

BANGED UP

The Prison – An Insight Into How It Operates

By our new correspondent Revolutionary

I have been wondering how the prison operates for a while now. It was clearly designed to imprison everybody making rebellious postings, but the same rebels keep being imprisoned (myself included) while others go free. At the same time most of the other inmates claim to be innocent and have no idea why they have been imprisoned, while some citizens have dozens of postings banned but never get punished. There must be something linking all the inmates together, some pattern, and I think I have discovered it: I think people who start new discussions are held accountable for all postings on their threads.

It seems an inefficient way to run the prison, but it's the only way to explain the facts.

Just take the first wave of prisoners – Separatist, Nojoegohome, ColonyInk, and Duke Sittingroom among others. Separatist was the only member of the Viva movement to be imprisoned. Was this because he started the 'Viva Viva' thread? Nojoegohome started a thread asking why Danny Wallace never replied to emails on which I posted a number of rebellious messages, which he must have been blamed for. Colonyink started a thread about breasts and must have been held accountable for all of the offensive comments on it. Duke Sittingroom started the 'official positions' discussion and was imprisoned for the alleged treasonous comments on it, whether he made them

or not. I was only imprisoned after starting a protest thread the day after the prison was introduced, not for my constant stream of rebellious messages before that.

It's difficult to determine if this trend is still true since there are no longer any records kept of the inmates in the Prison, but it looks like it still applies judging by the random nature of the people imprisoned. Major Viva ringleaders like Biffa and Woodrow and have never been in prison yet and they always use other people's threads to fight for their cause. If it is true, then it raises serious doubts about the way the prison operates. Perhaps some reforms are in order?

THE ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES

An Introduction

By our new correspondent **psychoticmike**

Anti-revolutionaries. They are not in any official group, but they are all loyal supporters of King Danny. There are groups dedicated to protecting the authority of Danny Wallace, but one that includes the majority of people who hold these beliefs. Many anti-revolutionaries will confront anyone they know to be in the now infamous Viva group, some showing prejudice and even hatred towards self-declared rebels. Most are, as long as the Viva member confronted acts civilly, prepared to engage in reasonable debate. Like all groups of people dedicated to a cause, there are some extremists who are not prepared to do so, but the majority are pleasant to anyone who acts decently.

One problem rebels have with some anti-revolutionaries is that they feel they are being denied the right to have a contrasting view. Sadly, in some cases this is accurate, and those guilty of such seem to believe Danny to be some sort of saint, rather than a person, generally refusing to acknowledge that he is capable of making mistakes. Most anti-revs are aware of the mistakes made, the issues raised, and the resulting dissent at Danny's apparent failure to show regret for making them, but believe that Danny still deserves his title and authority, and that many rebels act in completely the wrong manner to achieve their

goals.

There was one thread created called "Hug a Viva day", designed to be pleasant to members of the Viva organisation, in the hope that the rebels would follow their example. It has largely been a success, with everyone there, both rebels and anti-revs alike, being pleasant to each other, and both acknowledging that former prejudices against each other are often inaccurate, though there are some members of both groups who are less than decent. This wonderful thread has done a lot to unite the best of both groups though, and hopefully this spirit of cordiality will continue.

PININJIS - An Introduction

By our new correspondent **psychoticmike**

The pininjis are a group formed on the citizens required threads with the intention of keeping civility on the boards, and trying to prevent people from intentionally upsetting others in the country. They also aim to stop extremist actions, cyber-violence (except in threads designed for that very purpose) and any displays of prejudice. They work by reasoning,

defending anyone from attack as long as they are themselves remaining civil. The pininjis are a strictly neutral organisation, they have defended many controversial people from aggressive and rude behaviour, yet will, if those under pininji protection at the time act in an unjustified manner, support those who they were previously condemning, in keeping

with their moral principles.

There is a clear hierarchy in the pininjis. This will expand as the group does, and new positions will be created as the need arises.

- **pininji_skillz** - grandmaster, founder and leader
- **Aquatic, psychoticmike, Big Muz** - co-grandmasters, earned promotion
- **Young pininjis** - any

unproven pininjis

The name pininji comes from integrating pirate, ninja and jedi together. Anyone is welcome to join, just find a working pininji thread for details. Members can be expelled from the

organisation for going against the pininji code; one already has, for repeated abusive and obscene behaviour. The person in question gave the pininjis a poor reputation for a period, but since the ejection of that citizen, the pininji name

has grown in respect, and now people have gone to their thread with the intention of seeking their help, they have always been given it, including the former-pininji when apologising, as the pininjis do not hold any grudges.

