

HAPPY NEWS



HAIR-LARIOUS HAIRDOS

A HAIRDRESSER in America has found a way to keep up-to-date with her skills while her salon is closed.

While Geoff Clark works from home on his computer, his girlfriend Heidi Lee Oley styles his long hair in a variety of ways, often mimicking famous characters from popular culture.



Geoff's hair has been styled to look like Princess Leia from Star Wars, Poppy from Trolls and children's book icon Pippi Longstocking.

Heidi said of the hairdressing industry: "We don't have clients, we don't get paid, many are self-employed. I wanted to be a glimmer of light during the shadows of the uncertainty of our industry."

Heidi added that Geoff "has a heart of gold for letting me do this and post it".

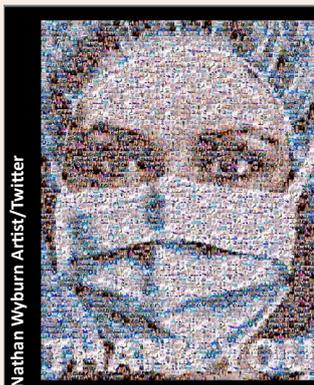


KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE

A FATHER and son duo have invented a funny way to make sure people are keeping 2m apart from each other – the Social Distancing Circle!

The son, who goes by the name *impatman* on video-sharing site TikTok, shared footage of their exploits. The pair linked together pipes to make the circle, then covered it with a tarpaulin. A video of them wearing the device and taking a wander in the park has been viewed millions of times.

"There were a few confused people," admitted *impatman*. His dad added: "Some of them thought we were flying a big kite, others thought it was a trampoline."



CARDIFF, UK

ARTIST and former *Britain's Got Talent* semi-finalist Nathan Wyburn has created a collage tribute to NHS workers, using photos of more than 200 NHS staff who are working on the frontline of the coronavirus battle.

SELF-ISOLATE!

FANS of Doctor Who will be familiar with the terrifying Daleks and their famous catchphrase, "EXTERMINATE!"

Now they're taking to the streets of Whitby! A Dalek was spotted patrolling the local area, warning: "All humans must self-isolate by order of the Daleks!"

The dustbin-shaped robots first appeared on TV way back in 1963. Many people still remember being scared of them when they were little.

One person online wrote: "Am I the only one to feel a shiver of fear watching this? As a child I would most certainly have been hiding behind the sofa." Another user agreed: "I'm not going to argue with a Dalek!"



SOMERSET, UK



THE Taylor family spent hours colouring every brick of their terraced house in chalk to create a rainbow effect to "lift people's spirits" during the coronavirus lockdown.

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GLOSSARY

exterminate – To destroy or get rid of something

NHS – National Health Service

social distancing – Staying two metres away from other people

tarpaulin – A waterproof material used as a cover

Dalek – A robot character from *Doctor Who*

duo – Two people working together

self-isolating – Remaining inside away from others

tribute – In someone’s honour

patrolling – Walking around, monitoring or guarding an area

collage – A piece of art created by using different materials

stuck together

catchphrase – A well-known saying or phrase

coronavirus – A type of virus

‘lifting people’s spirits’ – To cheer people up

industry – Turning raw materials into a finished product

mimicking – Copying

uncertainty – When you are not sure about something

● Look at the article ‘Cardiff, UK’.

■ 1. What did the artist Nathan Wyburn use to create his collage?

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■ 2. Explain the message the artist is trying to get across and why.

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■ 3. The journalist uses the word ‘tribute’ to describe the piece of art. What does the word ‘tribute’ mean?

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● Look at the article ‘Somerset, UK’.

■ 4. Why did the Taylor family colour in the bricks of their house?

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■ 5. What has the rainbow become a symbol of?

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● Look at the article ‘Hair-larious Hairdos’.

■ 6a. Which is your favourite hairdo and why?

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■ **6b.** What character's hairstyle do you think the hairdresser should try next?

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■ **7.** Give two reasons why hairdresser Heidi has styled Geoff's hair in this way.

