencing yesterday of a funeral director for fraud and abuse of trust, resulting in a loss to charity of over £14,000, the commission has reminded the public and charities of its safer giving advice. While frauds of this nature are small in number in comparison to the number of charities and how much is given safely to charities each year, there are a number of easy ways to ensure that your donations go to good causes particularly when giving in memory of a loved one.

Michelle Russell, Director of Investigations, Monitoring and Enforcement at the Charity Commission said:

“The public donate millions of pounds to good causes across the country in memory of loved ones. Yesterday’s sentencing should provide a deterrent to those who seek to abuse the trust of those who take comfort in making these donations. Our advice is not to be put off giving to charities but to check before you give and use our advice to ensure that only good causes benefit from your donations.”

For the public

- when choosing which charity to donate to, check the charity is registered with the Charity Commission and find out more information about its activities and how to contact them on our online register

- where possible, give directly to the charity either through the charity’s website or by setting up an online giving page with a well-known giving platform - this will reduce the risk which comes with collecting cash
- check with the charity you wish to collect for, some offer specific guidance on how to set up on line giving and tributes in memory of a loved one with the specific charity

For funeral directors

- the National Association of Funeral Directors provides specific advice for funeral directors when dealing with charitable donations which encourages the

use of online charitable donations services wherever possible

- some larger charities also provide specific advice and resources for funeral directors who are organising collections
- if a cash or cheque donation is organised, use a sealed bucket or envelope - some charities can provide sealed envelopes
- always ensure that at least two people oversee the collection so you can be sure how much is raised this should be communicated with the charity and the family of those who you are collecting in memory of

The Charity Commission publishes advice on safer giving and runs campaigns during periods of heightened giving.

The commission and others have established the Charity Sector Counter Fraud Group (CSCFG) to help improve the charity sector’s resilience to fraud.

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Bluefin tuna spotted off South West coast

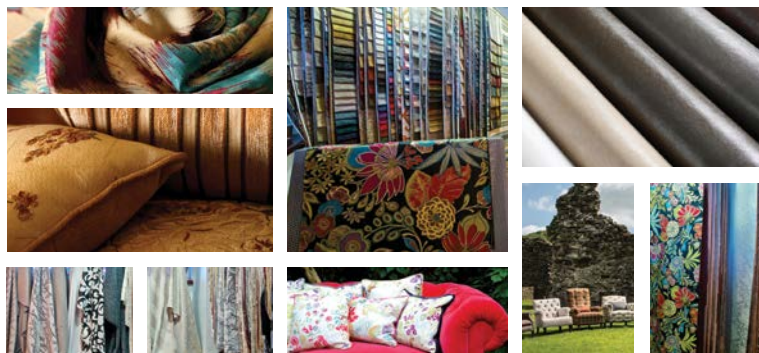
A vessel escorting tourists around Mounts Bay, Penzance has reported what it thought to be a group of bluefin tuna. Fishermen in the area have also spotted the shoal.

The Atlantic bluefin tuna is a large migratory fish found in the western and eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea. The UK has no quota for bluefin tuna and UK fishing vessels must not target the species.

If bluefin tuna are caught accidentally they must be returned to the sea. If this is not possible then the fish may be landed but must not be sold.

Nick Wright, South West Marine Area Manager said:

"Sightings such as these are unusual although we have never had any reports of illegal activity. We will continue to monitor the situation and sightings can be reported to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas which is an inter-governmental fishery organisation responsible for the conservation of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas. The important thing to note is that the species should not be targeted as there is no UK quota."



