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- Illegal migrants pour into Britain
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- PM: Record rise in employment 'is a milestone'
- Passport bosses draft extra staff to end backlog 'crisis'
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- Cameron urges 'bold EU leadership'
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- Sir Tom makes history as the first Scots historian to be knighted

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- Genocide warlord claims his right to a family life
- NHS 'is facing a £2bn gap in its funding'

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- TSB share sale values bank at £1.3bn
- Union fears as councils ask schools to share headteachers

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- England's World Cup hopes are shattered
- MP blasted for tweet saying he wanted to punch female pundit
- Family 'heartbroken' by jihad video

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- UK Syria fighters a 'long-term threat'
- 'Sugar tax' call for child obesity

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- Iraq jihadist takeover warning 'was ignored'
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- 150 New EU laws ruining Britain
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- Tories' 'working class MPs' boast backfires after they find only 14

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- Cable backs Health Lottery role in war on UK obesity crisis



1st July

- Predator Rolf faces jail over sex assaults
- Tories surge into poll lead after Cameron's defiant stand at EU
- Cameron condemns murder of kidnapped Israeli youths

2nd July

- Statins are no risk to health
- PM warns of antibiotic resistance
- Rolf art sold for peanuts

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- Mystery of missing dossier on VIP child abusers
- Tighter security for flights to US
- FGM failure is a 'national scandal'

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- France: We can't halt migrant flood to UK
- MPs demand child abuse public inquiry
- Rolf Harris due to be sentenced

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- Clarke faces the axe for defying Cameron on EU
- Doctor 'abused cancer children'
- PM to act over lost dossier on 'perverts'

- Labour lord's 'sex attacks on12 children'
- Child abuse files lost at Home Office spark fears of cover-up
- Lord Brittan 'quizzed on rape claim'



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- 86F heatwave is on the way
- Six arrested over 'revenge murder' of Palestinian boy
- The school meal farce gets worse

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- Scrap TV licence fee insist 51% of viewers
- Eurostar evacuated in Tunnel
- Claim '20 top figures were abusers'

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- Migrants do take our jobs
- 114 child sex files linked to MPs have 'vanished'
- Taxman wants to spy on bank statements

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- Public sector workers in mass strike
- Salmond and Darling TV debate two days after Games

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- Emergency laws uphold MI5's right to snoop on phones, texts and emails
- Howard in running to be Britain's next EU Commissioner
- Taxpayers lost out on £1bn in sell-off of Royal Mail

- Untaxed foreign cars 'cost millions'
- Legal expert cited by SNP reveals why he will vote No
- Carney predicts rise of £400 a month by 2017 on London mortgages



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- Fury over channel 4 insult to MP killed by the IRA
- Surprise comeback for Liam Fox as Cameron plans radical reshuffle

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- Church fears child sex revelations
- Human cost of Israel's onslaught on Gaza towns continues to rise

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- Spy agencies do harvest your private emails
- Russia 'shot down Ukrainian plane'

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- 100F heat to blast Britain
- Jeers as EU's new boss takes job after a 'Soviet- style' vote
- Fears of rate rise as inflation jump gives City jitters

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- Teachers and doctors among 660 paedophile suspects held by police
- Massive swoop on child abusers nets 660
- Aid from the West being used to bankroll Isis in Syria

- Police find no suspect for half of all crimes
- Soviet missile thought to have downed plane
- Storms and warning of heatwave



19th July

- Putin's rebels blew up plane
- 40 UK-bound illegals a day are seized at Calais
- Police to doorstep sex crime suspects

20th July

- 2 British families killed by 'Putin the terrorist'
- Armed rebels deny access to tragic victims of flight MH17
- UK economic recovery not 'firmly rooted', warns Clarke

21stJuly

- PM: we'll freeze Russian billions
- Hammond: EU must grant us a better deal or we will vote to leave
- Foreign firms create 66,000 new Brit jobs

22nd July

- 'Excessive' BBC blows £ 25m on staff pay- offs
- Public sector workers in mass strike
- Salmond and Darling TV debate two days after Games

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- Emergency laws uphold MI5's right to snoop on phones, texts and emails
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- Taxpayers lost out on £1bn in sell-off of Royal Mail

- Untaxed foreign cars 'cost millions'
- Young priced out of a home
- Criminal probe into foreign exchange rigging claims



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- Britain's economy booming, says IMF
- Pay gap widens: women now earn 13% less
- We will seize Shell and BP assets, warns Moscow

26th July

- At last, the economy has overtaken its pre-recession peak
- More train disruption after storms
- Israeli cabinet rejects US-backed plea for Gaza ceasefire

27th July

- Ed claims 'image does not matter' but has he hired a voice coach?
- Strip Russia of World Cup Clegg
- Families may sue Putin over jet crash

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- Migrant curbs to fail 'unless Britain takes back borders'
- The 'worst time to buy a home for three years'
- Split opens over call to strip Russia of World Cup

29th July

- Benefit cuts for migrants
- Migrants will get benefits for just 3 months, says Cameron
- Tories 'more likely to raise taxes'

30th July

- PM tells illegal migrants: We'll find you... and send you home
- Migrants handed £5bn tax credits
- Ebola: World goes on red alert

31st July

- PPM: We could lift 40p tax threshold to help families
- UK border staff 'not ready' for Ebola
- Smoke on the water: Eastbourne pier feels the heat



1st August

- Over- 60s are getting the biggest pay rises
- PM in '£2m' pledge after pier fire
- Universities are urged to tackle gender segregation on courses

