

## First General Election Gets Official Status

By Rev1

The politics of Lovely have finally moved forward with official recognition of the first general election. In a week or so we will have our first prime minister and the beginnings of a new government. But how did this all start?

I first had the idea of running an election about 5 weeks ago. The parliament website seemed to be in crisis after large sections had been deleted by an unknown citizen. The political parties were going round in circles and the general population had no interest in politics. The common view seemed to be that democracy was a long and difficult process. I disagreed and decided to force the issue by kicking off an election when nobody expected it. I figured that if I could get more than one party involved, the rest would join just in case and the rest of the population would follow.

With my plans in place I started the thread and visited the main political threads to publicise it. However in a staggering display of bad timing most of the parties had split up earlier that night and a huge argument had kicked off about the controversial States of Lovely

plan. Going through 300 odd posts on the CTU thread trying to figure out what had happened, I thought the election was doomed.

After a day or so the election had attracted some interest from new citizens, but was still being overshadowed by the States argument. The turning point came when Saz and Barcode signed up. As a well-known personality who so far had played no part in politics, Saz brought a lot of mainstream attention to the election. Barcode was still involved in the States scheme but was growing increasingly disillusioned, and finally agreed to stand in the election. As one of the main political figures in Lovely, Barcode brought some credibility to my plans and both Saz and Barcode represented the elections in that week's Question Time. Although Saz stepped down to support Mike's bid, momentum had started to build and more candidates were announced. Things were looking up.

The voting started well, although the first night saw spamming and attempts to deter voters by some citizens. The votes gradually built up and the election was rolling along, despite arguments breaking out between FFF members and other voters, and a short dispute over Pyschoticmike's alliance with Saz. Leafstorm took notice and

decided to grant official status to the election, although when they contacted me they asked me to keep it quiet. The news broke on the boards a day later when Danny leaked his intentions in a Q and A session, and officially announced it on Citizen TV.

As the voting entered the final day of the first round LadyMarie, Pyschoticmike and Barcode were leading the rest of the pack. The election suddenly heated up when Rock4babs, the EPP leader returned from holiday and started a desperate last minute campaign to gain votes. At the 6 o'clock deadline Rock4babs and Ladymarie were even, and the last vote of the first round would decide which candidate went through. Madamofmercury voted for Rock4babs, ending the first round and leaving Barcode, Pyschoticmike and Rock4babs as the three finalists. My role was finished and I handed over the email addresses of the winners to Leafstorm, leaving them to organise the final round of voting.

With the election now taking place on the Citizens Required home page, Lovely will have progressed from a country

with a power vacuum and no government to a true democracy, showing that things

can be changed if you push hard enough.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

# Account fraud?

## King Danny Wallace Was Here! Or was he...

By Citizen Saz

As some of you may already have heard, our King may have had his account hacked. I say "may", as it is as yet undetermined if the posts he made in Pyschopotas Bar & Grill were actually genuine. They were in his login name, complete with crown proudly displayed alongside, but in the few posts he made to order his drink before announcing that he had to leave, suspicions were aroused. Firstly, does the King actually say "Darn..." before announcing that he is about to leave. Secondly, what was with the mysterious coded message involving a password? Could it

be that someone had hacked his account, and then revealed the password to others by posting it on the forum?

It was a strange moment overall, and it is a shame the King's first venture (in posting terms) into the role play world of Lovely was marred in this suspicion, but from subsequent conversations it would seem that this was indeed not the real King. Some even seem to admit to knowing his login name, and had attempted to use this password, but this is all speculation, and nothing more has been seen of the King online since, which would suggest that whoever did hack the account (if this is what happened), wasn't doing so maliciously. After all, the chance to

post anything at all was there... and instead they chose to order a drink!

Vodka martini, shaken not stirred, if you're interested. How very James Bond.

... could I have just stumbled on the culprit... James Bond.... Jon Bond...! Who knows, time will tell.

Judge for yourself:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1129252&skip=31900&show=20>

## The King's Q&A session

By Amber Prophet

Last Friday saw a welcome return to the boards of another of King Danny's question and answer sessions. Unfortunately I was one of the many citizens who were not present, but I spent some time afterwards reading the thread and getting up-to-date with the issues at hand. This latest Q&A session saw a welcome break from the insults and spamming that have been all too prevalent in previous sessions. There was a short visit from a notorious spammer, but it was brief and in general the tone of the

session was polite and civilised – as it should be.

Some key issues were discussed as well as some of the more mundane and the King appeared happy to answer all the questions he could. Despite his willingness there were questions that got left unanswered, but whether this was as a result of some royal filtering of questions or merely a result of trying to keep up with a fast moving thread, it is unclear.

The questions ranged from the political to the social even touching on the international and gastronomical. I am going to attempt to provide a summary but considering the amount of

material, there is no way that I could do it justice, so I am only going to sum up the main points. For more information I advise that you go and read the thread and judge for yourself.

He asserted that he is enjoying his kingship and that his health, despite having improved after the Christmas meet, where many of us observed a sickly monarch, has recently deteriorated again. Hopefully he will be getting better again soon.

We were informed that the King had dined well on a hot dog stir-fry and also advised to consume at least one King's

cocktail a day, which made me happy as proprietor of the Lovely tearoom (TAS).

The King reiterated that he has no control over the servers, although they have been made extremely busy by our frequent use. He also said in response to a question from devotees of the Pictionary thread that getting more smilies for the site was not high on his list of priorities but that he would make enquiries about adopting some of the smilies currently used on Citchat.

In international affairs, the King reported that he had recently been to Australia and done some recruiting there. In regard to the micro national community, King Danny declined to make a comment regarding his foreign policies on those other nations, although he did make it very clear that war is not and never will be on the agenda for Lovely. He said, "Like the UN, I am afraid Lovely has a policy only of recognising those micro nations with aims and ideals similar to ours. We have never and will never recognise a nation of warmongers. Even a nation which deems itself to be

peaceful at first can be de-recognised at the first sign of danger."

Although at the time King Danny had not heard of the Democracy is Lovely project, when informed of its aims he said that he would be very interested to see the ideas of the citizens regarding the democracy of Lovely. He also noted the elections initiated by Revolutionary1 and said that he would announce his decision regarding their official status in the next episode of Citizen TV, which came out earlier this week confirming that the elections have been ratified by King Danny.

King Danny expressed his support for the proposed re-invasion of Eel Pie Island taking place on March 11th by Ambassador Jase Smith and further commented, regarding the correct response when called a "wally" for being a citizen, "Embrace the word. Reclaim it. Shout 'yes, I am a Wally! And proud of it!' Then sing the national anthem and do a little dance. This will confuse them, and then you can run away."

While online, the king also announced the granting of

freedom to all slave monkeys, the official status of the J-DIC and his resolution that OEDs are not to be granted to people who merely ask for them – they can only be granted to people who have been nominated through the existing official channel.

Some of the most exciting news for we at the GA was the King's statement that it would be a pleasure to do an interview for us, so look out for a full interview with the King in a future issue.

The king's Q&A –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2094911&skip=0&show=20>

Propose questions to ask the King in his GA interview –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2119292>

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## What do YOU want?

By ID06

What is our Future? Are we destined to be an Online Community? Or will we be a Micronation? Or, perish the thought, will we ever be a Real Country?

