



● GAMES Done Quick has raised a staggering £2.3million for the Prevent Cancer Foundation. The event — with the goal of completing a game as fast as you

can — attracted 54,137 donors and was 30 per cent up on last year's total. Almost 3,000 people were at the Florida show with Twitch saying 236,000 concurrently stopped there.



● DOOM Eternal is out on March 20 so id Software have released a teaser trailer. The sequel looks to continue from where Doom 2016 left off — the trailer was full of

events that happened between the titles. You can also spot the new Gladiator, updated Marauder, some no-holds-barred combats and the Crucible sword.

# Eastern promise

GAMING can take you to a point in history and really let you get lost in it. Bristol-based studio Minskwork's latest creation lets you do just that during the Cold War — but not as a global leader with your finger on the nuclear button.

Instead, they've given us Jalopy, a road trip simulator set in June 1990 just months before the end of the conflict. You and your uncle have to drive from East Berlin through a number of countries in the eastern bloc in a bid to get back home to Turkey.

And your vehicle? A BMW? Merc? No, it's your uncle's trusty Laika, based on the Trabant 601, the East German-made family runaround which, to put it politely, is full of character.

You're in the driving seat as your uncle chats about current events and how things were better back in his day. You travel from town to town, passing through checkpoints and picking up provisions on the way before stopping at motels for the night.

It all sounds fairly straightforward, but first you do have to get the Laika up and

## Jalopy

Xbox One and PC £12.49

running. And that's good practice for what comes later as, just like the real-life Trabbie, they are not the most reliable cars on the road. So you'll be doing a good few roadside fixes.

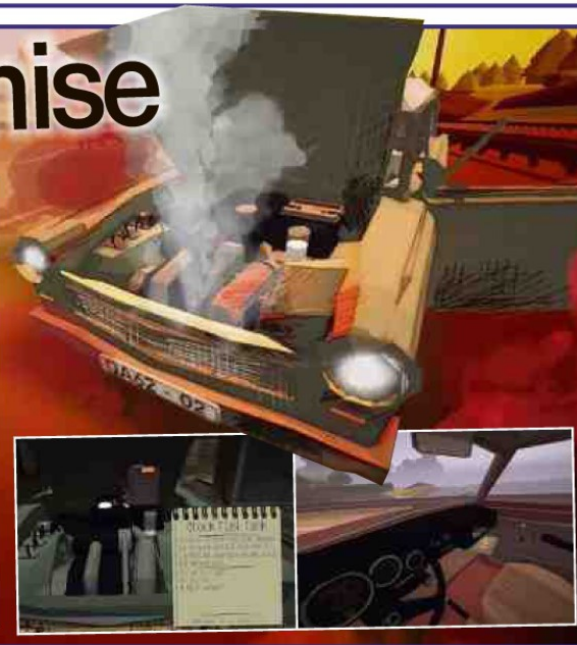
Few things are automated. Say you have you change the oil — well, you're going to have to pop the hood, head to the boot to get the oil bottle then judge when there is enough in. It's very much trial and error.

You can buy upgrades for the Laika — they cost a lot — but on your way you may find boxes on the roadside which you can sell for cash.

Warning! Depending on what's in the box you could be charged with smuggling and face a hefty fine. The boot is tight so you need to weigh up if a box is worth carrying or taking up space which could be used for something else.

This is a really interesting game, if a bit rough at times — it won't be everyone's cup of tea but it's a unique journey.

★★★★



## NEW MUSIC

By Jim Gellatly

### EVAN ANDERSON

WHERE: Blainslie, Selkirkshire FOR FANS OF: Justin Bieber, Lewis Capaldi, Shawn Mendes

JIM SAYS: Looking at Evan's Twitter profile you might be mistaken in thinking he's from Japan. Most of his posts are in Japanese, but he's a 16-year-old singer-songwriter from a small village near Galashiels.

The Edinburgh-born singer said: "My only real link to Japan is that I really love some of the music from there. I discovered it by chance in the YouTube recommended section. I've found it fascinating because the style, the production, the melody and the language is just so different."

"A lot of stuff is so bizarre yet so good. I don't let a language barrier stop me from enjoying music. If I like the sound, I like the sound."

Evan's love for J-pop led him learning the language and has helped build a following in Japan.

He said: "It started with a cover of a Japanese song in English. The original singer, Shuta Sueyoshi, retweeted to his million followers. Ever since I've been making more covers and building an audience in Japan. I've even released a couple of my own Japanese songs."

Most of his Twitter followers are in Japan so it makes sense to engage with them in their native tongue. He added: "It has also been a perfect way to improve my language skills, talking to fans from the other side of the world. Even if I did accidentally tweet that a group of male Japanese singers were 'hot' instead of 'good' like I meant to say!"