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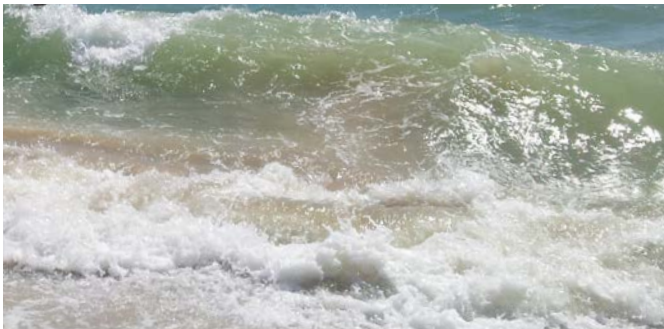
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New Foresight project launched on the future of the sea

The sea covers 70% of the world's surface and is essential to regulating global temperature, oxygen and water. The Government Office for Science's new Foresight project will consider the role that science and technology can play in understanding and providing solutions to long-term issues affecting the future of the sea.

Commenting on the project the Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Mark Walport said:

"Oceans are vital to all life on our planet. They produce over half the oxygen we breathe, absorb most of the carbon from our atmosphere and help control our weather. They also provide food for us and transport routes for our goods.



"Technological advances are opening new opportunities to understand the sea, for example how oceanic processes such as acidification affect the globe or what resources may be under the sea floor.

"This project will help policy makers to identify the most important trends, challenges and opportunities for the UK from the world's seas and oceans."

The project will begin by focusing on the following areas:

- resources and economic potential of the sea
- environmental issues
- governance of the sea

These areas are likely to develop over the course of the project.

Defence Minister confirms close relationship with the US

Minister for Defence Procurement Harriett Baldwin visited Washington D.C. to meet Deputy Secretary of Defence Robert Work.

The Minister said:

"The UK's relationship with the US, our pre-eminent Ally, is at the heart of our national security. It was a pleasure to meet Deputy Secretary Work and business leaders to discuss the ways in which our two countries can continue to innovate, cooperate, and build mutual security and prosperity with defence projects like the F-35B Lightning and P-8A Maritime Patrol Aircraft."

During her visit, she met some of the pilots testing the UK's cutting-edge aircraft, discussed global security challenges, and identified opportunities to deepen bilateral defence collaboration.

Environment Agency warns of dangers of releasing ornamental fish into the wild

People looking to release unwanted pet fish into local ponds and lakes are urged to find alternatives as the Environment Agency warns of the devastating impact this can have on native species and ecosystems.

The plea follows recent incidents where goldfish and koi carp have been caught by anglers, despite the angling clubs concerned never having introduced them into their ponds. Some of these ponds have gone on to suffer from major disease outbreaks, killing hundreds of fish.

Ornamental fish such as goldfish and koi carp can carry disease

and parasites which can have a devastating effect on coarse fish populations and have major commercial impacts on fisheries. They should be kept in garden ponds and not transferred into the wild.

Jerome Masters, fisheries technical officer at the Environment Agency said:

“People don’t see the dangers, but this seemingly harmless thing to do is anything but. A disease carried by koi carp, the koi herpes virus, has the potential alone to wipe out all the carp in a fishery. If you have fish that you don’t want anymore, you could try getting them re-homed

by contacting a local pet shop, garden centre or by placing an advert in the press or online.

“Releasing fish into the wild without getting consent from the Environment Agency is an offence under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act.”

Not only can diseases have a devastating impact on coarse fish, amphibians are also affected. The introduction of species such as goldfish into ponds not only increases the severity of diseases for amphibians but also greatly reduces the variety of the species living in the pond.

Goldfish and koi carp can also interbreed with crucian carp, a threatened species, leaving ponds with hybrid populations.

Some smaller aquarium species such as sunbleak and topmouth gudgeon, can become invasive, outcompeting and outnumbering native fish, and devastating the local ecosystem.





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Intellectual Property and BREXIT: The facts



Intellectual Property Office

There has been much speculation on the future of many intellectual property laws following the recent Referendum outcome.

This guide looks to offer factual information on the future of many international IP agreements that UK rights holders and business can make use of.

Trade marks

UK rights holders can

continue to protect their IP abroad. While the UK remains a full member of the EU then EU Trade Marks (EUTM) and Registered Community Designs (RCD) continue to be valid in the UK.