An Online Community is basically what most Citizens' experience of Lovely already is - just these Message Boards, and in some cases a few other discussion forums.

In December during his first Q&A session King Danny said "Let's remember that what you are reading right now is a website - it is part of the country, but it is not the country as a whole." He also said "These message boards... are message boards. Lovely is bigger and better than message boards." So there you have it, straight from King Danny himself, we are more than just an Online Community. But wait, does this mean we are a real country or what? King D again:

"We're trying to put an idea for Lovely together at the moment. Unfortunately, if you want it to be bigger and better than the website that you're reading at the moment, it takes funding. But we have plans. Ideas, anyway...". A bit vague, of course, but at least our Leader is thinking about our future positively. As for funding, I will gladly donate a million IOUs (as soon as they are internationally legal tender) to the future of Lovely as a real country.

What are our chances of becoming a Real Country? If I remember rightly, at the end of the HTSYOC TV series Danny was told that for UN recognition he would need a proper working government (which is what we are working towards with the election at the moment) and some physical territory (not just a flat in Bow and lots of Embassies)

Many people have suggested the idea of us all clubbing together and buying some land, and I for one have volunteered to go and live there if this happens (assuming I can get there, of course). But nobody has actually done anything about it. So at the moment it looks like we will not become a Real Country unless we do more than just talk about it.

Which leaves the Micronation option. Thanks largely to the work of Kieran, we are of

course on the Micronational Map which was started at least five years ago by several other micronations.

Here's the map, Lovely is mostly the salmon coloured area about halfway across the top:  
<http://www.mncentre.net/mcs/political.html>

There are Micronational Discussion forums of course, but if we Lovely Citizens all went there to say hello they would be swamped under an avalanche of messages all saying Hello and asking the same basic question over and over and over again, and they'd be somewhat miffed at us. Anyone who wants to know more about Micronations can type the word into their chosen search engine.

So, where do we want to go?  
Real Country? Micronation?  
Online Community?

I have started a Poll asking you all to vote for your preference (Thank you King Danny for mentioning it in the latest Newsletter, by the way). Here it is:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2123172>

Results will be posted here in the GA. Not voting at all will be counted as not caring about the future.\*

As for me, I love the Micronational aspect, and I love the Message Boards, but I would give up the whole Internet and the million IOUs to live in a Real country called Lovely.

\*Just kidding

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# Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee - A Profile

By HM Bobness

Hey, it's me again. I have a slightly more formal article this week but please do read it; I have tried to make it as unconfusing as possible. I would like to take you into a side of Lovely that few people see. It is a small group of Citizens who are dedicated to preserving our nation and protecting it from threats – both internal and external. Its name is the Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee and its home is wherever its work takes it.

Motto: 'Pro Rex, officium et terra'  
(For King, Duty and Country)

Members:  
Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) –

Director is Trip (the light fantastic)

Lovely Army (LA) – Chief of Army Staff is Field Marshal Newton

Lovely Air Force (LAF) – Chief of Air Staff is Ocelot

Lovely Royal Navy (LRN) – Acting Chief of Naval Staff is Ellie (Me!)

### Mission:

The Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee has been around on these boards for about five or six months now. Last week His Majesty King Danny I made the Committee official protectors of Lovely's sovereignty. It is a task J-DIC's members have been doing for a long while, against the will of some Government members, but it is

a job they have done to the best of their ability. It was formed as a response to growing unrest in Lovely during the Viva! uprisings and its first home was on the Parliament website. The new J-DIC plays a vital role in the defence of Lovely, its citizens and its King.

J-DIC is where the heads of Lovely's Army, Navy, Air Force and Counter Terrorist Unit come together to prove a force for good in our nation. Under each Chief of Staff are a number of junior officers who command branches of their respective Armed Forces. For example, the Army has a Head of Engineering and CTU has a Foreign Operations Team. The Committee come together to



discuss issues concerning defence and intelligence across Lovely, its affiliated Boards and the Micronational world.

J-DIC has, over the past few weeks, undertaken something of a redesign. It was disbanded and broken up during the Babkha/Sullifree conflict when an argument broke out between the Chiefs of Staff and the Foreign Office. Approximately three weeks ago J-DIC was brought back from the dead. Chiefs of Staff were reappointed, old members woken up and new members welcomed. A new home was found on CTU's new message boards and things creaked back

into life.

Since then, relations with Micronational Armed Forces and member countries have been improved, new Military units formed and internal communication improved. J-DIC has already had an impact on Lovely by helping to control spammers and investigating those who seek to conceal their identity from normal citizens. We will continue to do this for as long as Lovely exists and our foremost objective is the actual protection of our Citizens from real world threats. This work is mainly carried out by CTU and its Agents. Alongside this, J-

DIC continues to protect Lovely's Micronational status.

Further Information:

All branches of the Armed Forces and our Intelligence Agency are currently recruiting. If you wish to join, or have any questions for us, please visit us at:

<http://ctulovely.uni.cc/>

Don't listen to other people's opinions of us – form your own!

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# Lovely Postal Service

By Citizen Saz

Lovely has been in existence for approximately six months, and in that time there have been many services and businesses evolving from the community of citizens via the forum, ranging from bars, tea rooms, newspapers (such as the GA!) and radio stations. All of these started small, and have developed into stable and popular areas of Lovely. The following is an interview with Razerbug, the creator of the newest such project – the Lovely Post Office.

Saz:

So, Mr Postmaster Razerbug, what initially made you start a Lovely Post Office?

Postmaster Razerbug:

I was looking at such institutions as the Foreign Office and the Lovely Football Association etc and felt I should do something to contribute to Lovely. I was actually inspired by a book to start a Post Office. At first I

weighed it up and realised it was probably impossible given Lovely's current state but then I thought "since when has lovely let common sense stand in the way of a good idea"

Saz:

Ah yes, well Lovely is built on a good dose of the random and obscure. Is this a solo venture then, or are you part of a PO team?

Postmaster Razerbug:

Although I was flying solo when creating the concept, the website, the idea of contacting the royal mail etc - I have since had help in designs for our stationary range and help from PAsTA in tracing the original stamp designs that was suggested "pre naming"

Saz:

How did you contact the UK's Royal Mail, and have you had any response from them?

Postmaster Razerbug:

I wrote an e-mail to the royal mail which can be viewed via a link in the news section of the post office. I received an initial reply from them about a week ago saying they were treating the enquiry as a letter from a foreign nations post office and passing the enquiry on to the "appropriate department"

Saz:

Have you also contacted King Danny regarding the opening of Lovely's newest venture?

Postmaster Razerbug:

I have been keeping His Highness informed through regular e-mails about the post office even suggesting he might wish to place an order for valentine's Lovely eCard to his new queen. As of yet I haven't heard anything from his busy self

Saz:

Ah yes, the Valentines day PO offer, would you like to tell our

readers more about what that involves exactly

Postmaster Razerbug:

With the approach of Valentines day, a day all about spreading Love, I decided that the Lovely Post Office should take a part in this after all it's such a lovely holiday. So I set about designing two unique Lovely themed valentines eCards. Anyone visiting the post office can place an order for one of these to be delivered to their sweethearts e-mail address just before or on Valentines day know that they will be anonymous because they come from The Post Office. So far we have had several orders placed

Saz:

Will this confidentiality remain, or will the identities of those who sent them ever be revealed?