2nd August

- Tough new laws to stop jihadist terror
- Plebgate police are accused of 'industrial levels of dishonesty'
- Danger warning on armed migrants

3rd August

- Jihadists: we'll behead Briton next
- Fresh doubts on PM'S terror plan
- Salmond: Independence is closer than it has ever been

4th August

- Ebola victim: I am lucky to be alive
- 'Complacent' Home Office loses 175,000 illegal immigrants
- Cameron 'not ruling out' action on IS

5th August

- Migrants storm ferry to Britain
- Stamp duty is an assault on middle class, say Tory MPS
- PM warning over terrorist ransoms

- Italian strike disrupts UK flights
- Alliance officials say SNP plans fall short on defence spending
- Shaming of our bully banks



7th August

- Sellafield nuclear clean- up bill will soar by billions
- 'Yes' vote takes lead in Scotland poll
- · 'Failure of imagination' could break up Britain, warns Penrith MP

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- Fury at MPs' 10% pay rise
- Riot police battle with mobs over Calais migrants
- Get disillusioned UK jihadists to work for us, urges ex-mi6 boss

9th August

- Second year of badger culling begins
- No camp accused of panic as Brown unveils powers plan
- Hundreds of travellers stranded by bomb scare at airport

10th August

- Ebola: UK airport staff set to strike workers' terror over killer virus
- US intervention against Isis boosts Kurdish morale
- People power demands UK action on Gaza conflict

11th August

- Pressure to slash benefits outside richer South-east
- Boris: I became Mayor to boost chance of being PM
- Police want right to see medical records without consent

- Migrants clamour to reach Britain
- Soviet missile thought to have downed plane
- Storms and warning of heatwave



13th August

- Migrants on low wages face paying income tax
- UK drops third round of aid in Iraq
- Salmond pledges to protect NHS against privatisation

14th August

- Failing GP practices face closure
- SAS sent in as Iraq rescue mission is launched
- Carney ready for a run on Scots banks after Yes

15th August

- Britain ready to arm Iraq's Kurd fighters
- Bring back hanging for child killers, says Ukip
- Questions for Salmond as migration dips to lowest level in years

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19th August

- Taxpayers' £500million bill for failed border scheme
- HMRC plans to cut 60 jobs amid new recruitment campaign
- Assisted suicide law backed

20th August

- House prices up by £ 23,000
- Cameron must recall MPs over Iraq crisis says ex-head of Army
- UK condemns journalist 'beheading'

21st August

- Find the British butcher behind the mask
- UK hunts 'British' beheading suspect
- Salmond faces grilling after tycoon warns oil running out

22nd August

- Jihadist killers on our streets
- Co-op Bank reports loss of £75.8m
- Coalition: Scotland cannot keep pound and leave debt

23rd August

- May pledges new anti-extremist powers
- Hospitals told to cut parking charges
- Top officer hits out at police for handling of gun row

- UK Ebola alert as infected medic to fly home
- US 'set to launch air strikes' on senior Isis terror chiefs in Syria
- Sir Cliff Richard quizzed by police



25th August

- Flee from Hamas rocket sites, Israel tells Gaza civilians
- Fine drunks who abuse A&E staff £50, says minister
- Film's Richard Attenborough dies

26th August

- Britain will get tough on EU
- Police stop-and-search code launched
- Hypersonic missile explodes after lift-off

27th August

- Fury over Britain's 2m illegal migrants
- New peace hopes as Gaza truce is agreed
- Fury as judge blames drunk women for rapists going free

28th August

- Rallying call to halt anti- Semitic attacks
- Germans follow our lead and get tough on migrant benefits
- 'Significant' rise in migration to UK

29th August

- PM warns Putin as his tanks roll into Ukraine
- Hospitals will be fined for poor meals
- Comic Joan Rivers in a critical state

30th August

- Bonanza as house prices hit new high
- Egg attack MP tells the 'Yes' campaign: Call off your yobs
- Cameron and Clegg to hold terror talks

31st August

- Britain to lead Nato force with mission to halt 'Tsar' Putin
- Ashdown slams 'knee-jerk' Tory response to jihadi terror threat
- One in three young workers on low pay



Yes will give powers for a sustainable economy

The SNP is welcoming an expert report which finds that the full powers of independence would allow the Scottish Government to strengthen and grow the economy.

The report from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Scotland states that independence would give the Scottish Government the "powers and financial levers necessary to manage its financial and economic position sustainably."

The report highlights difficulties presented by the current devolution settlement, stating that "issues of timing and changes to the level" of the block grant from Westminster "present

difficulties in the ability of the Scottish Government to establish medium or long term financial plans".

It also highlights the block grant does not provide the financial levers necessary for "optimum public financial management and accountability".

SNP MSP Jamie Hepburn said:

"This report confirms that Scotland has more than got what it takes to be an independent country – and that only the full powers a Yes vote will bring will enable the Scottish Government to 'manage its financial and economic position sustainably'.

"Significantly, the report

points out that devolution currently does not provide the tools necessary for 'optimum financial management' – and that Westminster's ability to cut Scotland's funding presents difficulties for the Scotlish Government in terms of long term planning.

"With the Westminster parties all tied to austerity, all we can be certain of in the event of a No vote is more cuts to Scotland's budget. After years of economic mismanagement from successive Westminster governments, it is clear that only full access to all financial levers will give us the opportunity to make the most of our talented people and vast resources.

"Scotland is a wealthy country, more prosperous per head than France, Japan and the UK itself. But it is only with the full powers

of independence we can make the most of this to strengthen and grow the Scottish economy, creating jobs and sharing our country's wealth more fairly."