We recognise that for EU trade marks, users will want clarity over the long-term coverage of those rights. The government is exploring various options and we will be consulting users of the system about the best way forward. Even after the UK leaves the EU, UK businesses will still be able to register an EU trade mark, which will cover all remaining EU Member States.

In addition, the UK is a member of the international trade

mark system called the “Madrid System”, which allows users to file one application, in one language, and pay one set of fees to protect trade marks in up to 113 territories including the European Union.

The UK government fully recognises the concerns that IP professionals have about their future right to represent clients before the EU Intellectual Property Office. We welcome views on how to address these concerns and are involving stakeholders in consideration of these issues.

Designs

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The government has also made clear its intention to ratify the Hague Agreement in a national capacity, which provides a practical business solution for registering up to 100 designs in over 65 territories through filing one single international application. We are currently working through the steps of joining and hope to introduce the service within the next year.

Protection for unregistered designs will continue to exist through the UK unregistered design right. We will consult designers and other users to ensure that the protection provided

is fit for purpose.

Patents

The referendum result has no impact on UK businesses' ability to apply to the European Patent Office for patent protection.



It will remain possible to obtain patents from the EPO which apply in the UK. Existing European patents covering the UK are also unaffected. British exit from the EU will not affect the current European patent system as governed by the European Patent

Convention (EPC).

The UK remains a Contracting Member State of the Unified Patent Court at present. We will continue to attend and participate in UPC meetings in that capacity. There will be no immediate changes.

Copyright

While the UK remains in the EU, our copyright laws will continue to comply with the EU copyright directives, and we will continue to participate in EU negotiations. The continued effect of EU Directives and Regulations following our exit from the EU will depend on the terms of our future relationship.

The UK is a member of a number of international treaties and agreements.

This means that UK copyright works (such as music, films, books and photographs) are protected around the world. This will continue to be the case following our exit from the EU.

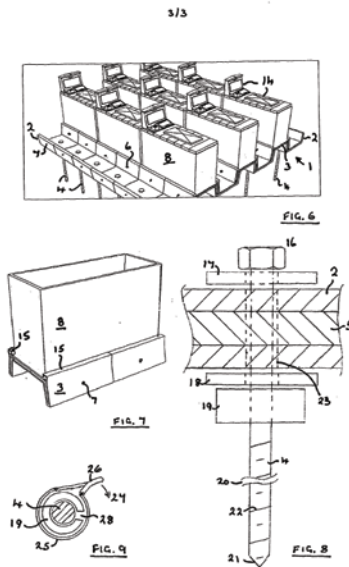
Enforcement

The UK is widely seen as a world leader in enforcement of IP. By working in partnership with law enforcement and industry, the government can deliver an IP environment where legitimate businesses thrive and consumers are protected.

For the time being the UK's enforcement framework remains unchanged. We are still part of the EU and we will still play a part at the EUIPO's Observatory, and in bodies like Europol. The process for intercepting counterfeits

and other infringing goods at the border remains unchanged.

The UK remains a part of the EU until the negotiations to exit are concluded. We will continue to play an active role in the review of the Enforcement Directive, and the Commission's work on tackling commercial-scale infringement.



Microbead ban announced to protect sealife

Environment Secretary Andrea Leadsom has announced plans to ban the sale and manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products containing tiny pieces of plastic, commonly known as 'microbeads'.

Each year billions of tiny beads end up in our seas from a range of products such as face scrubs, toothpastes and shower gels. These beads build up in the marine environment and can be swallowed by sea life, including fish and crustaceans.

The ban follows the successful introduction of the 5p plastic bag charge – which has led to six billion fewer bags issued this year – and is the next step in Government action to

tackle plastic in our oceans.

A consultation will launch later this year with the intention to ban the sale and manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products containing microbeads that harm the marine environment.

At the same time, evidence will be gathered on the extent of the environmental impacts of microbeads found elsewhere, such as in household and industrial cleaning products, before considering what more can be done in future to tackle other plastics, for example microfibers, which enter the marine environment.

