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Xbox One and PC

MICROSOFT'S biggest release, but bizarrely they didn't show any action. They preferred a trailer of Kait struggling with a fractured

nind. All very strange.

player co-op mission to infi

rate a Hive nest. Gears 5 wil get a beta starting on July 17

We did see Escape mode —

ng made into a onic At The Oly

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online multiplayer.

EMPIRE Of Sin is John Romero's new strategy game. Expect factic



Robbo brought his hilarious interactive videogame show, The Dark Room, to the party with its signature mix of thrills and high jinks. He said: "It was brilliant. We had a

eally wild time. On Saturday, I took a reviews are 90 per cent positive and shopping trolley and smashed it into some kids. People liked that.

"I claimed I was playing space invaders and they let me do that. And

ooth days I gave some kids pav-

ng stones as prizes. Congrau-lations, kid, you've won a brick."

The Dark Room — where you try to escape and win £1,000 —

Robbo added: "When you have a crowd full of adults you can do adult entertainment.

see and Robbo will be back in the summer at the Edinburgh Fringe and Resonate Expo in Glasgow. Robertson offered a sneak peek. He said: "We have added an

extra 300 screens to the Dark Room and I've taken to slinging beans into the crowd in a move I like to call the bean tsunami. Because it's an improv show it comes down to whatever I feel

John has also taken the show into the digital world, but he admitted: Games developers are like saints and martyrs because making a game is like being nailed to a cross and not being Jesus. "They work so hard while all I had to

over seven days and even that busted my hernia open.

But all the hard work looks to be paying off as the show is becoming a PC smash. He said: "It's insane. Our people love it but it's a great mixture of people who play the game and really get it. There are some pubs where people are playing it like a party game."

game.

He insisted: "The next episode of the game should be coming out near the end of the year. The plan is to have chapters 1, 2 and 3 then Darkes If all that wasn't enough to

have a crowd full of adults you can do adult entertainment. When you have a mixed audience you can still do adult entertainment — the kids are happy because they are hearing swearing and kids like swear words."

The show is a must-see and Robbo will be a mixed adult entertainment — the kids are happy are hearing swearing and kids like swear words."

If all that wasn't enough to keep him busy his first book The Little Town Of Marrow-ville is set to be released — and it's a children's tale. John said: "Most things in life are happy accidents. Trust me, I've asked my mother, but one day a bloke from Puffin found the Dark Room and mes-Dark Room and mes

saged me asking if wanted to write a kids' book. I have no idea how you look at the show and think 'Wait a minute, that's for the kids but he had good imagination and I got a second email and I had basically one night to come up with the kids

story I've always wanted to read.

"Kids are much more hardcore thar you think they are. I had a veteran come up to me after my show for kids at the Fringe where I had just killed a bunch of kids and he shook me by the hand and said that is family entertain

games with competitions to hunt the highest scores. Retro consoles

past three years. However, games

especially when you look at the other shows around the UK. Ultimately, this was a fun way to fill a fey

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BLAIR Witch, above, is a new first-person

as he tries to solve a mys-tery before he and his wife are harmed. Out in 2020.

GEARS Pop showed off gameplay that looks like Clash Of Clans. There are



the Gears stars. Available for pre-order on mobile

STATE Of Decay 2 Heartland expansion is out now. There are two pairs of characters, each on their own mission in Trouble Valley amid the zombie

PHANTASY Star Online PHANTASY Star Online 2 is coming westward next spring, with all available content in a free-

to-play package. No word of a UK date yet.

COMMANDER Keen is being rebooted as a free-to-play mobile game from Zenimax, below. Big



well as the new Google Stadia.

BRAWLHALLA will add Adventure Time heroes Finn, Jake, and Princess Bubblegum to its roster of 2D fighters.

FINAL Fantasy 8
Remastered is coming

to PS4, Xbox One, Switch, and PC later this year.

THE Last Remnant
Remastered is available
now on Nintendo Switch.