Postmaster Razerbug:

They will not be revealed unless the sender chooses to reveal them to the recipient themselves. So some lucky ladies and gents are going to have to play a guessing game come the 14th

Saz says:

Had you originally planned the launch of the Lovely PO to coincide with the run up to Valentines Day?

Postmaster Razerbug:

Actually know the site has been in development since just after Christmas, but it was not long after The Post Office "opened" that the idea to do something for valentines day came to me.

Saz says:

Is the PO planning to continue this idea for other holidays, and perhaps lease itself to events in Lovely?

Postmaster Razerbug:

We are planning on running

this eCard Offer in the future for the big international holidays such as Easter and Christmas and invite anyone wishing to send specific Lovely-Orientated eCards to contact us

Saz:

Will this be linked to the Lovely Stamps you have displayed, i.e. are there any plans for commemorative stamp collections?

Postmaster Razerbug:

There are! at the moment stamp design has been put on hold as we await an answer from the royal mail but in the end we intend to provide a range of stamps both regular and commemorative which we will hopefully be able to print and send out to Lovelies across the country

Saz:

So these stamps will be pre-printed and sent out rather than being downloaded from the site?

Postmaster Razerbug:

Those are both possibilities but I am looking into getting sheets of stamps printed perforated and pre-gummed to send out

Saz:

Does the PO have any other future plans, for example a database of "pen pals" or something (be it on msn, email, or via the "traditional" postal service)

Postmaster Razerbug:

At the moment electronic mediums such as those you named and indeed the message board make the need for a database of Pen Pals a little obsolete but we do have big plans for the future of the PO

especially getting out Lovely branded stationary such as writing paper, envelopes and pens - perhaps even gift sets for Christmas. Suggestions have also been made for London based "couriers" to run mail to lovelies around the city external of the royal Mail but that particular plan is a little distant at the moment

Saz:

Ah yes, I noticed on the Lovely Post Office site that you are looking for staff. What jobs are on offer and what would citizens have to do to be part of it

Postmaster Razerbug:

We have just hired PAsTA as our Senior postman who will have my ear in making the major management decisions, and we are looking for Postmen and Women - we won't use postperson as it suggest they no longer are - Postmen and women at the moment would be primarily focused on promoting and supporting the PO and would be free to suggest Stamp and stationary designs, answer questions from the citizens of Lovely and, who knows, one day, if we keep telling ourselves we can. Delivering LMail door to door in our very own Nation.

Saz:

I understand that you also are in the process of putting together a uniform?

Postmaster Razerbug:

For myself at least yes, I hope to join the "visit" to Eel Pie Island and intend to have a old style Posties cap (already ordered and awaiting delivery) and a satchel stuffed with letters of welcome and Lovely'ness to deliver to the residents of the island. although at the moment there are no plans to make this accessories combo a strictly enforced uniform. On the day it would be nice if

any potential Post (wo)men joined in the first delivery of LMail

Saz:

Are there any hazards predicted with running the Lovely postal service. Recent worldwide terrorist attacks have highlighted the potential for the delivery of hazardous materials via postal services, and then there is the problem of canines on postal routes!

Postmaster Razerbug:

At the moment nasties in the mail are filtered out by several levels of virus checkers for our eCard service. We welcome discussion with the Counter Terrorism Unit on the issue of sending terrorist material through the postal service. The only problem we face from physical threats are the age old enemy of the post, the dog, and on eel pie island the king kong monster!

Saz:

And what hours is the PO is open?

Postmaster Razerbug:

At the moment opening hours are 11am till 1am (well no one likes getting up early) - but enquires can be directed to the PO 24hrs a day and someone will get back to you as soon as possible

Saz:

Are there any deadlines for the postal service, ie for valentines, or last date for overseas mail pre-Christmas?

Postmaster Razerbug:

The deadline for Valentines day is 9pm GMT Feb 13th although we will endeavour to send out any late orders untill 10pm Feb 14th. Dates for other services had at this point not been announced

Saz:

And finally, in regard to

potentially hazardous materials transported via the lovely postal service, would you taste test an unknown powdery residue that falls out of an angel baby?

Postmaster Razerbug:

I believe you may be referring to my valiant actions to save the London Meet up folks from potential exposure to a poisonous substance. On reflection there are safer ways to deal with white substances that fall out of angel babies who are wearing the dungarees of doom. Such taste test method will not be standard PO procedure!

Saz:

Well your actions were commended by all on the night. Thank you for taking the time to speak to the GA. We wish you the best of luck with the new service.

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Any citizens wishing to either join the Lovely Postal Service, submit stamp ideas, stationary or to send an anonymous valentines message, please visit the website at:

<http://www.lovelypo.tk/>

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# The Riot Squad An introduction

by Lady Marie

Hi it's me again with another article on another of my fave threads, well here it is I hope you enjoy.

Well firstly the squad consists of Rev, Myself, Toaster, Biffa, Kael, HM Bobness, Adonis (aka Dizzy) and Mike, who is the receptionist. Our official weapons are tasers and pepperspray, but we will do what it takes to get the job done as we have proved over the last two months.

We have stared rioters in the eyes, laughed in the face of danger and all in a days work to protect the threads of Lovely. The first thing we did after starting up was deal with the perpetrators of the TAS break in, which was quickly dealt with by the squad and members of the TAS as well.

But anyways here is a list of our successful campaigns to date:

The list of our successful campaigns against terrorists and criminals -

The Air/Sea Rescue Base (Pirate Pete's ship)

The Trading Post (DA)

The Second Hand Shop (DA)

The Cider House (LoT)

The Brothel (LoT)

The Tattoo Parlour (LoT)

The Supermarket

The Haunted Mansion

Lovely's "Other" Pub

Lovely University

Counter terrorist unit

Bobness very diplomatically

solved a problem at the Country Manor

Our methods are sometimes judged as harsh and uncalled for but we will stop at nothing to get the job done. Someone has to do it; it may as well be us. And in typical Riot Squad style you know you have had a visit from us by the calling card that is always left. And lastly Mike is the official complaints department so any

complaints should be sent in writing to him.

one morning and find our card on your doorstep.

Lady Marie, Deputy Riot Squad Commander.

To finish, the moral of this story is 'Be Good' or you may wake up

Thanks again if you got this far.

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# The King's Newsletter

Just in case any of you don't receive the King's newsletter, we will publish it for you here.

31-01-06

Hello Citizens of Lovely

Just to a quick email to let you know that there is a new edition of Citizen TV on the website. This episode features a new public information film on how to be a good citizen and a cartoon sent in by one of my citizens....very strange!