Environment Secretary Andrea Leadsom said:

- Most people would be

dismayed to know the face scrub or toothpaste they use was causing irreversible damage to the environment, with billions of indigestible plastic pieces poisoning sea creatures.

- Adding plastic to products like face washes and body scrubs is wholly unnecessary when harmless alternatives can be used.
- This is the next step in tackling microplastics in our seas following the success of the 5p plastic bag charge, and I look forward to working with industry and environmental groups.
- This Government is committed to its promise to be the first generation ever to leave the environment in a better state than it inherited,

and together we can bring an end to these harmful plastics clogging up our oceans.

Twenty-five UK cosmetics and toiletries companies, such as Unilever, have already taken steps to voluntarily phase out microbeads from their products. Waitrose has announced they will stop stocking such products by the end of September.

Government action will create a level playing field for industry, tackle inconsistency and stop new products containing tiny pieces of plastic from being sold in the UK.

Manufacturers are exploring natural alternatives, including nut shells, salt and sugar, which have the same exfoliating properties but do not pose a threat to the environment.

The Government will consult industry, environmental groups and other relevant parties to establish how and when a ban could be introduced, aiming to change legislation by next year.

Ground-breaking study reveals extent of dangerous antibiotic-resistant E.coli in British supermarkets

The Green Party's Animals spokesperson is welcoming a new 'ground-breaking' report, revealing the scale of antibiotic-resistant E.coli found on British supermarket pig and chicken meat.

The research, commissioned by the Alliance to Save our Antibiotics and conducted by Dr. Mark Holmes from the University of Cambridge, is the first study to examine UK-origin retail meat for resistance to a wide range of key antibiotics used for treating dangerous E.coli urinary tract and blood-poisoning infections in people.

The study tested 189 samples of non-organic UK-origin pork and chicken meat from the seven largest supermarkets across the UK. The results reveal

that pig and chicken meat from every supermarket harboured E.coli bacteria which were resistant to three highly important antibiotics used for treating E.coli infections in people.

A staggering 24% of chicken samples tested positive for ESBL E.coli, a type of E.coli resistant to a family of 'critically important' antibiotics used for treating life-threatening E.coli blood poisoning in humans.

E.coli is the most common cause of urinary tract infections, dangerous blood poisoning, and can even cause meningitis. These infections must be treated with antibiotics. No new antibiotics have been discovered in over 35 years.

The report concludes that the "overuse of antibiotics on British farms is undermining

the treatment of dangerous E.coli infections in humans."

Responding to findings, Keith Taylor, the Green Party MEP for the South East and the party's Animals spokesperson, said:

"This report exposes the true and life-threatening extent of antibiotic overuse in British farming. The findings are particularly shocking considering the cases of serious E.coli infections in humans are at a record high - and increasing every year. At the same time, the problem of antibiotic resistance is rising annually."

"That a quarter of chicken meat products on supermarket shelves harbour antibiotic-resistant E.coli bacteria is horrifying but completely avoidable. Reforming cruel and outdated factory farming

practices would help ensure regular antibiotic dosing isn't required just to keep farm animals 'healthy'."

"The systematic overuse of antibiotics driven by intensive farming and led by giant agri-businesses is fuelling a public health emergency that campaigners are predicting will cost millions of lives."

"The report reinforces the need for any post-EU government to overhaul the way farm subsidies are paid. For the health of the British people and the welfare of millions of farm animals, any new subsidies should be designed to prioritise a transition away from intensive farming and towards an environmentally and ecologically sustainable agriculture industry."

"It is also important for retailers to face up to their responsibility. For too long supermarkets have refused to acknowledge their part in the crisis, but these findings must be a clarion call to action. I'm calling on supermarkets take bold and swift action to ban the routine preventative mass-medication of farm animals, and curb the overuse of 'critically important' antibiotics in their supply chains."

MOD sell off land for thousands of new homes to be built

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon has announced plans to release a further 13 sites to build thousands of new homes and create a more effective and efficient Defence estate.