CIRCUIT Superstars is a new Square Enix Collective game featuring top-down racing with tactile physics, pit crews, and

Chapter 5 will focus on WW2's Pacific Theater between American and Japanese forces, with con-flicts on Iwo Jima. Max rank increased from 50 to 500.

FIFA 20 September 19

THIS year's installmen adds a fon of features with like an updated version o the Street series where men and women play together for the first time. There is a cool gritty look

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as vou plav from stadiums rooftops and cages.

Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Orde Xbox One. PS4 and PC

WHO doesn't what to be a nent treated fans to 15 ootage where you are Cal Kestis — a Padawan who is trying to escape Order 66. See some great land-

scapes in the Star Wars uniore and learn

HOLLYWOOD superstar Keanu Reeves took gaming fans on

neadlines for the John wick flicks and games, but stunned the crowd when he emerged from the smoke during the Microsoft press conference in LA to talk about the new game Cyberpunk 2077.

He told a whooping and hollering trailer where tech neads and developers the first trailer where the first trailer

game would be breath-taking when it came out in April.

It was too much for one fan, who yelled:
"Year breath thing." "You are breathtaking."

Quick as a flash,
Keanu, right, hit back:

crowd that the new game would be breath-

the whooping hollering wen viral on the internet. It was a rare slice o showbiz from a show that was rocked by Sony's decision not to show up.

But that didn't stop firms showing that the

next year will be another strong one for the industry.
One of the main one of the main talking points was the rise of game streaming services along the Netflix model.

New kid on the blade Constants when the last of the stream of the stream

New kid block Google s their details about their new Stadia system, including pricing and spec, and it looks like it will be a real gamechanger when it lands this November.

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it will be a real game-changer when it lands this November.

Then it was back to the more usual gaming business as EA showed their new prosequents of the more usual to the sequent to the terminal to the sequent to th jects. They abandoned the conference format from past years as they

Keanu's Cyberpunk show was fol-owed by Scot Ralph Fulton with news of Forza Horizon 4 teaming up with Lego. To emphasise the point, he was

Microsoft's X cloud system will rival

joined by a life-size Lego McLarer

a most excellent adventure at this year's E3 convention.

The Matrix star has made headlines for the John Wick flicks and games to different devices and play on the go but they also revealed the next box...well, sort of. There was a trailer where tech heads and develop-

next Christmas.
Ubisoft brought out Ghost Recon

Breakpoint bad guy Jon Bernthal to present the game on stage along with his e along with his Bam-Bam, below because ...well, Kinda Funny Games

kinda Funny Games showcased 60 up-and-coming indie titles, while UploadVR was all about the virtual reality revolution.

Limited Run also had a short conference had a short conference where they showcased

their future, while Digital Devolvers brought their trademark off-the-wall experience to

Tango Gameworks were there to show off GhostWire: Tokyo. Creative director Ikumi Nakamura, left, made the announce-ment with plenty of

Nintendo released another of their Direct That's spotlighted

is in the pipeline and the long-awaited Switch Animal Cross is on the way. It was nice to see them having a bit of fun as this was the first E3 with Doug Bowser at the helm though Nintendo's other Bowser showed up first,

bove.
Overall, E3 2019 was a strong although we missed some old friends. One thing is for sure – Keanu made sure the event was breath-taking.

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Final Fantasy VII Remake

ticipated games at the event. Combat will be split etween real-time actio and strategic command moves or slow time and choose abilities, items and

Cyberpunk 2077 April 16

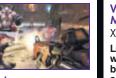
Xbox One, PS4 and PC CD Projekt Red had a stun trailer which showed a gand

double-cross going wrong as V's partner Jack is shot and he V wakes to a hologram say ing: "Wake the f\*\* up. Samura

we have a city to burn. But the big surprise was that the hologram was Keanu Reeves. The acting superstar looks set for a major role in the game. He also appeared on-stage to reveal the release date.



THE Doom reboot was a huge nit and the new game promis more guns, demons and gore than before. A story trailer high-lighted how Eternal lets you kill demons in Heaven and Hell as well as visiting the Sentinel homeworld. The new Battle-mode multiplayer also sees one player as a slayer taking on two



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n you think about the PN le and Brexit, this is a The city has become drone-filled surveillance stat plagued by extremists and organised crime.

