



WATCH Dogs: Legion has gone a bit quiet since it was announced, but leaked screenshots suggest Ubisoft will include characters like a police officer, spy

and...football hooligan. The thug can "rally cry" — or call his mates to a fight — and "tough drunk" which sees you taking less pain presumably after having a few cans.



SCOTS continue to rule the virtual grid — after success for the likes of Dario Franchitti and Graham Carroll, Alan Scott is the PCSpecialist eSports British Rally

champion. Alan, from Grantown-on-Spey, wins a real-world rally car test. He said: "I am delighted, absolutely over the moon, to win the competition."



# Fun time...for Ever

RO is big business at the moment from new games being portals to forgotten times to mini consoles igniting passion for titles you loved a kid.

at the offerings for mini-consoles are and you can't update the games. Let's hear it for Evercade — a new kid on block who is playing by different rules. It is part handheld, part retro console and mini-console — and it has a few twists make it stand out from the pack. You can pick from the standard pack — one and one cartridge — or premium, which you three cartridges. And, yes, they are old-school cartridges in the classic Gameboy style. The console is a chunky unit with a lovely finish. It feels great in the hand. The 4.3in screen is not the highest spec resolution screen, but does a good job in showing off the retro aesthetic. It even adds to that old-school vibe. If you want, you can plug it into TV through an HDMI slot which is a nice touch, although

## Evercade (Premium Edition) £79.99

you don't get an HDMI cable in the box. The console buttons are firm, especially the ones of the shoulders but the d-pad is very Mega Drive in look and feel. It was a bit too spongy for us, but you would get used to it after a while. There is a charge point which will give you a full four hours, as well as a head-jack port on the bottom which shows someone thought about its placement at the design stage. That said, oddly, there is no on-screen volume indicator so you need to set it aurally. The screen is also plastic not glass so you'll need to treat with care when you're carrying it about — or invest in a case. To unleash the fun, you simply slot the cartridge in the back. See? Very old-school. They are a tight fit and do take a bit of fiddling about to get them to pop out but, hopefully, that will ease over time. So far there are 10 cartridges that come in

they own boxes complete with a small, full colour manual — another blast from the past. Each is crammed with retro titles and will set you back £14.99 a pop. So, do the maths and you get a 120-game library from across the whole retrosphere of gaming for less than £150. The Evercade team have secured the official licences for some real classics. You only have to look at some of the top picks with the Premium Pack featured on these pages to whet your whistle and get your gaming juices flowing. In the main, the games are emulated very well and there are more cartridges in the pipeline. The bottom line is that Evercade is a cracking little machine for a good price. There is a good selection of classic titles. The cartridge system is game-changing for mini-consoles. It has endless possibilities. Now here's our pick of the retro royalty... ★★★★★



## NEW MUSIC By Jim Gellatly

### PETTY CASSETTES

WHO: David Philliskirk (vocals/guitar), Robert Chirnside (guitar), Gary McGuinness (bass/vocals), Ciaran Gallagher (drums) WHERE: Glasgow FOR FANS OF: Glasvegas, The Libertines, Fontaines D.C. JIM SAYS: Emerging with their debut gig at the tail-end of 2018, Petty Cassettes have treated us to a string of anthemic punked-up single releases. Initially singer-songwriter David was earmarked to join alt. rock outfit St Providence, who featured drummer Ciaran. When they split up, the pair decided to start their own band, recruiting Robert and Gary through Facebook. Having been crowned Scottish champions at last year's Sound-Waves music competition for unsigned acts, they reached the UK final in Birmingham where they secured the runners-up slot. The band have also ticked one off their bucket-list by appearing at King Tut's in Glasgow, and they were invited to support former The Enemy bassist Andy Hopkins' new band AutoPilot.

Though all gigs are on hold, Petty Cassettes have used their time constructively. David explained: "Our new single Lately was started just before lockdown. "We had recorded the foundation of the track at Roddy Mac Audio in Clydebank. We did nothing to finish it for two months then decided to do it remotely. Roddy took over our individual computers, talking us through the recording process. "It turned out even better because of this. For the ending of the song we decided to enrol the help of some of our followers. "We got a load of people to record themselves chanting the last line of the song, creating a sort of football crowd chant. We spent a lot more time on it since we had nothing better to do during lockdown. "This in turn has inspired a great video. David added: "It's got a Zoom call vibe, with the idea of everyone climbing the walls and going crazy during lockdown. "We asked some of our followers to send in their homemade videos. The end result couldn't have been better. "Lately, like previous singles She Said and Don't Lock The Door, is a stomping indie rocker, driven by a strong melody and complimented by David's rasping Scots brogue. "Petty Cassettes should be in a strong position when gigs return. David said: "Our main strength is playing live. Our energy is hard to match. We play each show like it is our last. "There is a lot of talent out there so the biggest struggle is just getting put in front of the right people on the right stage. We are fairly new to the scene. Our time will come. It's early days for us, but we will keep plugging away. We've got what it takes, so it's just a waiting game." MORE: facebook.com/pettycassettes ● Jim presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm.

## BOOGERMAN - 1995

ATIONALLY a game's name says everything you need to know. We give Boogerman: A Pick And Flick a 2.5. The 2D platformer was developed by Interplay for the Sega Mega and SNES. Boogerman is a machine to transport you to a place he calls Dimension X-Cremet. But eccentric millionaire Snotty Ragsdale visits his lab and one sneeze sends things sideways — turning Snotty into Boogerman who has to now save the world. A simple side-scroller with burp/fart/booger ammo. A kid's gaming dream.



## EARTHWORM JIM - 1993

ANOTHER side-scrolling platformer, but this one had a fairly big carrier and is arguably Interplay's biggest series. No surprise: you play as an earthworm called Jim. He has a robotic suit and battles evil. It blends platforming and shooting with some surreal humour and edgy art style. There have been four games in the series plus an HD remake, but the first two games were the stars. Playmates Toys were inspired by Sonic the Hedgehog and started their own franchise. Creator Doug TenNapel then impressed Shiny Entertainment with the look and he even voiced Jim.



## TOP 5 GAMES THIS WEEK

1. The Last of Us Part II
2. Marvel's Iron Man VR
3. Animal Crossing: New Horizons
4. Bravely Second: End Layer
5. Grand Theft Auto V

## SEGA has just announced a new mini-console — but this one is a little bit more special than your standard fare.

The Astro City Mini is a scaled down version of one of Sega's most iconic pieces of arcade hardware. It will have 36 arcade classics. They are yet to be confirmed, but we reckon the likes of Golden Axe, Virtua Fighter and Fantasy Zone are certs. The Astro City Mini has a micro-switched stick, a six-button set-up, a marquee that lights up and a stereo speaker that sits on top of the cabinet. It's due out at the end of the year and should cost just under £100 IF it gets a release in the west.

## SEISMIC waves in the industry with rumours Microsoft will buy Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment and its steady and Unreal Engine.

reported to be after about £3.1billion for the gaming division in a bid to reduce company debts of £13.1billion. Now Microsoft seem to have acted. Will that mean the likes of Batman Arkham could become Xbox exclusive?



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