



**NEED** an eye test? A Dreams creator has already come up with a game based around Dominic Cummings' lockdown (mis)adventures. User stvie128k's 30 Miles to

Barnard Castle requires you to avoid obstacles while driving to the tourist attraction with foggy vision, coughing noises and a loud child in the back distracting you.



**BEHAVIOUR** Interactive have done a good few crossovers with Dead By Daylight but its latest is a real killer. The developer has teamed up with Konami to bring a

Silent Hill-themed chapter to the game including the horror series' iconic monster Pyramid Head. Dead By Daylight: Silent Hill will launch on Xbox One, PS4 and PC on June 16.

# BRUTAL RETRO ION BLAST

**MORE** and more we are seeing titles that are retro throwbacks to classic games but built with modern tech.

The latest to join this pack is Ion Fury. It is very much in the vein of classics Duke Nukem and Shadow Warrior — even being built using the same engine as them.

Developed by Voidpoint LLC, the game is a true love letter to FPSs of the past but it's read an interesting journey so far.

It was originally called Ion Maiden until a certain 80s British rock band threatened legal action on the team.

But putting that to the one side, what you

## Ion Fury

Xbox One, PS4, Switch and PC £19.99

have here is a blast of 90s-style shooting fun that is hard as nails and will give any CoD fan a run for their money.

You fill the boots of Shelly "Bombshell" Harrison who finds herself having to battle the evil Dr Jadus Heskell and his hordes of cybernetically-enhanced nasties. It's not deep but it does the job as you blast everything that moves from area to area.

And this is pure FPS action without the safety net of modern tropes to back you up

across its 16-hour run time, where quick save and strafe running are your only hope.

Throw in a fun and interesting arsenal to keep things fresh with limited ammo, and a mix of bad guys to blast getting to the boss battles (which are insanely hard).

The biggest issue though is navigating levels. It's just too old school and relies on finding key cards too much.

Ion Fury is brutal and fast-paced. Some will welcome a return to a time forgotten. Others will be grateful they live in the era of Fortnite.

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## NEW MUSIC

By Jim Gellatly

### LUKE LA VOLPE

**WHERE:** Bathgate, West Lothian.  
**FOR FANS OF:** Arctic Monkeys, Richard Hawley, Nick Cave.

**JIM SAYS:** Things have been flying for Luke La Volpe since I selected him for my annual 10 for 2020.

New music has been a while coming, but the 24-year-old has well and truly arrived with his new EP *Terribly Beautiful*. On release, the opening track *Dead Man's Blues* sailed to the top of the Official Scottish Singles Sales Chart.

It could all have been very different were it not for an appearance last year with his long-time friend Lewis Capaldi.

He revealed: "Supporting Lewis at Summer Sessions in Edinburgh was really pivotal. I was on a bit of a low in my life and was ready to call it a day in music. I had sacrificed a lot and felt like I wasn't getting any recognition for it. I planned on that being my final gig, as my girlfriend and I were planning to move to Australia."

"After I played the show, I knew this was the life I worked for and I was going to continue to work for until it was my time to headline shows like that."

The Lewis connection has helped with Luke's profile, but I reckon the opportunities to advance would have come anyway. It would have been criminal for his talent not to be recognised.

He told me: "I hope people don't think I'm riding on Lewis' coattails. Of course, Lewis has helped along the way, the boy's a champion. He's given a hand to loads of artists."

It's a strange time for music at the moment with all live gigs on hold, but Luke has used the situation for good with the creation of the *Sofathon Singalong* sessions.

In aid of the Music Venue Trust's #SaveOurVenues campaign, he has roped in many of the country's best emerging artists to perform online.

He said: "I thought I needed to do something positive for both myself and the music industry. It's going to take a big hit after this lockdown but any help from anyone is slowly fighting against the shutdown of venues."

Off the back of this, Luke has become a patron of the MVT, joining the likes of Sir Paul McCartney, KT Tunstall and Elbow.

The title track of his EP is also raising money for the trust, with the first six months of sales proceeds being shared with the NHS Lothian and Nordoff Robbins charities.

It was the final track to be recorded, co-written with Kyle Falconer of The View fame.

Luke added: "If the lockdown never happened I wouldn't have released the EP when I did. I was going to hold off until later in the year when I had more music."

Now he's buzzing to get back to gigging. He said: "We have King Tut's rebooked for September 4, after the lockdown scrapped the original date. And, of course, we're looking forward to next year's TRNSMT. That's a huge one for us."

**More:** www.facebook.com/lukealvolpe

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

www.amazingradio.com

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Watch video of Luke at [thescottishsun.co.uk](http://thescottishsun.co.uk)



## Minecraft Dungeons

Xbox One, PS4, Switch and PC £16.74

you're kitted up you'll want to start grading (or enchanting as the game calls it) using points you earn when you level up. This is a nice addition, though (once again) it's very basic as gear only has three enchantment slots so you can only upgrade any item with just ten points.

Having upgraded gear will come handy as you search for newer

and shinier loot or are pushing the story forward. And as the difficulty steps up, the way you play does have to adapt a little — running in wielding your blade may not cut it and you'll have to think about picking off a few enemies at range with your bow.

It does take a bit of cranking up to face a real challenge, although you can attack the game with your mates in co-op as well if you're feeling the pinch or just looking to have a bit of dungeon-crawling fun.

If we were to highlight any issues with the game it's that it's all a bit light in the end.

*Yes, everything works well and is enjoyable and fun, but there is a real lack of depth in both the combat and dungeon selection side of things with only ten main ones to raid just now.*

There are plenty of hidden goodies to find in them by exploring off the beaten path but that will only hold your attention for so long and not everyone will replay the game

on the two additional difficulty levels you unlock after completing the tale.

To conclude: *Minecraft Dungeons* is, well, it's a "nice" game. It's easy-going, never too hard and is very much a love letter to its source, as you would hope and expect.

But it ultimately feels targeted at the younger audience, which is no bad thing. Thirty-somethings though may get very different mileage compared to a 13-year-old.

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**THE** Isle of Man TT is to make the jump to the virtual world with the real thing being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Virtual TT will see eight stars and eight pro gamers face off on the mountain course in Isle of Man TT:

Ride on the Edge 2. The grid will feature racers Conor Cummings and Davey Todd while the gamers include Scots TT legend Steve Hislop's son Aaron.  
First race on June 6. See it on [iomtraces.com](http://iomtraces.com) or on TT Facebook and YouTube channel.

## TOP 5 GAMES THIS WEEK

- 1 Animal Crossing: New Horizons
- 2 Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
- 3 Call Of Duty: Modern Warfare
- 4 Grand Theft Auto V
- 5 FIFA 20

**SONY'S** latest State of Play livestream focused on The Last of Us 2 as Naughty Dog served up a 25-minute overview of the game led by title director Neil Druckman.

They delivered a refresher of previously revealed mechanics, as well as new details and a sizeable chunk of gameplay which showcased stealth and extremely visceral combat. The

Last of Us Part 2 picks up several years after the events of the first game with Ellie settled in a thriving community of survivors.

However after a violent incident within the commune Ellie sets out for retribution and justice.

The Last of Us Part 2 is shaping up to be something truly special.  
Roll on June 19.