And you play as

as a city so you can switch between characters in the DedSec resistance force.
It's new and different and will shake things up in a good way.



GhostWire: Tokyo

Xbox One, PS4 and PC TANGO Gameworks wer

BREATH OF

Xbox One,PC and Project Scarlett

IT'S been a long wait for Halo fans and

it is not quite over yet. Infinite won't launch until the end of next year alongside Project Scarlett, which was revealed by Xbox boss Phil Spencer.

They also showed a cinematic trailer which threw up more questions

than answers. It showed a man adrift in space when his craft comes across Master Chief floating around.

The man revives Chief with the last

of the power on his ship just as they come under attack. Chief says: "We need to fight." And that's it.

It looks very pretty . . . but we can't tell you much more than that.

THERE has been a lot of chatter and

expectation within the Forza community about the second

Hotwheels would make a return or

that the developers had something

even more exciting on the cards. Well, Play-ground Games

cards. Well, Play-ground Games haven't disappointed — they have landed a

deal with Lego.
This looks like a

kids' daydream as the worlds of Horizon

4 and Lego are

had voiced hopes that

FRESHAIR

behind The Evil Within series.

This new offering looks the part — the trailer featured all kinds of spirits haunting mod-ern-day Japan. Some are peaceful. Others are not. People are disappearing and you must stop it. There was no gameplay



Xbox One, PS4 and PC ARKANE Studios were behind

the Dishonored series and the Prey reboot ... and Deathoop looks like an interesting addition. Colt and Julianna are trapped in a time loop where hey murder one another infi nitely. Using dual-wielded uzis, swords, rifles and even repeatedly fight to the death.



Johnston.
"We immediately clicked and soon realised our vocals fit perfectly together, and musicians to record my

drummer after spotting an of a band identity. It's no secret we like a night out, and we referred to ourselv as The Bevvy Merchants."

They follow a long line of



abel's impressive backcataloguė includes Biffv Clyro and Snow Patrol

can collect and race new Lego Speed Champions cars which include the McLarer Senna as well as Ferrari F40 Competizione and the 1967 Mini Cooper S Rally. And, best of all, You'll get to explore a Lego- the Lego Speed Champions is hemed world where you'll take on available now to buy and download. ego Brick Challenges such as Bring it on.

track complements the pre-vious singles Talking Aloud and Colours perfectly. Another new song StopGo completes the col-lection in fine style. Except

iniper Elite VR PSVR, Oculus Rift, Vive, and SteamVR

Forza Horizon 4: Lego Speed

building a Master Builder's house

as your Brick Collection grows. You

Champions Expansion Available now

Xbox One and PC

REBELLION are looking ounce back from Sniper Elite 2 temaster with this one.

The WW2 shooter sees you it

taly before the events of Elite 4 with a new story by Tony Schu-macher, author of the John Ros-Resistance trying to rid Sicily of Kill Cam has been rebuilt for VR.



## NEW MUSIC

CHRIS GREIG & THE

WHO: Chris Greig (vocals/ guitar), Chris Johnston (gu dular), Clinis Johnston (gui-tar/vocals), Donald Russell (bass), Daniel Jack (drums). WHERE: Glasgow. FOR FANS OF: Stereophon-

JIM SAYS: They might be called Chris Greig & The Merchants, but it's not jus Chris with a backing band.
Though frontman Chris
started out as a solo artist
playing gigs around Bonnyrigg where he went to school, a chance meeting ir

a Glasgow bar paved the way for the band.
Chris explained: "At a random acoustic night in Slouch, I met Chris

> embarked on searching for songs."
> Donald was a friend of

ad on Facebook, Chris said "My name was already float-ing about and had picked up a bit of traction so we thought it would be easier to just rebrand and give it more

acts coming through the student-run Glasgow label Electric Honey. Formed at



Chris said: "Dan was on a night out and met one of the students who suggested us to the label."