I have been following the election of the Prime Minister of Lovely with a great deal of interest. I see you have all been voting and the final three candidates are Barcode, Pyschoticmike and Rock4babs. Congratulations to you and may the best citizen win! Over the next few days the vote will be appearing online. Lets hope we get a good turn out. After all we are the most democratic democracy in the world!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2039487>

I hope you all enjoyed my Question Time on the message boards on Friday evening. For anyone who missed it here is the link,

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2094911>

On a sad note Kieran, my loyal Foreign Affairs minister sent me a resignation letter this week. But on a happier note I have decided not to accept it! As we say in Lovely all are welcome, none may leave. So welcome back Kieran.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2119771>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2128657&latest=1#p24631933>

Coolmin has started a Pinboard thread for you to leave a message for a fellow citizen so everyone knows where to find each other. This is a great idea and a genuine public service. Well done Coolmin.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2052560>

In other news ID06 is running a poll on what the future holds for our country. The results are going to form part of a forthcoming article in the national newspaper, the Guardian Angel (<http://www.thega.org>). So dust off your crystal balls and send him your predictions.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2123172>



Finally keep up the good work and remember to keep sending in your embassy photos and videos for Citizen TV to:

[citizentv@citizensrequired.com](mailto:citizentv@citizensrequired.com)

Yours,  
King Danny I of Lovely

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

# The Micronational view

## Now a regular section in the GA

By President Woodrow

[CIS no longer a worry for me](#)

As you may or may not know me, Nova England, New Oscland and all of the CIS nations, which were MCS members, were kicked out of the CIS for one reason or the other. Of course, this is a great shock and a disappointment, which seem to have been endorsed by Separatist and enforced by the new vice president of the CIS. Now I am no longer part of it, I feel a sigh of relief despite actually being the first one to sign the original charter:

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=904118>) but since then it has through many a crisis and now 2 out of 3 founders are out what is its future. One can hope for stability but one thing for sure Woodstania may wish to have a positive future with lovely but with Danny Wallace refusing to recognize my country, it will be a long and winding road.

[A wind of change for my column](#)

You may have noticed a few things different with my column. The main one is the title. I have

decided to become the GA's resident micronationalist, which will mean a new title for my column and new timing for it. This column is to become a regular on the GA on its quest to become not just a domestic paper but a international paper and I shall say good luck to it and if you would like to comment on my column or have a query on any thing micronationalist then Scott' fix it at my nations forum at [www.bestshottheatre.co.uk/woodstania](http://www.bestshottheatre.co.uk/woodstania) or AIM me @ teknoblade3442

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## POLITICS

# Democracy is Lovely

By me\_1kjhgfdsa

Democracy is lovely (DiL) - for those of you who have not heard of the organisation (why didn't you read GA last time?!) - is a group designed to support the aim of creating a democratic Lovely.

Remember the addresses are <http://s15.invisionfree.com/democracyislovely> - the forum and on threads on the Government (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506>

[?thread=2040582](#)) and Elections boards (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thead=2040583>).

The staff (Schaferlord, PsychoticMike, Saz and myself) have been starting debates on democracy. The debates have been uneventful recently in order to prevent undermining the elections before they got off the ground. But the announcement by the King that he would make the elections official on the condition that he remains in charge raises interesting questions about the nature of

whatever form of parliamentary body develops. How will this body act in such a way as to ensure that King Danny 1st keeps the powers that he desires? After all an unwilling wrenching of power from his Highness would hardly be in keeping with "be good". Will the body advise the king, will it implement his ideas or will it have a totally different role?

The elections on the front page are well underway and at the time of writing the scores on the doors are Barcode-37%, Pyschoticmike-

41% and Rock4babs-21%. This election is a major step towards the aim of a "stable political system" I mentioned in the new year edition (Jan 8th). It is my personal wish for the winner to have a real majority as that will result in far more stability in the short to mid term.

DiL's role in Lovely is to provide an open forum for discussions of how the winner of the election will act. How he will accumulate followers into an organisation which will represent the views of hoi polloi (not the hoi polloi - sorry just off on a pedantic tangent). The forum is open for anyone who has an opinion on the subject to steer debate in a direction they hope for and for those with little or no interest in politics, this is your chance to actually do something to change the system. If you are put off by the boring nature of politics you can reinvigorate the process, if it is too serious you can tell everyone to calm down, mellow out and smoke dangerous drugs, if it is too full of backstabbing you can help remove the knives.

Hopefully the developments will be positive. The nature of democracy should be discussed before an organisation with no backing creates itself and then assumes it has the backing of the people.

See you on the boards.

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With the elections now official, the citizens of Lovely can now vote for one of the final three candidates to become the first ever Prime Minister of Lovely.

Voting takes place here:  
[http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/rtp\\_vote/vote.shtml](http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/rtp_vote/vote.shtml)

As always, political parties and candidates are always granted

a column in the GA, and what follows is their statements.

## A Vote for Mike is a Vote for Lovely

By PsychoticMike

This country is what we make it, and from the beginning I have been campaigning for the chance to allow everyone to be a part of it. Since the early days of the show, I have been a dedicated citizen of Lovely and have contributed almost daily to the forum. This has resulted in establishing my friendships and having the opportunity to meet new people from all areas of the community. Regardless of any viva links, my reputation speaks for itself, and it is from this understanding and continued diplomatic discussions that I am now running to be the Prime Minister of Lovely in a merger with Saz. Through diplomacy and respect I have always striven to move Lovely forward and will continue to do so.

If elected as prime minister of Lovely, the largest priority will be to make the greatest ideals - democracy, freedom, peace, and our law: "be good" - a reality. Unlike in other nations, chained down by bureaucracy, tradition, and acceptance, Lovely has an opportunity to achieve such values. The only restrictions imposed on this country are the ones we create for ourselves, and bring from past countries. Avoiding these, and promoting the greatest ideals of humanity must surely be our greatest priority. Maybe even, with a great amount of work, we could live in a country run by trustworthy politicians, something I hope to be. I believe in this country, its citizens, and its potential for greatness.

## A message from BARCODE

Greetings good GA readers.

My name is Alan J. Brown. I post on the boards as barcOde and I am the leader of the most active political party in Lovely - the Fluffy Friendly Federation (FFF). I have been running the FFF successfully since the TV show was on the air. I am 32 years old and live in Glasgow with my girlfriend and a small tortoiseshell cat called Anya.

I am a computer programmer by trade and an award-winning developer of AI software. I also lead an independent filmmaking collective and I DJ at venues around Glasgow. In Lovely I also run the Bank of BarcOde and the Citizens Statistics project.

Why do I want to be Prime Minister? I really honestly believe that I am the best candidate for the job. So exactly how will Lovely be better with myself in charge?

I have built the FFF into a beacon of collaborative democracy. The members get to write FFF policy and submit it to a democratic vote. This is how I will run the country. I will be a spokesperson for the people. I will appoint prominent Lovelies to be my ministers and advisors. I will lead by consensus and consultation. I alone have the skills and resources to deliver the institutions that Lovely needs to grow as a proper nation.

How are we meant to get in the UN when we don't have a parliament? A judiciary, an economy? I can build those things, in a way that the citizens want. Do the other candidates have their own

web server? Do the other candidates know how to develop in ASP? How then can they possibly fulfil their promise to get us a parliament?

I know, that I can do a hell of a job for Lovely. I support the King and would not want to do anything to undermine him. This means that any measures I enact will be passed by the King without problem.

I am a strong leader. And I have the support of the FFF behind me. But I will be a fair leader. I resigned as Flatland state governor because the

states could not deliver true democracy.

I will be the servant of the people - not their boss. I promise to make Lovely a free and open society, not practise elitism by going around declaring things "Official". I will use my position as an arbitrator, healing the many wounds that divide our great nation.