More than 1,200 hectares of surplus public sector land is being released across sites which stretch right across the UK. The sites are expected to provide land for up to 17,000 new homes, contributing to the government's target of building 160,000 new homes by 2020 and all of the money generated from land sales will be invested back into meeting the needs of the Armed Forces.

The land will include two golf courses at RAF Henlow and Southwick Park after

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon questioned the need for them during a speech on defence reform, where he confirmed the estate optimisation strategy would aim to reduce the size of the defence estate by 30% over 25 years. The announcement – which is the third tranche of sites to be released - means the MOD has now freed up enough brownfield and surplus public sector land for up to 39,000 new homes, expected to generate around £930 million.

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon said:

“We are getting rid of land that we don't need to build homes that we do, generating hundreds of millions of pounds in the

process. Our commitment to protect and increase the budget for our armed forces means that every penny of that will be reinvested into defence, helping to keep Britain safe.”

The news also comes as Network Rail announces plans to unlock land for 12,000 new homes by 2020. Almost 200 sites across the country have been identified as offering development opportunities for housing.

The optimisation strategy aims to reduce the size of the MOD estate which totals just under half a million hectares by selling off sites for which there is no longer a long-term Defence requirement. This will reduce unnecessary estate running costs for Defence and result in a smaller, but better, Defence estate which caters for the future Armed Forces

and delivers upon the commitments made in Strategic Defence & Security Review 2015 (SDSR15). The MOD expects to make further announcements as part of the strategy later in 2016.



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Sports Direct conditions have exposed 'razor sharp edges' of modern employment says Green Party leader

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley has welcomed the announcement that Sports Direct will end their use of zero-hour contracts and will pay their staff above the minimum wage.



Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley. Source: By Jwslubbock, Wikipedia.

Bartley said that the company's employment practises had exposed the 'razor sharp edges' of the

gig economy and called on companies like Deliveroo, which has been accused of exploiting its workers, to follow Sports Direct by guaranteeing their staff more job security.

Bartley said:

"I'm delighted to hear that Sports Direct, who I named and shamed in my speech to Green Party conference last week, are ending their use of zero-hour contracts and will now pay their staff a better wage - although we will have to wait and see whether the working conditions in warehouses improve too.

"This kind of brutal employment practise exposes the razor sharp edges of the so-called 'gig

economy', and this decision has not come a moment too soon."

At the Green Party's conference last week members voted unanimously in favour of a motion proposed by the new co-leader highlighting the exploitative nature of the gig economy and calling for greater action on insecure employment.

Bartley added:

"It's time for companies like Deliveroo and Uber to follow suit by ending their use of bogus self-employment contracts and guaranteeing staff decent pay, sick leave and job security."

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EU action on climate change

The ratification of the Paris climate change agreement by EU members has been welcomed by the Scottish Environment Secretary.

The understanding, which brings implementation of the agreement one step closer, was reached at the Environment Council in Brussels, following an extraordinary meeting called by the Slovakian Presidency attended by Scotland's Environment Secretary Roseanna Cunningham.

Speaking after the event Ms Cunningham said:

"I heartily welcome the EU's ratification of the Paris Agreement, which is a significant step forward in this pioneering international accord coming to fruition.

"Climate change is one of

the biggest challenges the world faces. In Scotland we continue working towards cutting our greenhouse gas emissions, building on our position as a world leader in this area and collaborating with our EU neighbours to tackle this problem together.

"While we have made excellent progress and exceeded our 2020 target six years early, we know more needs to be done and we will be publishing a new draft Climate Change Plan in the winter. This will set out our priorities and commitments to meeting our ambitious emissions reduction targets over the coming decades. In response to the increased global ambition in the Paris Agreement we will be consulting on a new Climate Bill next year."

Greens call for action to secure living standards in 'age of insecurity'

The Green Party has called for the introduction of a real living wage and the reversal of cuts to housing benefit after a report by Shelter found that more than two in five working families in England have cut back on buying food and clothing in the past year to pay their rent or mortgage.

