

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?
- 2. Explain the message the artist is trying to get across and why.
- 3. The journalist uses the word 'tribute' to describe the piece of art. What does the word 'tribute' mean?

● Look at the article 'Somerset, UK'.

- 4. Why did the Taylor family colour in the bricks of their house?
- 5. What has the rainbow become a symbol of?

● Look at the article 'Hair-larious Hairdos'.

- 6a. Which is your favourite hairdo and why?
- 6b. What character's hairstyle do you think the hairdresser should try next?
- 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

Onomatopoeia

Alliteration

The same number of syllables

● Look at the article 'Keeping your distance'.

- 9. Describe how the 'Social Distancing Circle' invention works.
- 10a. Were you surprised by the size of the invention when you looked at the photograph? Explain your thoughts.
- 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.