A meeting was arranged with Ken McCluskey from the college (also singer with Scots legends The Bluebells) and the deal was done. The new EP Lipstick gives a great flavour of the gives a great flavour of the band. The infectious title

for Lipstick, the tracks were

recorded with Edinburgh producer Mark Morrow. Chris said: "We wanted an absolute banger to head up the EP, so we spent a few months writing Lipstick.' They then went to Bren

dan Moon's Morsecode Stu recorded the track and helped us realise we wanted to go in a more pop direc

Tut's in Glasgow next Sunday as part of the venue's Summer Nights festival.

MORE: facebook.com/

## It's Retro Play time GAMERS went all retro as Play Expo like Squishy Sports, Nightfall and

GAMERS went all retro as risk, and Glasgow rocked Braehead.

The fun fest offered treats for kids of all ages and parents could show off their arcade cabinet skills on the likes Tron, Pac Man and likes Tron, Pac Man and Rut the real Rut the real County of the cosplay, Glasgow-based Mike Lawson and Draculuma. While many gamers off their arcade capinet skins on the likes Tron, Pac Man and Axios Cosplay, Glasgow-pased Bombjack. But the real stars were Space Harrier PLAY EXPO came dressed as some of the force with characters.

Pinball wizards tackled SPECIAL the favourite characters. nignest scores. Hetro consoles included NES, C64 and a selection of Amiga hardware.

The indie section is always a hit but it was a bit smaller than in the hours between E3 confe





horror game from Bloober, the guys behind Layers Of Fear. Out August 30.

MICROSOFT Flight Simulator is making a

surprise comeback on Xbox One and PC. It will be powered in part by satellite data and Azure Al.

data and Azure AI.

LEGO Star Wars: The
Skywalker Saga wraps
all nine films in the mainline
series into one new game.
Out next year.

12 MINUTES is a
cerebral murder
mystery made by Luis
Antonio and published by
Annapurna. It features a
man trapped in a time loop man trapped in a time loop



big-headed Pop figures of

Saturday morning cartoon vibe with twin geniuses Billy and Billie heading to iOS and Android this summer

JUST Dance 2020 is out this November for all systems including the Wii as

format from past years as they announced the games pre-show.
Without Sony, Microsoft took centre stage to update fans on a bunch of games that were shown last year, like Gears 5 and Halo Infinite, and announced a lot of new titles.

Kenny's Cybernynk show was followed.

Luigi's Mansion 3 TBC Switch

modė, Scare-

gooey green clone. He lets you play two-playe

scraper, sees eight players bat-tle it out to rescue Toads from a tower

well as the new Google

emastered is coming

multiplayer motorsports. It's set to arrive in 2020.

BATTLEFIELD 5
Chapter 5 will 4

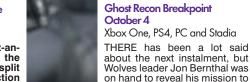


Xbox One and PC THE follow-up to the over- the-top Zombie Army Trilogy picks up in 1946 — a

Hitler was ated and Europe lies in ruins. But he's back.
The game features drop-in, drop-out co-op for four players as well as battles across corpse-rid-

March 3 PS/I EASILY one of the most-an-

spells from the command



rminate the Ghosts Ubisoft are also bringing back Al teammates which solo plavers. There will also be a Ghost Recon Break-point beta starting on September 5 about a month before the official launch. The nator franchise will be involved.



March 20 Switch MOST Switch users have bee

begging for an Animal Crossing game . . . and it's coming.

But New Horizons has been pushed back to March 20 nex on a tropical island. During

Montreal aren't taking any inspiration from the cinematic portrayals. The game follows the A-Day's storyline gone-wrong for the superher player online co-op.

Marvel's Avengers

not as you know it

Xbox One, PS4, PC and Stadia

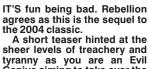


changing seasons you car craft new items using Tom



themed world where you'll take on Lego Brick Challenges such as





sheer levels of treachery and tyranny as you are an Evil ing to take over the orld. You must train under ings to commit crimes like selling the British Royal Family