More testing needed to establish Scotland's shale potential

More drilling and testing is required to establish Scotland's shale potential, a report released 30th June has revealed.

The British Geological Society estimates up to 11.2 billion barrels of shale oil could be beneath central Scotland, but more investigation is required to establish the extent of reserves.

In addition, the survey said there was up to 134.6 trillion cubic feet of shale gas.

The potential for fracking appears to be less in the Midland Valley of Scotland, the area which the report looked at, than in parts of England, but could still produce significant amounts of energy.

Today's study added that the UK "clearly has potential" for the extraction of shale gas and oil, which has revolutionised the energy market in the US.

The Scottish Conservatives have urged further investment to enable shale to become part of Scotland's energy mix, meaning less dependency would be placed on unpopular onshore windfarms.

Scottish Conservative energy spokesman Murdo Fraser MSP said:

"It's clear from this report that there is enough potential for shale to warrant more testing and drilling. "If we are sitting on billions of barrels of oil and trillions of cubic feet of gas, it's essential we at least check it out.

"Fracking has transformed the US energy market, and this could be a very valuable resource for Scotland.

"I hope the Scottish Government embraces this challenge and supports the opportunities for further exploration.

"With the spread of unreliable and intermittent windfarms seemingly endless across Scotland's countryside, it's important we continue to monitor to possibility for alternatives."

Patents: displaying your rights

From 1 October 2014 you will have the option of marking your product with a web address, instead of the patent number and country of the patent.

Showing you have patent protection could help stop accidental infringement of your patent. It may also help you get damages from an infringer.

Currently, you can use the terms 'patent pending' or 'patent applied for' to show that you have applied for a patent.

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Changes being introduced on 1 October 2014 mean you will have the option of marking your product with a web address, instead of the patent number and country of the patent.

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Emergency shallow grave lining installations

100mm Extension Ring

We had a call from a cemetery manager this week requesting assistance to allow a family inter in a grave that was too shallow for normal earthen burial. Our fast response team was soon underway to deliver and install our 100mm Grave Extension Ring system.

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The rings are designed



to be lightweight and can easily be lifted into place by four men and are especially useful in areas where access to the grave for machinery is limited.

The grave is sealed using interlocking lids post interment and Soil from the

excavation can be backfilled around the coffin prior to the lid placement and sealing procedure if required.

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Separation would be disastrous for homeowners – estate agent

Homeowners in a separate Scotland would face a £5,200 hike in mortgage repayments if the SNP sees through its threat of defaulting on debt.

In a major report by leading estate agents Strutt and Parker, experts said independence would potentially cost families thousands of pounds each year because a Scotland which refused to pay its debt would face sky-high interest rates.

Finance secretary John Swinney confirmed again this week that, should the rest of the UK deny an independent Scotland a currency union, the SNP would default on billions of pounds of debt.

The uncertainty which

would follow a Yes vote would deter buyers from entering the market, the estate agent said, a move that would hit house prices.

Farmland and rural businesses would also be hit as Scotland, in the event of independence, would face years out of the EU, meaning it could not access European subsidy.

In contrast, they added, a No vote would provide a huge boost for homeowners north of the border.

Andrew Rettie, the partner in charge of Strutt and Parker's estate agency business in Scotland, concluded: "I believe the Scottish house market will gain strength and momentum in the weeks and months following ...

a victory for the Better Together campaign.

"Confidence will return to buyers, lenders, sellers and valuers."

Scottish Conservative housing spokesman Alex Johnstone said:

"These are stark warnings homeowners will find impossible to ignore.

"No-one wants to pay thousands extra on their mortgage every year, yet that is exactly what these experts are saying will be one of the consequences of separation.

"The SNP's position that it will simply walk away from billions of pounds of debt in the event of separation risks making Scotland the laughing stock of the world.

"But the seriousness of it cannot be underestimated,

particularly when the housing market is at such blatant risk.

"The Scottish Government doesn't have answers for these points, it just hopes they will go away and voters won't notice."



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Scottish heritage in the spotlight

A £200,000 fund which will help attract international visitors to Scotland has been launched by Tourism Minister Fergus Ewing.

The second round of the Scottish Clan Event Fund will support the delivery and planning of local clan events over the Year of Food and Drink in 2015, Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016 and Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017.

The news coincided with Clans Monday, where clans and families have special access to the newly opened Bannockburn Visitor Centre.

Mr Ewing said:

"Thanks to the first round of the Scottish Clan

Event Fund, we were able to provide support to a number of Clans who organised events across the country during our Year of Homecoming 2014.

"This weekend at Bannockburn Live, we saw a fantastic range of outlets showing off their Scottish delicacies, whiskies and real ales to visitors from around the world. As we look towards the Year of Food and Drink in 2015 we want to keep up this momentum and show off some of the excellent produce that has helped to reinforce Scotland's reputation as a land of food and drink.

"Visitors are keen to learn more about the country's fabulous food and drink, history, architecture and heritage. The second round of the Clan Event Fund will make sure we keep up our international profile to ensure we continue to attract kin from across the globe to events around the country. It will also help to encourage clans to hold events in all parts of Scotland and ensure everyone reaps the rewards from their boost to tourism."

Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs said:

"The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs continues to support this important initiative which will enhance Clan activities in local communities and encourage more people to celebrate their clan and family heritage across Scotland."

John Mackenzie, Earl of Cromartie, Chair of the Highland Clan Partnership Group said: "The Scottish Clans Event Fund has provided a welcome boost to Highland Clans in planning and extending their International Clan Gatherings, providing a healthy addition to regional Tourism.