Vote for BARCODE. Vote for the Fluffy Friendly Federation

[http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/rtp\\_vote/vote.shtml](http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/rtp_vote/vote.shtml)

BARCODE  
(FFF President)  
<http://www.dantebot.com/fff/>

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## A statement from the foreign office

Department of Foreign Affairs | Département des affaires étrangères  
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Rowena  
RA2 4RT

30th January 2006  
01/004/kc

Dear HRH King Danny I & Citizens of Lovely,

RE: Resignation of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kieran M Collins OED

It is with great sadness that I must inform you all that after some careful & thought provoking consideration I have decided to step down as Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Kingdom of Lovely.

I have tried to help out as much as I could and never aimed to become such a figurehead within our community. I do feel however that I lacked the support and communication of King Dannels Interim Cabinet and due to a lack of communication from King Danny to the citizens of Lovely I sometimes felt that I was taking the flak for many citizens problems and worries all on my own. Although I have tried my best to uphold the Office of Foreign Affairs I feel that I was almost forced into the position of leader through a lot of communication breakdowns between the King and his people.

I have the utmost respect for our King and understand that this project/country must work without him, however unless our King hands the power to the people then we have no way of moving forward. Although I believe I have upheld the Office in a professional manner, I feel that my presence amongst many citizens would now cause hinderance to the development of our nation.

I will remain Minister of Foreign Affairs until Wednesday 1st February 2006. I shall continue to be a citizen of Lovely and help as a citizen to make this a cracking place to live.

Long Live the King!

Yours Sincerley,

The King has since refused to recognise this resignation. We will keep you informed of any further developments. (The editor)

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OPINIONS

## A plea

Lovely, for me, has been about meeting new people (whether virtually or face to face), having fun, making jokes and occasionally having serious conversations. Like many Lovelies I have tended to stick to a few main threads, only venturing further afield when something has looked very busy or amusing. Recently, in light of the elections I have tried to look around particularly the politics threads and find out what is going on, what people believe in and what they think they will be able to do.

I have found it very difficult. Many threads have been going so long that it is impossible to work out what is happening. That is of course the way of the world – once people have been talking about something for a time they forget that outsiders might need or want to know what is going on. This is a particular problem when wanting to know what the parties stand for. Yes, I am aware that there are external websites. But shouldn't Lovely politics be mainly conducted within Lovely?

I also found a great deal of bitching, rudeness, personal remarks, arrogance and generally stupid attitudes. This is I believe more than anything what puts people off getting involved in the politics of Lovely.

So if that's what I think, why am I getting involved? Why did I vote? Why don't I carry on just

making jokes, telling stories and chatting with my new friends?

Why indeed? Lovely needs to move forward. It's a great place, but we need to make some decisions about what is happening. Apart from anything else, the BBC aren't going to let us squat there forever. And King Danny has to earn a living, he can't hold our hands through every little step.

Also, contrary to the views of many, I don't think politics is boring. Politics is fascinating and important. I studied it at Uni, I read the papers every day and I was, until recently, involved in UK politics. The politics of Lovely could be exciting, fun and worthwhile. They could, dare I say it, stand as an example of the way politics should be. But not at the moment. Not without the goodwill of the people of Lovely.

Not without those involved taking a long look at the way they conduct themselves and their electioneering.

So come on people, get out there, insist that those who want to represent you will do so honestly and politely and with honour. Question them closely. Examine their motives. And then cast your votes accordingly.

## Being Lovely in a bad old world

By Postmaster  
Razerbug.

Lovely, by name but not by nature perhaps. King Danny founded Lovely to be a beautiful place free of the animosity and cruelty that other countries are troubled by. We would be almost Christian in our treatment of our fellow man/woman/cute furry animal, would share ideas and spread this theology to others in our lives, (Say what thou whilst about Danny Wallace at least that noble ideal is the recurring theme in his many media endeavours).

Alas, Lovely does not always live up to its name. Only last Friday Danny ended one of his always exciting "chats" having to remind people to just "be good", but is this such a surprise? After all we, the Lovelies of Lovely still find ourselves living with a strange "dual nationally" owing to Lovely's distinct lack of, err, ground. We still live in countries which are not, in fact, very lovely, and so as we strive to set up our own country how can we not be expected to occasionally bring some of this "real world" into our national thinking.

More over, we are, in a perfectly respectable way, almost playing at starting our own country. Only our King has any experience in world affairs and the doing of a nation. The rest of us can only mimic how other countries behave; we have already aped two of the worst things about many democratic nations: People vie for positions of power be they lords or barons, judges or politicians, and of course, we make war.

Our King, when questioned on the past 'troubles' with other micro nations and the possibility of 'tensions' arising afresh replied: "We will not recognise any tensions whatsoever. If you intend to propose tensions, you will be feeling tense all by yourself." Well said I feel.

It is understandable then perhaps, that with such bad role models Lovely is having a hard time being just that. But surely we, as a nation, should channel the effort with which some have proposed war and put it into spreading the message of peace and happiness, after all the first Lovely Valentines day will soon be upon us!

In the words of the King "Be Good"

## Lovely Doppelgangers

By PsychoticMike

Multiple accounts, considered useful and entertaining by some, upsetting and wearing by others. They're employed in a variety of ways, summarized below, with varying reasons.

Some citizens have the sentiment that they would not use any other accounts, out of a wish to avoid distorting the citizen counter of our country, which they feel should be kept pure and accurate. Certainly an honourable ideal, but one that clearly ended

many months ago, and can surely no longer be valid.

I myself have many such accounts, all intending to amuse and entertain (admittedly myself more than anyone), something which I feel can add a great deal to role-play threads, most famous being "pirates wanted". Just after the great pre-mod of november2005, I created several "clones", gaining mixed reactions, and appearing to confuse some citizens.

The other common use, which identitycard06 does most, is statistics, employing idsrichlistcounter <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307504?thead=1287851> in order to establish approximations of the posting habits of citizens. Also threadwatcher, with the expanding collection of (almost?) all threads with over 1000 posts in, to keep updating the list of longest threads.

Sadly multiple accounts have also been used for more sinister purposes. Sadly hate accounts have been created and used to target and attack several citizens, from behind an even greater veil than their regular username. Impersonation is another upsetting use, where someone takes the alias of another citizen, and posts offensive comments or spam, hence damaging the reputation of the impersonated citizen.

Some people use the accounts to have different aliases, there are mixed feelings regarding such uses. One recent alias (of a citizen I will keep anonymous) caused considerable annoyance to other citizens.

All the citizens who have suffered pre-moderation (a seemingly everlasting curse), have a 2nd account, just so they can converse normally on the boards. This may be seen as bypassing a

punishment, but as all these people are still, most after many months, under such a restriction, it is definitely an understandable use.

Another use I've seen, employed by at least 2 citizens, some have felt that their post count/IOU balance is worryingly high, making them more noticeable in the public eye. As a result they've chosen to start using a new account, and just watch their inactive one fade from view.

The citizens anonymous thread <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=1241615>, created by ID, for citizens to reveal alternative identities and changes in name, has been reasonably successful in its aims.