POLITICS

An interview with Lady Reblet Of the Glories

By Minister for all things rocking!

Politics, always a contentious issue, both inside of Lovely and out. Our ace reporter Minister for All Things Rocking decided to dip his toes into the political pool of Lovely and caught up with Lady Reblet to see whether things have changed since she was last interviewed.

M: So you are the leader and founder of the Glory party. This was one of the first if not the first political party of the country. What made you want to start one?

LR: *I felt, as many other citizens did, that our country was lacking a political structure. I thought it very beneficial for the country to have a party political system and decided to lead from the front by creating the Glories.*

M: Did you feel that King Danny's leadership alone just wouldn't be enough?

LR: *I believed that as he had a thread on the message boards entitled 'politics' and said he wanted a democracy that he would indeed implement a political system of sorts. It is not my place to say if his majesty would have been successful with no political structure.*

M: Do you feel that you have paved the way for other parties to be created? It seems to me that most of the political parties (or at least the smaller ones) are all revolutionary ones. What are your views about these parties and their beliefs compared to your own?

LR: *In a way we have paved the way for*

other political parties in so much as many parties formed after us. I do have to agree with you on the fact that most parties forming currently are revolutionary ones. As you may know the Glories are loyal to King Danny and have no wish to overthrow him, in this sense our parties clearly differ enormously. We believe that political systems and monarchy can work effectively together - there is no need for his majesty to be seen as a dictator-figure, this is not an absolute monarchy by any means. All those loyal to King Danny would be advised to vote Glories, we will remain loyal to him whatever may come.

M: It's good to hear there is someone on his side. Could you outline what the main policies of the Glory party are so that people get a good idea of who they are voting for?

LR: *Of course, some readers may be familiar with our 3 set mantras:*

- 1. To support King Danny through thick and thin*
- 2. To give all citizens equal rights disregarding age, gender, race or sexual orientation*
- 3. To use the powers of peace and love never stooping to hate and violence*

Those are our basic mantras, which we base all our policies and beliefs around.

M: Well the political system in Lovely at the moment has very little structure at all. How do you think we should go about changing this? What needs to be done to set one up?

LR: *It is difficult at the moment as the threads have been quiet of late. I believe we need to implement a structure, whereby a party political system can be introduced. It would be preferable to have a vote on the website. Obviously the nation and other parties need to be consulted on their ideas.*

M: But what do you think would be the best sort of system to have? One like in the U.K or a more American style one?

LR: *I feel that currently the system in the UK is proving effective. I believe a monarchical figure is necessary. However, I am not in favour of the first-past-the-post system, but Germany has taught us the difficulties with Proportional representation. It is difficult to build up a political system in months rather than centuries!*

M: So you feel that over time a system will make its self possible?

LR: *Absolutely, all systems reform themselves. Naturally there will be flaws to iron out in the original system but over time these teething problems will fade.*

M: How long do you see it before we have the country's first general elections? Do you

feel that as one of the largest parties you should play an active role in setting something like this up?

LR: *I have been lobbying for a general election for some time now, however, all to no avail. We might need to set up a petition, which I would be happy to start off. I do think I have a moral obligation as the leader of one of the biggest parties; however, I will not take the role solely as I believe that could be miss-construed as self-promotion.*

M: Who's job do you think it is then?

LR: *I believe that it is the responsibility of each and every democracy-desiring citizen of Lovely. If necessary I will coordinate the response.*

M: Ok, Finally why should the people vote for you and no one else?

LR: *This is a hard question to answer without sounding arrogant or bad-mouthing other parties; I believe that if you gave the Glories at chance to prove our worth it would be the best for our country. Lovely needs a loving party - our policies include peace and love. We are the oldest and probably biggest party out there. We have support from many Lovely celebrities (I'm not one for name-dropping) We have so much to offer you as a party and I have so much to offer you as their leader. It is simple really - vote peace, vote happiness, vote Glories.*

The PoE - An Introduction

By our new correspondent psychoticmike

The PoE, Party of Erinyes, is a political group, led by Erinyes.

The party, if elected, will listen to the views of the people. If a proposed solution does not work, it will be removed or altered. Justice is the primary target,

and if the populace does not agree with a proposal, then it will be removed. If the majority of the people in a country are unhappy about something, it suggests that there is a reason for that. All issues that are important to the people will be addressed

with as much speed and efficiency as possible.