"The recognition of the Scottish Government of the importance of the Highland Clans to Ancestral and Heritage Tourism to Scotland today and in the future cannot be understated. The Scottish Clan Event Fund extends the ability of the Highland Clans to immeasurably improve the visitor experience and bring support to local businesses in often fragile communities as well as more community and cultural events to the Highland Region of Scotland."



Lib Dems must apologise over Royal Mail sell-off

Scottish National Party MSP Mike MacKenzie has called on the Liberal Democrats to apologise over the privatisation of Royal Mail.



Mike MacKenzie MSPP

Royal Mail has recently made a submission to Ofcom calling for an early review of the workings of competition in postal services and the threat to the universal service. Despite strong opposition

in Scotland, the Liberal Democrats voted with the Tories in favour of the privatisation of Royal Mail.

Commenting, Highlands and Islands MSP Mike MacKenzie said:

"The Liberal Democrats have a lot to answer for, and they especially owe an apology to Scotland's rural communities.

"The call for an early Ofcom review highlights exactly why the Scottish National Party were opposed to the privatisation of Royal Mail. All of this was entirely predictable.

"Competitors are cherry picking easy, profitable urban routes. This undermines the ability of Royal Mail, the only company obliged to do so, to deliver the universal service obligation. We made it abundantly clear that privatisation posed a real threat to the future of the universal service obligation, which is of huge importance to large areas of Scotland. The Tories and Lib Dems dismissed this claiming the service was safe and now Royal Mail themselves are saying the service is in danger and urgent action is needed.

"Royal Mail should never have been privatised. Figures showed 77 per cent of Scots were totally opposed - more than any other part of the UK.

"Only a Yes vote in September can ensure that Scotland will be assured of a mail service that meets the needs of our communities – and one which is brought back into public ownership."

Culture Secretary writes a Letter to an Unknown Soldier

Part of a nation wide arts project to commemorate the start of the First World War

Culture Secretary, Sajid Javid, along with more than 3,000 others, has written a Letter to an Unknown Soldier as part of an arts project to commemorate the start of the First World War.

The project, run by 14-18 Now, asks as many people as possible to send a personal message to one of the men who served and was killed during World War One.

Schools and community groups, as well as individuals, have already written letters and their thoughts are part of an online exhibition. Letters are also featured from established writers including A.L Kennedy, Sheila Hancock, Andy McNab and Caryl Churchill.

It's not too late to write your letter – the project runs until 4th August at 11pm: the centenary of the moment when Prime Minister Asquith announced to the House of Commons that Britain had joined the First World War.

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- Native species protection
- · Wildlife friendly activity
- Raised/renewed interest in the cemetery from the local community

Leading UK business woman says EU approach damages Britain's prospects

News that a top British business woman has called for the UK to leave the EU has been welcomed by UKIP Leader Nigel Farage.

Helena Morrissey, CEO of Newton Investment Management, has said that the EU's top-down approach to business and politics was damaging the prospects of Britain.

"When successful people such as Helena Morrissey describe how EU membership is damaging our economy and constraining Britain's potential, it shows just once again that the economic argument for EU membership is a non-starter," said Farage.

"A confident, global Britain is what UKIP stand for. We wish to trade and co-operate with our European neighbours, but free ourselves from red tape and excessive regulation from Brussels.

"The tide is turning and I hope that many other business people will have the same bravery as Helena Morrissey and come out to condemn the EU's effects on our country."

Burial Chambers and Mausolea – the new standard facilities for cemeteries

welters® have been pleased to observe over the years and now more recently that a number of traders from various backgrounds are appearing to emulate their business model as closely as possible, attempting to replicate their products, burial chamber and mausolea systems and professional services.



As a Design and Manufacturing Organisation, welters® are heartened by the work others have put into studying their systems and procedures which welters® welcome and embrace.

It serves to not only validate and endorse the concepts welters® have been bringing to the industry for over 25 years but will assist with opening up the market and opportunities that welters® have brought into focus for the industry. It will now critically allow them to demonstrate clearly one of the most important elements of their model with some accuracy. This will emphasise the importance of delivering these packages at a price point that is relevant and viable to the market place, and

critical to the entire process.

welters® will now be in a position to demonstrate more clearly the relevance of that price point in this perspective, showing how out-sourcing various professional services, manufacturing, and on-site contracting to achieve an expensive imitation renders the business case impotent when compared to a genuinely all in-house operation from within their own design stable.

welters® continue to invest in their original design and their own UK manufacturing and management concepts to deliver versatile and relevant solutions for the industry.





Cemetery Village™ owners build on their success

2014 continues to be a busy year for **welters**® design and installation teams as cemeteries operating their Cemetery Village™ schemes are building on their success and are requiring further phases of development to be initiated.

The success behind welters® Cemetery Village™ schemes lies with welters'® philosophy of providing high quality,

affordable and reliable services for all elements of a project.

From consultation, scheme design, product manufacture and installation to aftercare support, maintenance and full interment support services, all provided in-house without the need for sub-contractors or risky secondary company partnerships.

This means welters® can offer a low risk, low investment, low level phased approach with the lowest unit cost, using product and components manufactured or assembled at their own UK facility.

All welters® cast stonework is manufactured using natural stone materials from local and sustainable resources and their in-house designers can provide clients the best original designs, facilitating the ability to offer the most competitive rates locally ensuring connectivity with their user base and ultimately a maximised continuous revenue stream using specialist knowledge for re-use, cultural, and practical solutions on an on-going basis.