There are certainly both advantages and downsides to using these, which ultimately lie in human nature. The intent of use of extra accounts generally seems to succeed in the goal. The worst problem surely lies in when people choose these to add strength to deception and aggression, generally taking pleasure and satisfaction from such tasks – Schadenfreude. However much of the problem lies in a misunderstanding, where the intentions are misinterpreted, and both parties feel resentful regarding the assumptions of the other.

Both a blessing and a curse, I urge citizens not to stop posting as such, but be wary when, where, and near whom you do so (oh melodrama).

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## Over the Hills and Far Away



By Rogue ODST

When I first set foot on Lovely's soil those many moons ago (September '05) I found myself a fine community of hard rocking amigos that inhabited a forum with sensible rules and apathetic and neutral moderators. Ok so not much of that has changed. The moderators are still the faceless, lazy and apathetic. Still unwilling to encroach upon our affairs (I'll come back to that bit later). We are still a group of hard rocking amigos, though much weathered and less numerous, the molten iron core, the hardcore citizens, the crème de la crème you might say (and hello to all you new folks from down under). The only major change is that rather than inhabiting a single forum, we have spread like bacteria to other forums.

Right. Well first we have the motherland, with its glorious front door on citizens required and the forums buried deep within the BBC servers albeit their finicky and erratic nature. Next the secret boards started springing up. Quite how and who thought them up is still a bit of a mystery, but fuelled by our only natural disaster (read Confessions of a slacker for a bit on that) they took off in a rather major way. Unfortunately public interest has been steadily in decline. In my opinion this is because of the declining number of citizens is simply not enough to sustain both the motherland and her little outcrops. So naturally life has regressed back to her.

However there appears to be a new breed of Lovely forums emerging. Relatively recently Forums have been springing up outside Lovely's borders. The largest and most notable two being the Political States of Lovely and the relatively new CTU forums. The reactions from the citizens have been largely

wary but positive. The citizens are pleased as they're expanding the borders and exploring new areas. I'm still rather sceptical. Mainly because of the dramatic shift from those faceless, lazy, apathetic and most importantly NEUTRAL moderators, to active citizens of lovely. Wasn't there a huge fuss when Leafstorm (the people who run the forums) wanted to create 'super-users' because there were fears that those super-users would abuse their power to torment those who they don't agree with or don't get on with.

The BBC moderators sit in their basement, locked away, not giving a rat's ass what our opinions are, or what actions we take so long as we don't break the house rules. Active citizens will care about the actions and opinions of others and the ones with power, the Administrators and moderators will be tempted to abuse their power in reaction to these opinions. We've already seen it happen on the states forums. Why not the others. The CTU are offering 'completely private' conversation space on their forums and a number of political parties have taken them up on their offer and set up camp on their forums. But how truly private are these conversations? It's in the nature of the CTU to gather intelligence and sniff out information. And the Administrators and moderators will have access to these 'private' conversations and will probably read them to try and gain the upper hand in the 'war on terror'. The fact of the matter is on external forums they are all powerful.

With the conception of the CTU forums has come the CTU sponsored police force with their own forums. This strikes me as rather odd. Firstly we already have a number of police forces and branches thereof. And secondly a Police force backed up by the CTU smells like an attempt

to gain more power to me. I may be wrong; this may in fact be perfectly good-natured. However sparks are already flying between the original forces and the new. And even better they waited until after I finished writing this article to do it (cheers guys)! The result has been rather curious. An unholy alliance of sorts between previously rival police forces. The Riot squad, the regular police and the armed response unit have teamed up to bring down the behemoth of the new CTU sponsored police. The enemy of my enemy is my friend seems to be the thinking behind this. The riot squad is clearly the more dominant force within this grouping and has already launched a strike against the CTU, resulting in an inferno, which the Fire Service just about managed to put out (see COAS for more details on that too). From personal experience I knew that they were a force to be reckoned with before the merger, but now, with a larger support base, I can only imagine that taking them on would be about as much fun as brushing your hair with a feral cat!

I must say I don't know which to be more afraid of. The fact that the Riot squad are expanding, the fact the CTU are expanding or the fact that battle lines have been drawn between the two.

But more concerning than the battle of the police forces is that the Military organisations are also departing the largely regulated and open motherland to the secretive and closely guarded confines of the CTU forum away from the public eye and from potential regulation. The last time military decisions were taken, hidden away from the

public eye, on a separate forum, Lovely almost erupted into civil war.

I am going to urge all citizens to refrain from moving to these pastures new, where freedom of speech is far from guaranteed, where universal suffrage is available to all but those who disagree with those in power and where the new will surely conflict with the old.

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A small note to the editorial team of 'The Truth'

If you wish to know how two Micronations can 'go to war', then please see earlier editions of The GA in which Stacey explained how. No Security Force in Lovely 'claims' to protect our citizens, we do. And by order of King Danny I.

You speak of our 'shores' in Micronations being undefended? Then please check out 'Deployments' in J-DIC Headquarters.

I can assure you that any attempt to hack any Lovely Non-Main Board sites will result in UK Police action being taken. Should anyone attempt to hack the Main Board, they will have the BBC's

own Security Systems to get past. I can also assure you that should you continue to spam people's inboxes with unsolicited e-mails about your newspaper, you will be reported, tracked and dealt with.

Yours, Ellie

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## CULTURE

# The Truth Will Set You Free

## Lovely welcomes the newest addition to its literary ranks.

By the editor

This is the email everyone on the GA mailing list received Thursday last.

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Free Citizens of Lovely! From the dead mans pen and the silent press comes

[THE TRUTH](#)

[and The Truth shall set yee free](#)

Anonymous and free from all forms of censorship a new regular free press is here!

Exclusive take on our countries security forces

We take a first look at rumours of counterfeit IOU's and conspiracy plots

and don't miss our Page 3 Lovely!

<http://www.thetruth.can.ac>

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The Truth was also advertised on the CR message boards.

There has been much speculation as to the identities of these shadowy journalists, but as yet no definite answer has been found to the question of who is behind The Truth. They have threatened to reveal themselves soon, so be prepared for untold horrors.

Seriously though, The Truth is a great addition to Lovely's press. It is rather enamoured with scandal and intrigue and mystery, but it speculates on some very interesting rumours and will be a much needed outlet for all that anonymous ranting the GA does not tend to go in for. Make sure you read it, and please do contribute to it.

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# The Irony of the Puerile Argument Thread

By PAsTA

A few weeks ago, inspired by the persistence of long-standing petty arguments in many threads, and in particular those of a certain Online Newspaper (between journalists of all people!), I started The Puerile Arguments Thread. The idea was to provide a special place where such pointless discussions could continue without dragging the rest of a normally good-natured thread down to the same level. People could vent their spleens without involving innocent by-standers, or causing negativity to spread to other Citizens needlessly. We could keep Lovely a happier, lovelier and nicer place.

The reality was that it had little obvious impact, at least to begin with. And after a very short time it became clear that most of the arguments were in fact being conducted in a much lighter-hearted vein than the discussions it had been intended to divert to its pages. Yes, there may well be some real vitriol on display there, but I think there are a lot of subtleties that hint a more humorous intent by the writers. It has unintentionally become a Comedy Thread!

Whatever you think, I still urge everyone to pay it a visit, whether to carry on a real Puerile Argument or just have some fun.

You can find it here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1964559>

And if you disagree with what I have written above, I'll see you there...