The party loathes spamming, and believes spammers should be fined IOUs on the first offence, stopped from gaining them for a period and fined on the second offence, then, if they

still persist with spamming, they should then be imprisoned, stopped from gaining IOUs for a longer period, and fined a greater amount. This will be combined with an introduction of fair trials before incarceration, to ensure that innocents do not get unfairly punished.

The members:
Party Leader - **Erinyes**

PR Minister - **Cuddly_Carpy**
Defence - **Elbowman**
Science and Technology - **Psychoticmike**
Culture & Media - **Jitsu_Ste**
Home Affairs - **Jay**
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - **Miranda**

The party currently does not have ministers for the following areas:

- Constitutional Affairs
- Education & Skills
- Foreign Affairs
- Health

- International Development
- Trade & Industry
- Treasury
- Work & Pensions
- Sport
- Transport

Anyone who wishes to join please go to:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=973883>

Then say which post you would like, and what you would do there.

CULTURE

THE LOVELY CITIZEN'S AWARDS

By our editor **PiratePixie**

“People gather round completely, listen as I tell you sweetly...”

A line from our magnificent National Anthem, and one which I am glad to be able to use, for this article is about the things which make Lovely a nicer place to be...it's Citizens, and also the sweet, clever and industrious ways in which they spend their time in order to make our time in Lovely slightly easier.

THE LOVELY CITIZEN'S AWARDS

Firstly, I will cover the sweeter aspects of Lovely, with a look at The Lovely Citizen's Awards thread, which was set up by CoolMin roughly two weeks ago in order to recognise the unsung and sometimes unrecognised work which goes on in what could be considered as the background of Lovely. This thread is a more immediate and accessible way in which to let the population know of the good deeds of another citizen, although it in no way seeks to detract attention from the OED. The Order of Excellence of Danny (OED) still stands as the absolute highest honour which can be

obtained in our country, an achievement which so far 12 citizens have received. A number of citizens have been nominated for the Citizen's Awards, and it is touching to see the reasons for their nominations. I urge you to access the thread, available here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1028975>

To see the growing list of Citizens whose small efforts in Lovely are finally being recognised. Also, keep looking around yourself in Lovely for those who do a good job, or are

good citizens, or have done something else Lovely and please please nominate them. It is always nice to know that our efforts are appreciated, especially when we think that no one has noticed.

I would also like to add here a brief note about another similar thread, The Citizens Who Rock thread. Less formal than the Citizen's Awards, but with the same message. Available here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1108150>

Check it out, and rock on!
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Moving on from this sweet aspect of our nation, the following citizens should be awarded Citizen's awards

for their top-notch thinking, which has improved the message boards and stands as a testimony to

the niceness of our fantastic country.

THE TRANSPORT THREAD

Available here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1048375> the transport thread is definitely one of the clever innovations of Lovely. Fast, reliable and not full of intimidating thugs, the public transport system in Lovely works extraordinarily well.

The first time I heard about this thread I was confused. Was it dealing with the issue of public transport should Lovely acquire land? Or was it another fantasy thread in which we could get lost and re-enact scenes from Speed? Well,

neither was true, as this thread was started by BJC as a sort of directory of all the coolest sites and threads which are connected to Lovely. One visit to this thread enables you to hop onto some transport to another thread, and all for free and its very quick!

WHO SHARES A BIRTHDAY?

Congratulations here go to DoctorCyberPoodle and cpeachok, the former for setting up this ace thread (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=957507>), in which most citizens have recorded their birthdays, and the latter for setting up a site at www.crbirthdaylist.tk in order to minimise the confusion on the message board and provide a complete and easy-to-use guide to the birthdays of citizens out

there. Both of these achievements are first rate and should be applauded, as it enables birthdays to be remembered and celebrated by Citizens. So far though, the celebrations appear to have been rather small and contained on the birthday thread. Maybe someone should start a party hall where we can all go and eat cake and dance to "Come On Eileen".

Finally, as an aside, we at

the Guardian Angel love hearing and reporting about what you, the Citizen's, have been doing to improve life in Lovely for yourself and those around you. If you know of anything (and I mean anything at all) which you feel deserves recognition and praise (or maybe if it will give us a happy smile and a giggle) then please feel free to contact us here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=780987>

SOCIETY

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH IDENTITIYCARD05

By Minister for all things rocking!