Slowly but surely the Coalition's economic plan is working

Commenting on today's GDP figures showing that the economy grew by 0.6% in the last quarter, Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesperson, Stephen Williams said:

"Fixing the economy was always going to take time, but these figures are further evidence that the Coalition's plan is working.

"After wrecking the economy, Labour spent the last years rubbishing the Coalition's growth plan. They were wrong. Slowly but surely the plan is working and the economy is recovering.

"It is particularly encouraging to see the construction sector growing so strongly, providing a much needed boost to house-building, and to see manufacturing on the rise.

"The Liberal Democrats are building a stronger economy and a fairer society, enabling everyone to get on in life. Getting growth going and creating jobs is at the heart of that. We have helped businesses create a million jobs, now we want to help create a million more."



Short film shows the full extent of slavery in the UK

The seven minute film, which includes interviews with front line professionals and charity workers from the NSPCC and ECPAT UK, features stark scenes of the most common types of modern slavery, such as sexual exploitation and domestic servitude.



Karen Bradley
MP for Staffordshire Moorlands

Modern Slavery and Organised Crime Minister, Karen Bradley, said: Modern Slavery is an appalling crime that has no place in today's society.

This government is determined to stamp it out and has introduced a ground-breaking Modern Slavery Bill, the first of its kind in Europe.

But legislation is only part of the solution. Our national campaign encourages people to stop and think about the crimes that might be going on around them and this film clearly demonstrates the extent to which people can be trapped in a life in which they have no control.

The short film is the latest part of the Home Office's nationwide awareness campaign, launched in July, to encourage the public who suspect cases of modern slavery, or those who feel they may be in a situation of slavery, to call a new national helpline.

The Modern Slavery
Bill, the first of its kind in
Europe, aims to give law
enforcement the tools to
stamp out the crime and
increase support and
protection for victims. It
reflects the government's
determination to lead the
global fight against this evil.

The Bill is now being scrutinised by Parliament with the intention that it is made law before the General Election next year.

The film can be viewed at the Home Office's YouTube channel.

The NHS simply cannot continue to take nursing cuts on this scale

Andy Burnham MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, in response to the publication of NHS workforce statistics this morning showing that the number of nurses in the NHS has been cut by 4,893 since May 2010, said:

"The NHS simply cannot continue to take nursing cuts on this scale and maintain standards of patient care. Jobs losses on this scale are dangerous.

"David Cameron likes to blame everyone else but these figures show he is ignoring warnings from Robert Francis and Bruce Keogh about the importance of safe staffing levels.

"The NHS has now lost almost 5,000 nurses on Cameron's watch and A&Es across England have struggled to cope. A re-organisation no-one wanted has siphoned £3 billion out of the front-line. This Prime Minister has given six-figure pay-offs to managers and P45s for nurses.

"David Cameron must urgently intervene to ensure safe staffing levels in our hospitals."

"These dangerous cuts show that you can't trust the Tories with the NHS."

The Art of Manufacturing

Part 4

The Art of Manufacturing has been produced by Keith Welters to promote and encourage the desire to make manufacturing a prolific career path and enterprise within the UK.



Keith Welters is a leading UK manufacturer

Since the war, there has been a steady decline in manufacturing employment but a continuing rise in manufacturing output.

Growth in technological advancement has enabled

greater production using fewer workers who are generally more highly skilled.

The mass employment of workers performing labour-intensive and repetitive tasks has largely been replaced by machines or outsourced to 'offshore resources' such as China and India where manpower, products and components can be cheaply supplied.

Whilst it could be argued that it's 'all built in China now', the UK still maintains its lead as a high-end manufacturer and is the sixth largest manufacturer in the world. The danger lies in these offshore resources 'squaring the circle' by producing highly skilled workers manufacturing high-end products of their own.

It is in fact the initiation and control of the full process that we need to pass on to future generations in order for the UK to continue to maintain and grow its skill base. Outsourcing will be detrimental to the future of our trades if it means using the skills of trained workers elsewhere, leading to the inevitable brain drain as home grown talents are forced to seek opportunities abroad.

This serialisation highlights the importance of training in trade skills to create the manufacturers of tomorrow.

In this fourth instalment we look at the UK Manufacturing

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UK Manufacturing

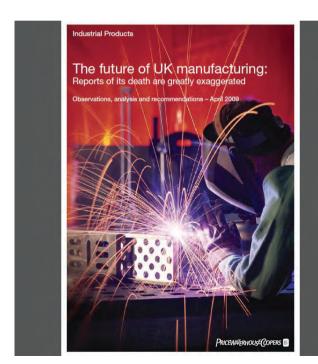
A 2009 report from PricewaterhouseCoopers states: Output of British manufacturing reached an all-time high in 2007, even adjusted for inflation.

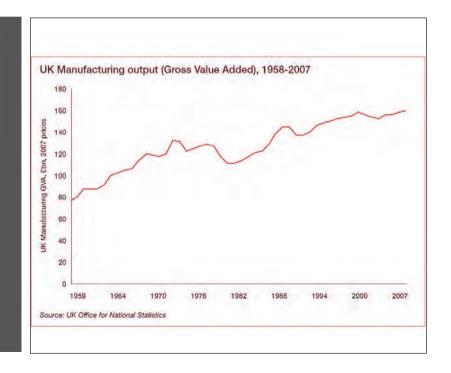
The UK is the world's 6th largest manufacturer with strong positions in certain key industries, e.g. a 15% global market share in Aerospace.

UK Manufacturing achieved a 50% increase in labour productivity from 1997-2007.