The study found that 44% of working families - equating to 3.7 million households - have cut back on essentials to cover their housing costs.

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley said:

"These findings put the spotlight firmly on an economy failing to deliver the stability that families need and are a damning indictment of a government refusing to support those who struggle to make ends meet. No-one should have

to go hungry to feed their children or pay their rent. But this is the reality for millions of parents today.

"We have entered a new age of insecurity in which stagnating wages and the rising cost of living mean that far too many people don't know where next month's rent or even tomorrow's dinner will come from. Meanwhile the government is deliberately undermining social security and shirking its basic responsibility to provide support for those who need it."

Last month a report by the Fabian Society warned that hundreds of thousands of low-income households face a living standards crisis because of the gap between housing benefit and private rents.

Bartley added:

"The government must introduce a real living wage so that everyone working full time makes enough to live on; and must reverse the savage cuts to housing benefit made under David Cameron."

Scottish Government's approach on fracking branded illogical

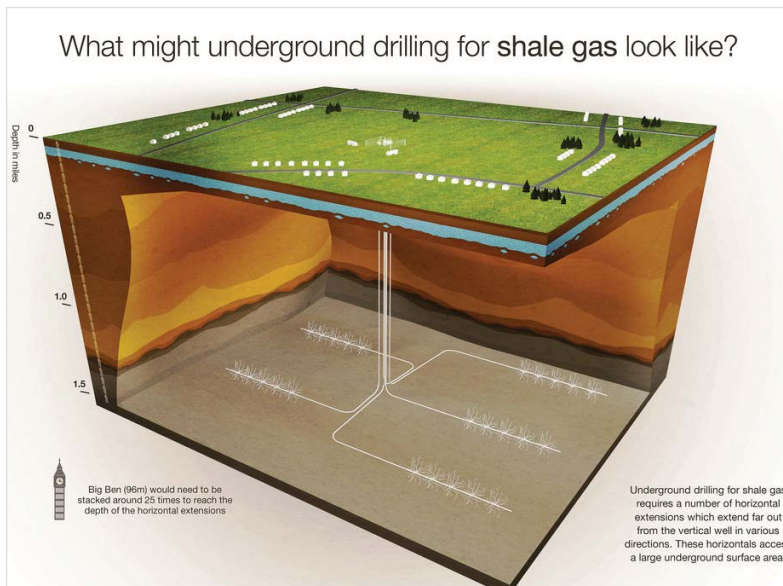
The SNP's stance on fracking is illogical and out of kilter with its broader energy policy, a think-tank has said.

Reform Scotland stated that, with two nuclear plants set for decommissioning, shale extraction would help fill the baseload gap left.

The Scottish Government currently has a moratorium in place on fracking, while Labour opposes the practice outright.

That leaves the Scottish Conservatives as the only party at Holyrood in favour of exploring the technology, which has been touted to help energy production in light of the struggles experienced in the North Sea.

And writing for Reform Scotland, oil and gas adviser Dr Stuart Paton



Infographic: What underground drilling looks like

said there were “a number of contradictions” in Scottish Government energy policy.

He said: “The Scottish Government shows unbridled support for the offshore oil and gas

industry, but not onshore unconventional.”

He added opposing fracking was “not a logical objection for the Scottish Government given its support of the offshore industry”.

Scottish Conservative energy spokesman Alexander Burnett said:

“This is another expert exposing the SNP’s ludicrous position on fracking.

“As he rightly points out, the Scottish Government is happy to take energy from the North Sea and coal plants.

“Yet it rules out categorically the possibility of extracting energy in an unconventional way.

“Not only does that not make sense, but it risks Scotland missing out on the economic benefit fracking could bring.

“And with two nuclear plants set for decommissioning, fracking is one of very few approaches that could see people’s energy bills drop too.”

3D Printing Part Two: The Future

By Paul Bazeley

In our second in a series about 3D printing we discuss what the future looks like for this relatively new technology.