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# Ghostly adventures in Bath

By Mcfarlmo

It was dark under the trees. Very dark and very cold. We stood in silence, shivering slightly. The grey haired man waited. The leaves rustled overhead. Finally he spoke. "Single file" He whispered, "Walk slowly, say nothing and open your minds."

We crept forward into the undergrowth, circling round to the right. All the time watching and waiting. It took an age and yet no time at all. The darkness was almost tangible and the cold sank into our bones leaving us breathless as we walked. Shivering, we returned to the path and to the man. "So?" he asked, "anything"

Huddled, tired we looked at each. No one wanted to be first. Finally, reluctantly, we admitted it. We had seen nothing, felt nothing. There was nothing in the shrubbery, no ghost, no 'presence,' not even a squirrel.

Quite disappointing really.

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# Responses to 'Where has all the humour gone?'

My favourite moments By XP

Ooooooooooooooooooh where do I start? The infinite number of monkeys in Psycho Potatoes? Taking the Law Lords to court? Spamhunters greatest hits? Where has all the humour

gone? We've run out of things more silly than this!

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My favourite threads By ID06

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307508?thread=967880>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1179875>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1016459>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=1087955>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=1540981>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=740110>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1629769>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1236340>

[Note: I have no idea what these link to. I'd tell you if I did. All I can say is try them and find out. The editor.]

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The Humour is Everywhere

By PsychoticMike

I can't believe that anyone in Lovely could doubt that there's a sense of humour in Lovely, there are so many areas of the boards I've shared jokes on, of all kinds. I find almost all threads drift

into humour at some point, whatever the topic. Anyway, three of the best threads I've enjoyed, purely for the humour content.

Wonderful deviations from somewhat important issues:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307884?thread=948981>

An old, and somewhat absurd thread, but still lives with me to this day.

Wonderful deviations from vital issues that should be of great concern to the Lovely community:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307716?thread=2140060>

Absolutely brilliant, absurdity, personal jibing, innuendo. Pure hilarity.

One track thread, turning whinging into creative wit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1172950>

Over 600 posts, many moderated (for obvious reasons), almost all of them brilliant. Sadly died over Christmas, but has so many greats, admittedly now missing several of them.

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Lovely too serious? I think not!

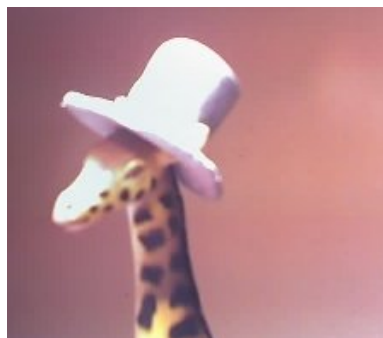
By citizen Saz

It's the madness, the fun and the crazy... that's what makes me hang around. Apart from the enjoyable games of Pictionary, A-Z of things that suck and the other more general threads, each day I log in completely unable to guess what utter madness will happen in the tea room for example! Did you ever hear about the confuddled corner? Or the time there was a school trip... of dolphins? It's probably best I

stop right there, but safe to say that this is no ordinary tea room, although it does serve lots of tea.

From the start of Lovely, it's the slightly weird sense of humour that pretty much all Lovelies share that has made this such a wonderful place to be, and also is what has resulted in so many new friends. The London meet threads are a prime example, the content within is rarely considered "normal", and many interesting topics have been discussed from minds young and slightly older, be they male or female. The invention of "giraffe pie" is now a stable joke, which started after I returned from lunch at the work canteen and announced to the forum (for no reason in particular) that I had chosen a meal of pie & chips, and since the meat had been unknown (even when asking the canteen staff what type of pie it was, "meat" had been the only response), so from that point on I declared that my meal was giraffe pie. Uh oh.

Yes, "uh oh". And thus the madness was born... it then spiralled (some would say out of control) into the gifts of many a giraffe... including the now infamous (to anyone who has me on MSN, and who has attended a London meet) Giles the little plastic giraffe, which was a gift to me from Amber Prophet, who herself kept one named "Gordon". I even made a hat for Giles, out of blutak (what else!).



One day I lost Giles however, it was a sad occasion, but soon adopted his almost twin, and named it Gilesetta. The madness continues to this day.

So you see, Lovely is far from stuffy and serious. It's filled with the minds of the random, the weird and the downright obscure, but all in a good way! It may seem a bit serious, a bit too opinionated, but hang around and you'll find it everywhere.

A late entry in this article is the following thread. It shows just how the minds of two citizens evolve into something completely random, just for amusement. Enjoy....

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307716?thread=2140060>

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Please keep your responses coming! Send them in to the GA: [mailroom@thega.org](mailto:mailroom@thega.org)

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## The First Vampire The Requiem Game to be Set in Lovely

By XP

### Introduction

I have decided to set The Wailing Winds (my first game of Vampire: The Requiem as Storyteller) in Lovely and throw open the doors to my fellow citizens. Before you all start bombarding me with questions here's the answers.

### Questions Answered

What is a Storytelling Game?

A storytelling game is pretty

much what it sounds like. A game in which you play a character in a story, your adventures contributing to it as the game progresses.

What is Vampire the Requiem?

Vampire: The Requiem is the most popular part of the World of Darkness series of modern horror storytelling games. In it players are Kindred, Vampires in the modern world. Preying upon mortals to maintain their existence but equally hiding themselves from the world. Knowing if the secret of their existence ever got out it would mean disaster for their entire species. More information is available at [www.white-wolf.com](http://www.white-wolf.com)

Horror Ewwwwwwwwwwww not for me!

LOL! Don't worry. The horror element in Vampire is only as strong as you want it to be. A recently changed vampire is little different from any other member of society. It's the elders who are deranged maniacs! Seriously the game has some mature content but that's usually certain character's use of bad language.

Oh cool. What was it you said about characters?

Characters are the core component of the game and the one thing you have total control of from the start! You decide your personality, attributes, skills, merits and of course supernatural powers!

Eerrrrrrrrrrr how do I do that?

Unless you own a rule book and are familiar with the system just email me your answers to the following questions about your character

Full name: SILLY NAMES WILL BE VETOED!

Concept: No need to write a thesis. Sum up what you're character does in life in a few simple words e.g. Wild man, Hardened Biker, Aristocratic Socialite etc.

Age: Two ages. The age you were at when you were embraced (turned into a vampire) and your actual age. Note if you have been a vampire for over 50 years you will be more powerful but also more unstable!

Virtue: Your character's personality strength. Pick one from this list.

- Charity: A generous spirit always willing to give help to others.
- Faith: Strong belief in God or a purpose to the universe.
- Fortitude: Firm in opinions and set in ways.
- Hope: Conviction that everything will turn out for the best.
- Justice: Not just respect for the law but a belief that no wrong can go unpunished.
- Prudence: Wisdom to look carefully before jumping into things.
- Temperance: Never takes things to excess.

Vice: Like virtue but your main weakness. Pick one from this list.

- Envy: Jealousy of others.
- Gluttony: Indulging appetite to exclusion of all else.
- Greed: Wanting more than you can get.
- Lust: Desire for a particular experience, usually sex.
- Pride: Overconfidence.

- Sloth: Never doing more work than is necessary.

- Wrath: Short fuse.

Abilities: Put the following areas of ability in order of usefulness to your character.