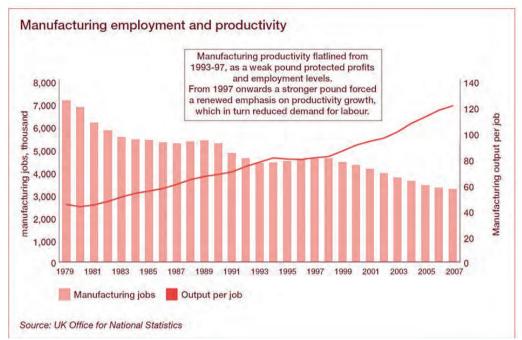
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The report cites data from the UK Office for National Statistics, stating that UK manufacturing output has increased in 35 out of the past 50 years, and as the graph shows, 2007 was a record year for UK manufacturing production.





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Conversely the number of people employed in manufacturing has dropped steadily as productivity per employee has increased.

This is a trend common in many mature Western economies.

Industries employing thousands of people and producing large volumes of goods (such as car manufacturing) has either become highly efficient, producing the same amount of output from fewer manufacturing sites employing fewer people or has been replaced by smaller industrial units producing high-value goods.



A stark contrast to the heavily populated factories of a few **Gainful Employment** short decades ago.



Just as our fields are no longer populated by hoards of labourers tilling by hand it is now no longer the case that our factories are full of people in long term employment.



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In the mid 1990's the UK manufacturing sector employed over 4.3m people.

By 2010 that had fallen to under 2.5m – the lowest on record.

The days when whole communities were employed by the local factory are long gone.

Unskilled or labour intensive jobs have largely been either mechanised or outsourced to offshore resources where labour is cheaper.

Outsourcing for cheaper goods and services can make good economic sense.

Using offshore resources to countries such as India and China to tap into workers providing their services at a lower rate of pay than their UK equivalents can be very attractive to companies trying to keep their bottom line down and their competitive edge up.

It is debatable however in the long term whether this approach if unchecked is good for the nation as a whole.

We have already seen huge falls in mass employment in low skilled jobs and as education in the developing countries increase our skilled home based workers are faced with fierce competition from overseas labour.



Only Yes will protect Scotland's place in Europe

External Affairs Minister Fiona Hyslop said it is now clear only a Yes vote will protect Scotland's place in Europe as the Tories prepare to lurch further to the right in an attempt to head off UKIP.

She said it is yet another example of the cost to Scotland of Westminster's control of key policy areas.

Ms Hyslop said:

"More and more people are waking up to the opportunity of independence – such as having a direct voice in Europe – instead of being in the hands of a Westminster elite determined to show ever greater hostility to the EU.

"We are now seeing real panic from the Tories as they set to harden their position because of the turmoil in their ranks.

"We already have senior Westminster Cabinet ministers saying they would vote to leave the EU if the UK's membership terms are not changed and now another Tory minister, lain Duncan Smith, has promised to 'step up the gas' on the promise of an in/out referendum on Europe.

"This means that if Westminster retains control of Scotland there is a real risk that we could be on our way out of Europe against our will by 2017.

"It is in the overwhelming interests of Scotland and the EU for Scotland's membership of the European Union to continue.

"With independence we

will be able to pursue a European policy that puts Scottish business and jobs first, maintaining our access to a single market of more than 500 million people.

"It's never been clearer that only a Yes vote on September 18 will protect Scotland's interests, jobs and our future in Europe. It's time for Scotland's future to be in Scotland's hands."



Government has 'taken leave of its senses' on immigration

GREEN Party London Assembly member Jenny Jones has condemned the Coalition Government's "senseless" lurch to the right on immigration.

The Home Office's 'Go Home or Face Arrest' vans were piloted in London in July. They were branded #racistvan by critics on Twitter and Lib Dem Business Secretary Vince Cable described the campaign as "stupid and offensive."

UK Border Agency checks on the immigration status of targeted individuals at London Underground stations have been described as "sinister and disturbing" by London blog Wembley Matters.

"In their efforts to claw back UKIP votes the government seems to have taken leave of their senses. First the intimidation by the racist vans, now blatant discrimination against ethnic minorities going peacefully about their legitimate business", said Jones.

"Immigration is not the overwhelming problem for the rest of us, it's the semi stagnant economy and poverty pay for millions. When will this government see the damage their vile policies are causing?"

Over one million searches for war heroes' wills

The heartfelt documents, detailing soldiers' last wishes, were put online last year by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) to enable people to search for what may have been the final messages sent home by their relatives.

In one handwritten message available in the database, a soldier writes: "...I am only sorry that I did not see you all before I went but...mother dear do not lose heart I may come back again..."

Every soldier had to complete a will before they headed to the front line so their estate could be dealt with if they lost their life. They carried a copy with them and many used the will to write letters to their loved ones, expressing

their feelings. Many of the historic documents show the physical damage suffered in the war.

Justice Minister Shailesh Vara said:

I am pleased so many people have taken advantage of this fascinating project, which has opened the door to a whole new insight on our war heroes.

The high level of interest in the project's first year reminds us just how well regarded our brave soldiers remain one century on from the start of this conflict.

I encourage anyone who has not yet done so to take the opportunity to hear the thoughts and emotions of these soldiers who died for their country in their own words.

This project is a great example of the innovation going on throughout HMCTS to provide a modern and efficient service to the public.

The Probate Office's huge archive of 278,000 soldiers' wills was released in the run-up to the centenary of the start of the Great War, which began on July 28, 1914, as part of the government's wider drive to modernise and open up its services.

The digitised documents are part of the huge archive of 41 million wills preserved by Iron Mountain on behalf of HMCTS.