Evan was encouraged to embrace music by his parents Billy and Fiona. At just 12 he appeared on the first series of CBBC talent show Got What It Takes.

Dad Billy played in 90s Edinburgh indie band Rope and now runs the label releasing Evan's music. Evan said: "He set up Start Stop Vinyl with the intention of increasing the number of opportunities for young, emerging artists in the Borders. It often feels very shut off from the opportunities available in the city."

In his final year at Earlston High School, he doesn't see himself as one of the cool kids. He said: "I got on a lot better after I stopped caring how cool what I was doing was."

Evan's set to release his debut EP There And Gone, including his fabulous new single Love Another Day. It'll also feature previous single Here When You Need Me, along with the track Enough. He added: "I felt I had to release these songs together as they were written in the space of a month and all focused around a relationship I was in at the time."

"Hopefully, I managed to tell a story and people can relate to some of the feelings I had. All three are performed, written, produced, arranged and mixed by me and mastered by Elliot James who has worked with Maroon 5 and Plan B."

Brimming with talent, Evan Anderson has the potential to take his music all the way to the top.

MORE: [instagram.com/imevananderson](https://www.instagram.com/imevananderson)

● Jim presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm.

[amazingradio.com](https://www.amazingradio.com)

[jimgellatly.com](https://www.jimgellatly.com)

Watch video of Evan at [thescottishsun.co.uk](https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk)

# S JUST WIDE

## AO Tennis 2

Xbox One, PS4, Switch and PC £44.99

the overall mechanics are good, a few tweaks could have made them really shine. Most of the new elements are to be found off-court as you now do press events and talk to your coach. That can all affect your relationship with sponsors so it almost mirrors the system in the likes of F1 2019 and adds a bit more depth to the career side.

Again, like the first game, this can be truly brutal at times. If you want to beat the higher level players then you'll need to grit your teeth and put in the hard yards. On top of that there are a few issues with player animations which mean the AI player can hit the ball when it's three feet away from the racket. Much grrrrrrness because this is a game that is all about timing and reading your opponent. It is interesting that the Australian Open is the only



official tournament willing to attach its licence to a game, but there is a cool if rather questionable loophole that fans have been quick to explore and exploit.

It has access to the first game's community created content and an outstanding suite of editing tools.

Needless to say the gamers have been quick to create their own tournaments — even built Wimbledon.

Even more cheeky is the fact that you can also create players — rather than aliens and rabbits which is probably what the developers had envisaged.

So, even though Andy Murray isn't officially in the game, you can download his clone and play through the career mode with him.

The morals of all this and whether it is a good or bad will depend on how much you want to play as a particular player or at a special venue.

Whatever your view, it makes the game virtually a one-stop shop for tennis fans looking for the most "complete" roster.

This is a strange beast. Yes, it moves the series forward. But it stops short from really shaking things up. It needs a few more coats of polish to take game, set and match.

★★★★



## deep to help Aussie firefighters

months of its revenues. Call Of Duty fans can download the Outback Relief pack and the firm will donate 100 per cent of all DLC sales across all platforms until January 31. Bungie have created a

limited edition Destiny T-shirt. Buy one and you'll also get an exclusive emblem for use in-game as well. Ubisoft Australia has donated \$30,000 to the Australia Red Cross Disaster

and Recovery Relief Fund. There is also an online auction of rare gaming gear organised by a group of Aussie devs led by Morgan Jaffit called Game Devs For Fires.

● SONY WON'T be at E3 later this year — following last year's snub for "gaming's biggest annual announcement show".

Last year's move wasn't a huge shock as the PS4 era comes to a close, but 2020

is PS5 year. We assume Sony will hold their own event at some point. The move gives Microsoft a clear run at E3 and they've already shown the X series.

Tough times for E3, especially after last year's industry data leak.



## TOP 5 GAMES THIS WEEK

- 1 FIFA
- 2 Call Of Duty: Modern Warfare
- 3 Star War Jedi: Fallen Order
- 4 Tekken 7
- 5 Project Cars 2

● NINTENDO has revealed the 80th character to join the Super Smash Bros Ultimate ranks.

Byleth is the blue-haired lead of last year's Fire Emblem: Three Houses. Both male and female

variants of the character will be playable when they arrive as DLC on January 28.

Byleth also brings a

new arena based on Three Houses' Garreg Mach Monastery as well as new Three Houses-themed spirit board. Oh, and you get ELEVEN more music tracks as well.

If that wasn't enough, another set of Mii costumes is on the way including Rabbids, Assassin's Creed, Mega Man and a Cuphead as well.