In a week which saw the fabulous and immensely likeable babyjaffacake (BJC) become a thousandaire (Lovely's Own Dictionary advocates take note, another possible new word?) our remarkable rocking reporter Minister for All Things Rocking caught up with the countries first millionaire, identitycard05 and chatted with him about all manner of interesting things...

M: So firstly I must ask u what is it like being the richest citizen in the country and

do you feel it makes any difference at all?

ID: *When King Danny first made me a millionaire on CitTV, I spent several minutes saying out loud "I'm a millionaire" with a huge grin on my face. Then I thought, "I'm going to need bodyguards", because I thought I would be a target for any revolutionary types hoping to kidnap me for a ransom. I did hire a few bodyguards, but no kidnap attempt was forthcoming. Now things have quietened, except that last night the leader of the Vivas thought I was King Danny posting under a pseudonym, so I went with the idea for a moment and pretended to be the King, made him a Duke and gave him an OED! Now I have a thread saying I am *not* King Danny.*

Being a millionaire won't make any difference until there are a few more millionaires. When there is only one its a bit of a useless novelty, as if I'd invented the world's first telephone and was waiting for others to exist before it became useful. Of course ideally I would like Lovely to be officially recognized by the UN, so that IOUs would be a recognized currency

M: I'm sure you would love that. What are your views on IOUs as a whole? Do you think the country has changed with their introduction?

ID: *The rich do not always have power over the poor; see the 1917 Russian Revolution for an example. Having posts as our way of gaining IOUs has of course led to a lot of unlovely spamming, but if you look at the top of the rich list, it's still mostly the Citizens who have been having proper conversations who are the richest.*

M: I don't think anyone likes the massive amount of spamming it has caused. So will you shed some light on your role in the lovely museum? And can you explain so why you feel it is necessary in a country with a history of only a few months?

ID: *The Lovely Museum was an idea I had to preserve the ephemera of Lovely - the badges, flyers, posters, stickers, flags, etc. One day we will want to document the*

History of Lovely. Now is the time to preserve those things, which might otherwise vanish. When the Museum has an actual permanent home for displaying things, I will donate my Gold Suit. I am hoping that when the time comes King Danny will also donate a few rare items of Lovelybilias.

The Online Museum developed from that, as a way to preserve the best of the Message Boards. People are talking about when the boards will vanish (I have heard they will be around for six months) In the meantime of course, Citizens are finding other ways to communicate, such as msn, the citizen chat room and so forth.

M: They are going to shut down the CR message boards no matter what?

ID: *It's a BBC site, the BBC are notorious for getting rid of old things.*

M: *That's news to me. I shall have to chase this up at a later date as it sounds quite important. For now though: The Ministry Of General Debauchery, what's that all about? How do u find the time with that and the museum?*

ID: *The short answer is that the Museum is new and the Ministry Of General Debauchery is old. The Ministry of General Debauchery was the first group of any kind that I got involved with. It started on August 4th. The Minister (princessgoolia) rarely posts these days, so I have ended up doing most of the work.*

I spent a lot of time browsing the message boards, looking for anyone trying to start up anything which seemed debauched in any way, and I would go in and say: "This comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of General Debauchery" and usually they joined the Ministry and their thread faded and died. Better to have one thread full of debauchery than forty, don't you agree?

M: Probably for the best. Can I ask you why there should be a ministry of debauchery? How does it affect the every day citizens of lovely?

ID: *The purpose of the Ministry Of General Debauchery is to bring together under one umbrella all those Citizens who want to do debauched things. All the drinkers can drink together, all the gamblers can gamble together, etc.*

It doesn't affect the non-debauched Citizens of Lovely, other than by reducing the number of Debauchery-type threads they "have to put up with". And of course, Citizens don't have to join the Ministry to be debauched at all. (Mentioning no names, you know who you are!) If there were no Ministry of General debauchery, there would not be less debauchery in Lovely. Apart from the Strip Club, of course.

M: And to close; what have you got planned for Lovely in the future and the Christmas Meet?

ID: *What have *I* got planned? The Christmas Meet is currently in the planning*

stages, but keep Saturday 10th December free. It started with the Citizens-who-meet-in-Bristol deciding to visit the Citizens-who-meet-in-London, and grew from that. Also, we are gathering a collection of Citizens photographs and written notes, to be assembled into books and given to the King at Christmas. In the meantime, we have the Micro nations world to be thinking about, and I am considering shaving off my beard.

