# Something for the Weekend

## **SCHNARFF SCHNARFF**

WHO: Myles Bonnar (vocals) Richard Douglas (guitar/vocals), Andrew "Turtle" MacLean (guitar/vocals), Brian Farquhar (bass/vocals), Jamie Douglas (drums/

vana, Arctic Monkeys

JIM SAYS: I had a jolly time at Schnarff Schnarff's recent EP launch at The Record Factory in Glasgow's West End. them and it was an impres sive show. They clearly

enjoyed themselves.

All originally from Glasgow where they continue

to be based.
Singer Myles went to Manchester for a while, so the rest of the band formed up as Bipolar Bear but they changed their name to Schnarff Schnarff when he returned. Turtle explained: "We found out there was already an MC called Bipolar Bear in the States. After Myles and I bounced some names about we agreed upon Schnarff Schnarff.

tion of the humorous name and our serious - and some-

imes dark — music."

Myles added: "Turtle and | were discussing what would be funny when pronounced in an Invernessian accent.
"We eventually agreed on



Inverness is known to its natives as the Schneck so we mimicked the spelling and pronunciation by turning Snarf Snarf into Schnarff Schnarff. We are very much of the belief that your name is

musically, you can be called anything you want as you will eventually make the name your own, associating it with vour sound rather than its

original meaning."
I can't agree more. Some of the biggest bands have silly names. Look at Biffy Clyro. You soon forget about

released through the Glasgow Kelvin College label Elec-

tric Honey Records.

It is a five-track EP which
BBC Radio Scotland presenter Vic Galloway has

described as "Staccato Grunge Pop". Myles said: "That pleased me as I love Nirvana and thev are the undisputed kings of

grunge."
The band play The Ironworks in Inverness on June 5 as part of the goNORTH festival. They've also been confirmed for the main stage at the sold-out Belladrum Festi



THERE are thousands of DARK SOULS 2 games out there - so why pick one that constantly kills. frustrates and punishes you?

As you start up Dark Souls 2, you've got to be ready for a tough time. Even during the tutorial, you're exposed to some of the difficulties that lie ahead for the 70 to 80-hour campaign.

As soon as you finish the brief raining on the basic controls,

the world at your leisure Rather than guide you in one direction or another, Dark Souls 2 will let you go anywhere but will give

provides something different, be it a new piece of equipment or a horrendously dangerous enemy.

The one major barrier you better than the console versions

you go anywhere but will give you clear signs you're going wrong by killing you instantly.

You can try to push through but your chances of success are limited.

The world of Drangelic is

The one major barrier you have to overcome to really get into Dark Souls 2 – as with all other Souls games by From Software – is its difficulty.

It's hard. Really hard. And not everyone will find the challenge who dare to brave it a detailed and gorgeous adventure await.

Prepare to die – but prepare

something to behold. There are gorgeous views and each area feels unique, with landmarks can create will test anyone to

ranging from massive castles to deep, dark caves.

The level design is one of the shining features. Every turn the enjoyment for some.

But if you're up for the challenge and can bear the trial-

experience is in store.

The PC game is graphically better than the console versions and still has the same great

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iOS (free with in-app

wasting money on the micro-

purchases)

to work through, including a

boss mode where the evil

And, as you'd expect, there are plenty of ops to accompany this summer's nowpiece sporting event.

Panini fresh from the success of its sticker album, has capitalised on that tide of nostalgic feel-good factor by launching an app for you to collect virtual stickers on

Adrenalyn XL isn't just about collecting players, though – you can also manage your line-up and take on others. There are playing sub-sets such as

which includes the world's greatest defenders, and "utility Players who have featured at two or more

World Cups are considered "experts", while special "double trouble" stickers feature two of the world's best players on the same

It's Pokemon cards meets Panini stickers, infused with modern technology.

I can't imagine a better combination. While card games of this ilk can often seem

SEQUEL to the Facebook hit

six worlds. You aet coins for

winning battles but wins aren't

IN case you aren't aware – sorry, where have you been? – the World Cup is barely a ios (free)



geeky, football has the mass appeal to

into it, it could be an absolute revelation.