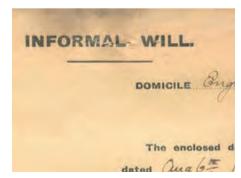
Phil Greenwood, Commercial Director at Iron Mountain, said:

This precious archive

contains the last words of many of Britain's fallen WW1 heroes. The handwritten wills are a valuable resource for historians, genealogists and the general public, adding rich detail to the stories of our brave ancestors.

Iron Mountain is working with HM Courts & Tribunals Service to preserve and protect the precious paper documents. The easy to use web portal has made it straightforward for anyone to request scanned copies of the wills.

The fact so many searches have been made just one year on from the online launch is testament to our nation's pride in those who gave their lives for our future.



Bolted to concrete foundation







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Extreme Weather Solutions

Optional specification burial chamber upgrade and high watertable installations

This method ensures where required that burial chambers remain secure and free from water ingress during extreme conditions.

- The burial chambers are given a bituminous coating and a continuous bead of polyurethane concrete sealant is applied to the underside of each chamber.
- The chamber is then bolted to a reinforced concrete foundation.
- External anchor hooks are then fixed to the external chamber sides and rebar attached to the hooks
- A cement pour around the edge of the excavation completes the installation providing a sealed interment facility impervious to water ingress.

*Higher specification waterproof burial chambers are also available and manufactured to comply with BS 8102:2009 Type B construction.





Baroness Warsi attends WW1 Commemorations

Baroness Warsi represents the UK Government at commemorations in Sarajevo to mark start of the First World War



The Rt Hon. the Baroness Warsi

Senior Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi is participating in centenary commemorations today to mark the outbreak of the First World War, during a visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Baroness Warsi is representing the UK at

a concert by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in the restored Saraievo City Hall, and will later witness the Century of Peace event. She will also visit the joint exhibition of the Imperial War Museum and the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The exhibition is a part of the Sarajevo Heart of Europe foundation project implemented by the British Council and supported by the European Union.

In addition to participating in these commemorative events, during Baroness Warsi's three day visit she also met with a number of party leaders including: Zlatko Lagumdzija, Bakir Izetbegovic, Fahrudin Radoncic, Martin Raguz, and Mladen Ivanic. She encouraged Bosnia and Herzegovina's senior political leaders to engage

substantively with the people's calls for reforms, and emphasised the importance of political parties to addressing socio-economic reforms in their programmes ahead of the October elections Baroness Warsi also stressed the UK's commitment to the territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a sovereign and united country and support for both the EU and NATO membership.

Senior Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi said:

I am proud to be here to represent the UK Government at the start of the commemoration of the First World War in Sarajevo. I hope that the events this year, and over the next four years, will bring people and communities together in remembrance.

Labour to demand government gets a grip of DWP chaos

Rachel Reeves MP, Labour's Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, speaking ahead of a Commons debate (Monday 30 June 2014) on the chaos within the Department for Work and Pensions, said:

"David Cameron's failure to get a grip of the chaos within the Department for Work and Pensions has led to huge distress and hardship for hundreds of thousands of people and threatens to land taxpayers with a huge bill.

"Last week the Government admitted serious failings in its Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report on benefit fraud, Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payments, but ministers refuse to act.

"That's why Labour has called a debate in parliament to demand lain Duncan Smith gets a grip of his failing department starting by setting a time limit for making disability benefit assessment decisions. The £12.8 billion Universal Credit has ground to a halt and rising spending on Employment Support Allowance is threatening to breach the government's welfare cap."

Douglas Carswell's defection is a hammer blow to David Cameron

Michael Dugher MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office, responding to Douglas Carswell's defection to UKIP. said:

"Douglas Carswell's defection is a hammer blow to David Cameron.

"Confidence in David Cameron is collapsing inside a Conservative party which is divided and running scared of UKIP.

"David Cameron's weak leadership has seen him abandon the centre ground, repeatedly trying to pander to his own rightwing backbenchers rather than concentrate on the needs of the country. Now even his own side are abandoning him.

"This is a Prime Minister who is running out of MPs as well as ideas on how to make the big changes this country needs to see. This turmoil inside the Conservative Party shows that they are too busy obsessing with themselves rather than standing up for the public.

"We already know that UKIP are against the interests of working people, wanting higher taxes for working families, huge giveaways for the rich, scrapping rights at work and charges to see your GP. The fact that a Tory MP has now joined UKIP shows that the message to working people is clear: vote UKIP and you not only get policies that are more extreme than the Tories, you also get the Tories."

UK government to double public donations for Gaza

The UK will match pound for pound the first £2 million donations to the DEC Gaza appeal

The British government will activate UK Aid Match for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal, International Development Secretary Justine Greening has announced.

The DEC will see the first £2 million of donations from members of the public aid matched, meaning that every £1 donated is matched by UK aid.

You can donate to the DEC Gaza appeal at www. dec.org.uk or text DEC to 70000 to give £5

Justine Greening said:

Four weeks of violence

have left people in Gaza in desperate need of food, shelter and medical supplies. The British people have shown immense generosity in situations like this and the UK Government will help that generosity go twice as far.

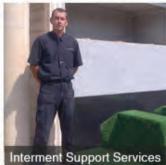
For people wanting to help civilians in Gaza caught up in this crisis, giving now means every pound they donate will buy twice as many food parcels, provide twice as many blankets and help twice as many people to get through this crisis.

The DEC appeal will provide immediate life-saving support to people affected by the crisis in Gaza.