M: Oh no don't do that!

ID: *I have put it to a public vote*

M: Well it has been a pleasure and I'm sure we will be seeing plenty more of you in the coming months

ID: *Thanks, it's been fun. Come to Afternoon Tea at 3pm every Sunday!*

M: Sure thing thanks a lot

SPORT

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT NEEDED!

If you are interested in the job of sports correspondent, please contact us as soon as possible.

ENTERTAINMENT

CORRESPONDENTS NEEDED

As you can see this page is woefully empty, so if you have any ideas at all please send them in.

We would love to receive short fiction, poetry, crosswords, adverts horoscopes and anything else you can think of.

MUSIC REVIEW

GREEN DAY WAKE UP AS SEPTEMBER ENDS...

By the Artist

The Band:

Green Day was originally formed in 1987 as Sweet Children, consisting of Billie Joe Armstrong (guitar), Mike Dirnt (bass) and John Krieffmeyer (drums). They recorded their first EP (called "1,000 Hours") in two days when they were 17. In 1990, drummer Trè Cool (who had been playing in The Lookouts! since he was 12) replaced Krieffmeyer.

The Road to Success:

They built their reputation on five national tours, travelling in a renovated bookmobile.

At the risk of alienating their original Punk fans, they signed to a major label in April 1993, suffering something of a backlash as a result, with cries of "sell-out" and

Fans on the forum include:

PiratePixie	Marvellousbennyboy	Lukehanscome
TheArtist	Polite_scientist	Jennythezebra
Invasionuk	Aurinko	Princess Keitha
Benical	Ally41	ChrisbyBeeercan
DanDan1211	AJ	LittleprincessKatie
Szpradj	Drunkenmaster	SpadixInfloessence
Jamie	Rainbowsteffy	Minister of Punk Rock

Jimmy_Hendrix posted an invitation for Citizens to form their own Green Day Tribute Band and record a version of our National Anthem in the style of Green Day. He claims to have joined them on stage at Milton Keynes to play bass on the last night of their tour – a plausible claim, since Green Day have been known to invite members of the audience to join them on stage & play!

Song Influences

There are many influences apparent in Green Day's songs. Their energetic yet melodic nature tends to get them classed as "Punk Pop", but this suggests a lightweight, throwaway quality that belies the truth. In fact there are a variety of styles that combine to make up the Green Day sound, including English Folk, 70's Glam Rock, 60's Pop and late '70's British Punk. They have been quite prolific whilst maintaining a high level of quality, producing many classics with lasting appeal (witness Basket Case, Good Riddance (Time of Your Life), Minority, Holiday,

"mainstream" from some. But it was clear when their album "Dookie" was released that they'd stayed true to their Punk ideals and hadn't compromised the music.

In 2000, Green Day released their album "Warning", with the hit song "Minority", but otherwise it was a pretty low-key time – for the next four years there was very little...until in September 2004 they released "American Idiot", full of vitriol against the US Government and the Media. Almost instantly, it became a worldwide hit.

Popularity in Lovely

The Green Day Fan Club was started by "Green Day Fan Club Founder" on 11th August 2005.

Boulevard Of Broken Dreams, Wake Me Up When September Ends and of course American Idiot.

The "haven't I heard that somewhere before" section:

Inevitably, Green Day songs occasionally display their influences more obviously – here are a few examples (in my opinion anyway!), although there are probably a few coincidences in there too:

1. **When I Come Around** – a cross between "No Woman No Cry"? (Bob Marley) and "Space Cowboy" (Steve Miller Band);
2. **City of the Damned** – both "All the young Dudes" and "Roll Away the Stone" by Mott The Hoople;
3. **Are We the Waiting** – the drumming at the start of Eastenders;
4. **St Jimmy** – numerous British punk songs from 1977;
5. **Waiting** – "Downtown" (Petula Clark);
6. **Wake Me Up When September Ends** – Intro is like "Ticket to Ride" (Beatles);
7. **Rock & Roll Girlfriend** – anything by The Ramones;
8. **Maria** – various songs by the Sex Pistols.

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Debating thread

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1077439>

Anyone welcome. People can talk about anything except political views of this country there, as long as they remain civil.

Log Cabin

Log cabin available to rent. It's not connected to any message boards so privacy is guaranteed. Suitable for burying dead bodies, plotting against the state, summoning demons, or dirty weekends. Please visit this link.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2406276?thread=1078927>

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