Given the popularity of FIFA's Ultimate

ours for rides to build

# POLIFPCOASTEP

THE classic theme park simulator has made the jump to iOS – but unfortunately it's a stripped-down version that much as its predecessors.

Following the mobile trend. constantly thrust at you, and

> book a table with three taps of vour screen. Also gets vou deals, such as a free glass of vine, at selected venues. Initially covers 600 eateries in London only, but there are



build their own ebooks. This

new version is for Android but

an iOS one has been about for





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Essential read-

ing for any homeowner. Now pass me my

JENNY GREEN

## Crime readers know their stuff...I had one shot to get it right

Says Sun columnist TONY PARSONS

his name with blokey "men lit" novels - but now he is embarking on a life of crime.

The Sun on Sunday columnist has just penned his first thriller, about a sleuth trykiller bumping off rich and powerful men in London.

And Tony, 60, hopes that the ingle-dad hero of The Murder Bag — Detective Max Wolfe of the Homicide and Serious Crime Command – will feature in many ore books to come

SFTW spoke to Tony about taking a punt on something new and how so far it has paid off. He said: "I've always loved reading crime and I enjoy books that are character led.

wanted to create my own

TONY PARSONS made characters like Sherlock Holmes early reviews of The Murder or Sam Spade or Philip Marlowe
or Harry Hole." He added:
"When I was creating the world
of Max Wolfe, I knew that one
of the things I wanted to do was give my crime novel an evocative sense of place — like Los Angeles

sense of place — like Los Angeles in the novels of Raymond Chandler and James Ellroy, or Edinburgh in the Rebus novels by Ian Rankin.

"My home city is London and 27 Savile Row felt like an original location — and it had a nice ring to it. It's a place where Max can grow and make his own.

"I also thought he needed to have a human side, so he's got a five-year-old daughter, Scout. I wanted him to have some family

wanted him to have some family but not to be tied down and

## 'I cashed pension'

Former music journalist Tony's best-known novel is the semi-autobiographical novel Man And Boy, which sold millions and won the 2001 British Book Of won the 2001 Brace.
The Year prize.
Tony admits: "It was a big deal

for me to change genres.

"People who read thrillers know their stuff. I only had one shot to get it right and it couldn't just be OK. I basically cashed in my pension

cally cashed in my pension and wrote on spec and kept telling myself I haven't gone insane.

"I feel I've used every muscle in my brain to get this right."

It seems to have paid off, Tony was offered a three offset of the course writing my column for the Sun on Sunday."

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paid off, Tony was offered a three-book deal for his crime novels by Century and And Out now.

really chuffed with the early reviews and I feel I'm on to

something – but we shall see.
"I've worked so hard on Max
that I just want everyone to love
him as much as I do." Tony is great mates with Piers

Morgan — so has the TV presenter read the book?

The writer says: "Ha, not that I know of. He came to the launch which is typical but I haven't heard what he thinks of it!"

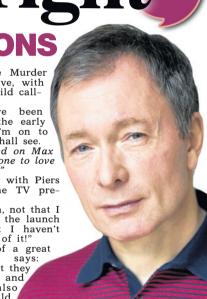
As for the secret of a great crime novel, Tony says:
"Twists are vital – but they have to be earned and make sense. I also believe a thriller should have heart."

He is currently work

Slaughter Man, which will be out next year. The third will be released in 2016. He said of the

ing on the second Max Wolfe book, The

third book: "
have the title and
the plot but I will PARSONS



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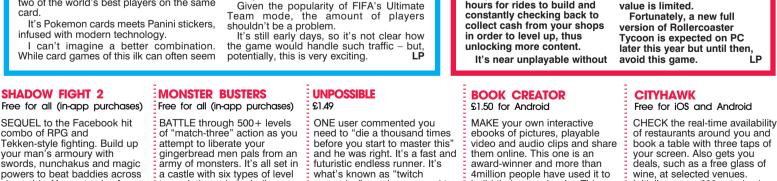
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