As I noted in the previous article, 3D printers are become less and less expensive and are readily available for anyone to go and purchase. I did a quick Google search and found that I could buy a 3D printer from as little as £99.82 via the internet and that was just the first page. Although, this wasn't a detailed search it

shows that a 3D printer is perhaps cheaper and easier to acquire than you may think. Also interesting is that there are many sites on the internet where it is possible to download files to create 3D printed models. Anything from a ring, to a door knocker, to a vase to a scaled down model of the Taj Mahal is easily available to download ready for your printer to get to work.

3D printers are now found not only in highly scientific facilities, but at homes, schools and offices. This availability has begun to

draw a lot of attention and many have drawn parallels between 3D printing and the computer. Computing was once only available to a select few; however many of us now have one or more computers at home and in the office. In fact the majority



TRS-80 Colour Computer 1977

of us now have a computer with us everywhere we go thanks to mobile phones. In 1970 I doubt anyone would have thought that computers would become what they are today. Don't get me wrong I'm not suggesting we are likely to carry a 3D printer around everywhere we go in fifty years time, but there are many more possibilities for 3D printing than we may be able to see. It seems obvious that the prices of 3D printers will continue to fall and the

availability of its technology will be more accessible in years to come.


It is also important to remember the uses of 3D printing in industrial terms. As discussed in the first article, industries such as the medical, aerospace, automotive, defence, architecture, food and even fashion have started to experiment with the applications of additive manufacturing. As these industries experiment and improve the technology it is inevitable that things will become quicker and more advanced. Another point to make is that these industries are already using this technology today, with this in mind 3D printing is here to stay.

Eventually it is thought that doctors would be able to print implants on demand and that soldiers could print



3D printed prosthetic hand

replacement parts to equipment right there on the battlefield. In fact in 2013, Bastian Schaefer gave a TED talk outlining his predictions of what this



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3D printing from the opening sequence of HBO sci-fi series Westworld

technology could create. In this list was rocket parts, guns, a house, human body parts, a moon base (yes, a moon base) and even meat and leather. I was mostly confused about the last one, but it does make sense. It is believed that if you can replicate the cells into tissue then print this tissue you could create leather and meat without killing any animals.

In 2013 Barak Obama stated that 3D printing could 'revolutionise the way we make almost anything.' It seems Mr Obama was on to something, although we may be far away from 3D printed meat, these are real possibilities that people are

working on as you read this.

Additive manufacturing or 3D printing may mean you will be able to do your own manufacturing in your own home which could change the way in which we trade dramatically.

In conclusion, unless you have some money burning a hole in your back pocket and you really want to create a scaled down Taj Mahal, 3D printing isn't going to change your immediate future. Nevertheless, what industries are beginning to do and trying to do will have a bearing on our future and inevitably will affect our lives. To what scale, we will have to wait and see.

UK set to protect four million square kilometres of ocean

Foreign Office Minister announces significant increase in UK Overseas Territory Marine Protected Areas.

Foreign Office Minister Sir Alan Duncan has announced plans to double the area of ocean under marine protection around the UK Overseas Territories to around four million square kilometres – greater than the landmass of India.

This will involve the permanent closure of an additional one million square kilometres of ocean to commercial fishing, to preserve important marine life.

The UK will pledge £20 million over the next four years to support the implementation, management, surveillance

and crucially the enforcement of these new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

Speaking ahead of the conference, Sir Alan Duncan said:

“Protecting four million square kilometres of ocean is a fantastic achievement, converting our historic legacy into modern environmental success. This demonstrates our commitment to delivering the Blue Belt pledge.”

Hosted by US Secretary of State John Kerry, the two-day Our Ocean conference will bring together governments, scientists, business leaders and NGOs from around the world to tackle threats to the ocean, including from marine pollution and the climate.

The UK and the Overseas Territories are custodians to the fifth-largest marine estate in the world. In 2015 the UK Government committed to creating a 'Blue Belt' around the 14 UK Overseas Territories.



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- Andrea Leadsom sparks row over 'motherhood' comments
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