● **Look at the article 'Self-Isolate!'**

■ **8.** Which two language features do the words 'self-isolate' and 'exterminate' share?

- Rhyme
- Alliteration
- Onomatopoeia
- The same number of syllables

● **Look at the article 'Keeping your distance'.**

■ **9.** Describe how the 'Social Distancing Circle' invention works.

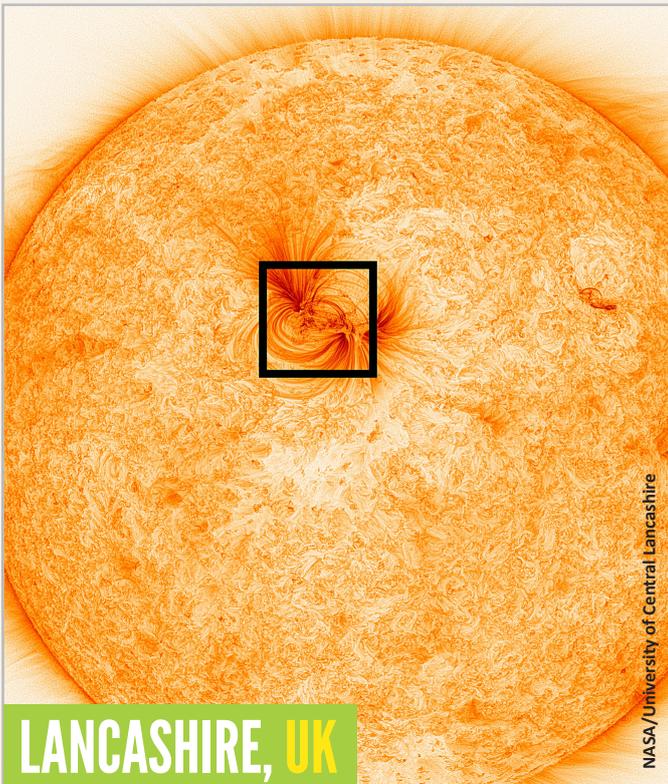
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■ **10a.** Were you surprised by the size of the invention when you looked at the photograph? Explain your thoughts.

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■ **10b.** Can you think of another idea or invention that could be created to help while social distancing rules apply? Explain your idea either in a short paragraph or with a diagram and annotations.

These stories are from pages 5 and 9 of *First News*. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



SPACE NEWS IN PICS



NASA/University of Central Lancashire

LANCASHIRE, UK

RESEARCHERS at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have revealed detailed, high-resolution images of the sun.

They were taken by NASA’s High-Resolution Coronal Imager telescope (or Hi-C for short) and show the sun’s outer layer in detail for the first time. Fine magnetic threads filled with extremely hot, million-degree plasma can be seen in the stunning pictures.

THE HUNGRY GALAXY

THIS spiral galaxy, known as NGC 4651, contains what American space agency NASA calls “a violent secret”.

A spiral galaxy is, as the name suggests, a swirling collection of stars and gas, just like our own Milky Way. Most galaxies are spiral, but some are known as elliptical and irregular. The middle of a spiral galaxy is thought to contain a super-massive black hole.

So what is this “violent secret”? NASA experts think NGC 4651 has consumed another smaller galaxy! It gobbled up its neighbour, though NASA isn’t sure when.

The Hubble Space Telescope took the picture below, but it can be observed with a household telescope too, even though it’s 35 million light years away!



ACROSS

- 4) See 6 across
- 5) An instrument that allows people to see distant objects (noun 9)
- 6 and 4) Showing a large amount of detail in a photograph (adjective 4-10)
- 7) A group of stars, gas and dust particles that move together through the universe, eg, the Milky Way (noun 6)
- 8) A very hot gas in the outer layer of the sun (noun 6)

DOWN

- 1) Able to pull certain types of metal toward itself (adjective 8)
- 2) Not the usual or regular shape (adjective 9)
- 3) Oval shaped (adjective 10)