The new £2 million commitment will take the UK government's total support for the people of Gaza since the start of this crisis to £17 million. In addition to today's announcement, since the beginning of the crisis Britain has released:

Fourth phase burial chamber during installation





Second phase mausoleum and burial chamber during installation

The Leading UK Innovator in Memorial and Interment Systems

Any budget - Any Scale - Any Specification

Due to their ongoing success, welters® are currently completing new phases of development and reuse projects across a number of Cemetery Village® schemes. These schemes have been designed to grow with demand as they become an established and integral part of the service offered by the Authority.

Combined with their Interment Support provision welters® are able to offer clients an unparalleled range of products and services. Read what one client has to say about **welters**® services.

welters® can design, supply, install and maintain above and below ground interment and memorial systems for any size and any budget on a fixed price or partnership basis; all supported by full inscription and burial support services.

Rosetta takes comet's temperature

The observations of comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko were made by Rosetta's visible, infrared and thermal imaging spectrometer, VIRTIS, between 13 and 21 July, when Rosetta closed in from 14 000 km to the comet to just over 5000 km.

At these distances, the comet covered only a few pixels in the field of view and so it was not possible to determine the temperatures of individual features. But, using the sensor to collect infrared light emitted by the whole comet, scientists determined that its average surface temperature is about –70°C.

The comet was roughly 555 million kilometres from the Sun at the time – more than three times further away than Earth, meaning that sunlight is only about a tenth

as bright.

Although –70°C may seem rather cold, importantly, it is some 20–30°C warmer than predicted for a comet at that distance covered exclusively in ice.

This result is very interesting, since it gives us the first clues on the composition and physical properties of the comet's surface.

says VIRTIS principal investigator Fabrizio Capaccioni from INAF-IAPS, Rome, Italy.

Indeed, other comets such as 1P/Halley are known to have very dark surfaces owing to a covering of dust, and Rosetta's comet was already known to have a low reflectance from ground-based observations, excluding an entirely 'clean'

icy surface.

The temperature measurements provide direct confirmation that much of the surface must be dusty, because darker material heats up and emits heat more readily than ice when it is exposed to sunlight.

This doesn't exclude the presence of patches of relatively clean ice, however, and very soon, VIRTIS will be able to start generating maps showing the temperature of individual features,

adds Dr Capaccioni.

In addition to global measurements, the sensor will study the variation of the daily surface temperature of specific areas of the comet, in order to understand how quickly the surface reacts to

solar illumination.

In turn, this will provide insight into the thermal conductivity, density and porosity of the top tens of centimetres of the surface. This information will be important in selecting a target site for Rosetta's lander, Philae.

It will also measure the changes in temperature as the comet flies closer to the Sun along its orbit, providing substantially more heating of the surface.

Combined with observations from the other 10 science experiments on Rosetta and those on the lander, VIRTIS will provide a thorough description of the surface physical properties and the gases in the comet's coma, watching as conditions change on a daily basis and as the comet loops around the Sun over the course of the next year,

says Matt Taylor, ESA's Rosetta project scientist.

With only a few days until we arrive at just 100 km distance from the comet, we are excited to start analysing this fascinating little world in more and more detail.



welters* newly installed burial chambers with memorial housing systems

Memorial inscriptions proofed, approved, manufactured, delivered and FITTED BEFORE THE FUNERAL by our burial professionals PRIOR to the interment in an unprecedented level of service.





Short-notice inscribed tablet provision

welters® Support Services recently organised a short-notice inscribed tablet for a family fully fitted to the burial chamber memorial system within 24 hours of the order! This is available to all clients as part of the Cemetery Village™ scheme package options. Another pioneering industry first from the dedication of the welters® team to deliver effectively the most important real time solutions for the people who matter.

welters® burial chambers are typically installed complete with decorative stone or granite memorial housing systems. These memorial systems are designed to accept a pre-inscribed memorial tablet which can be fitted at any time, even on the day of the funeral. This coupled with welters® Inscription Services means that memorials can be in place at a time to suit the grave owner, which typically is not possible with traditional earthen grave memorials.

New tool that maps government property

A new easy-to-use tool that maps government property and land is now available for the first time. For the first time ever, you can search the government's property portfolio listing everything from ambulance stations to vacant airfields.

Launched 20th August by Minister for the Cabinet Office Francis Maude, the Government Property Finder supports the government's aims to increase transparency, save money and support regeneration and growth.

Under the Right to
Contest announced earlier
this year, people can
challenge whether the
land or property is being
used effectively. If the
government cannot justify
its use, the land or property
will be released and put to
better use. Historic assets

like Downing Street or the Treasury building won't be sold off, but this online tool will mean that the many government properties across the country can be put to the best possible use.

Previously, members of the public only had the right to challenge the wider public sector where land or property was empty or underused. Under the Right to Contest scheme this right is extended to include central government land and property, both vacant and occupied.

Through the Right to Contest, you can complete a short form giving details of the site and your reasons for the government to release it. Cases are only rejected if government departments can demonstrate that the site is vital for operational

purposes or that alternative considerations outweigh the potential for better economic use.

The government aims to sell property it no longer uses and get out of expensive rentals. The size of the public property estate has already decreased, with 1,250 buildings vacated since 2010. This has helped save £1.4 billion since the last general election, and the cost of running the estate has reduced by £647 million compared with a 2009 to 2010 baseline.

Minister for the Cabinet Office Francis Maude said:

As part of our long-term plan for a stronger economy we are slashing our own costs and getting the most out the property we own. Since the 2010 general election we have got out of

1,250 properties, but we need to do more. We want the public to use this new map and the Right to Contest to challenge us to release properties we are not using efficiently enough to cut the deficit, support growth and provide more houses.