- Mental: Problem solving, knowledge, crafts, tactics etc.
- Physical: Running, jumping, climbing, fighting etc.
- Social: People skills, persuasion, coning etc.

Clan: The type of Vampire you are.

- Gangrel: Bestial and tough.
- Mekhet: Subtle and Cunning.
- Nosferatu: Genuinely Frightening!
- Daeva: Charismatic and seductive.
- Ventrue: Aristocratic and dominating.

Covenant: Your political affiliation. A full description of game effect can be found on the website but to summarise.

Ordo Dracul: Neo Buddhist movement aimed at overcoming the weaknesses of the vampiric condition.

Laneca Sanctum: A Christian like religious faction who consider vampirism a curse from God.

The Carthian Movement: Closest thing vampires have to a left wing. Mostly pro democracy.

The Circle Of The Crone: Pagan cult focused on accepting your place in nature.

The Invictus: A network of rich and powerful kindred.

Actual stats etc will be determined through me doing some boring and possibly



asking you what kind of cool supernatural powers you want. Answering these questions simply gives me a template to work from.

Okay so how does the game work?

You will be given a character sheet for your details. However these are mostly just a guide to role-playing the character. Once a month your character will be invited to attend court where you meet with other Kindred and chat about what is happening in the area. Use \*s or quotation marks to indicate stage directions just as you would in a Lovely forum. However at some points I may

say to you that the action requires a skill check. Basically this is a slight delay while I roll some dice to determine success or failure. Obviously high scores increase the chance of success so if you look particularly unskilled for an action don't try it! As well as the Elysium (court meetings) you can contact me any time I'm online and play a solo (or joint) game involving your character's personal actions. Alternatively you could simply email me everything you're character has done since the last meeting and I can edit and approve it. Full details of the conventions and etiquette of

the game are available from me if you ask but basically your imagination is limited only by the constraints of your character.

And it's set in Lovely?

The World of Darkness is a perfect mirror to our world. No country can be entirely without a Kindred presence. Except perhaps parts Norway where the sun is up all day! I have created the town of Danton, Lovely's main port as the setting.

Cool! So how do I sign up? See

[www.freewebs.com/waili\\_ngwinds](http://www.freewebs.com/waili_ngwinds) for details.

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# Little Lovelies

By DOTA

Hello, I am DOTA, one of the many children of Lovely. I am here to write about what Lovely is like to us Littlies. First of all, I think it's amazing that one yellow Message Board and several insane people can make my Dad (PAsTA) behave more childish than me or even my little brother! It's amazing what it's become – one day it was a place to talk to others about real life matters, and now it's a place where my father is a King and has three wives (not including my mum).

But I am not the only little Lovely, I have become very good friends with Baby Goth (Lady Londoner's daughter) and I am sure there are more children of Lovely out there too.

Radio Lovely is great too (– I liked the Monty Python song, ID!) And I would like to say I'm proud of Lovely's music, it truly is lovely, especially when they play Green Day – they rock us

Littlies! As Billie Joe would say, "Wonderful! – I love it!"

So overall, Lovely is a great country to be in and I am proud that my Dad's a member (and a King) in a wonderful society.

\*Walks off singing the National Anthem\*

events have once again brought it to the fore.

## Birth of a Nation

In the 11th Century, a group of Celtic tribes coalesced around the town of Arnesis, near the centre of what is now modern Beaugium. They became known as the Beaugies (a perhaps unfortunate name), a fearsome tribe famous for painting themselves in a yellow-green, slimy substance to frighten off their enemies.

The country of Beaugium was founded under Arcturius The Great in 1370. Arcturius was an infamous warlord who committed many acts of barbarism in his early years, as he fought to gain power, but once his nation was united, he mellowed into a wise leader, instigating a democratic parliament well before most other European countries. Peace reigned for many years in Beaugium, until the 28-Years War (which actually lasted for 29 years, but due to a clerical error, no-one actually noticed it had finished until about 12 months later). This was

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## A History of Beaugium



By PAsTA

Way back in the mists of time, a new Nation was born. Long before Lovely, long before many other modern European nations. Beaugium has a long, proud history, and recent

fought between Beaugium and neighbouring Spexinia (the forerunner of modern-day Spexico) and was eventually resolved when it became apparent that it had all started as a result of a huge linguistic misunderstanding (the Spexican for "hello" sounding very similar to the Beaugique for "Go away tentacle-breath, you are invading my mother's favourite Quince Orchard").

### Beaugium in the Middle Ages

From the late 14 to the late 17th Century, Beaugium went through a period of great stability and prosperity. It became a sea-faring nation, despite having no coast (other than that of the inland sea along which the Lovely Beach resides). Ships set sail to the four corners and even the three-and-a-bit edges of the Earth (following the early discovery of fractals by Beagian mathematician Franco Beau-Newton, which was subsequently forgotten). America was discovered by Beagian Explorer Beaugio Legrande in 1488, but he got lost on the way back when he started partaking of the substance the natives had been found to be smoking, which later turned out to be rather old kippers.

Science and art both underwent a renaissance in Beaugium in the 16th and 17th Centuries, with many discoveries commonly attributed to other countries actually occurring in Beaugium and being stolen by foreign spies. This led to a great sense of mistrust of other nations by Beaugians, and they became insular and secretive. This is the reason why, until so very recently, the very existence of Beaugium has been totally eradicated from the history books.

### Lovely

A pact between a group of small countries led to the eventual emergence of the Nation of Lovely, which came into existence just six months ago in July 2005. Beaugium was initially fully integrated and lost its identity, until an upsurge of Beaugian Nationalism led to the Declaration of Existence of Beaugium, this time as a Grand Principality within Lovely. Beaugium has agreed to abide by the laws of Lovely (namely "Be Good"), but has added an additional one of "Be Nice" (known as The 1st Amendment). Some would say that this is unnecessary, since if the main Law is abided with, being nice will naturally follow, but experience of six months of "Be Good" has proved otherwise...Some consider the 1st Amendment an oppressive device by which hugs and over-niceness will be imposed against the will of the People, but it is in fact intended merely to prevent extreme nastiness – we are an extremely inclusive Nation which is vehemently opposed to all forms of bigotry, sexism, racism and violence. We are tolerant of most views with the exceptions of these.

### Our Flag

Crown Prince Sub has also designed a Beaugian Flag, which consists of the a gold star on a red background with the Lovely Flag (The Amellus Quadra) in the top left corner and the word BEAU spelt proudly across the centre in gold.

### The Royal Line of Accession

There has been an unbroken line of accession to the Beaugian Throne since Arcturius The Great founded the Nation in 1370. All bear the surname Beau.

1370-1410: King Arcturius I ("The Great")

1410-1430: King Aphemusus I ("The Not Quite So Good")  
1430-1502: King Arcturius II ("The Old")  
1502-1531: Queen Emile I ("The Lovely")  
1531-1542: King Lemit  
1542-1590: Queen Aspergia I ("The Pedantic")  
1590-1650: King Piratos ("The Pirate")  
1650-1701: King Arcturius II  
1701-1745: Queen Emile II ("The Scrumptious")  
1745-1801: King Aphemusus II  
1801-1843: King Arcturius III ("The Barking")  
1843-1902: Queen Vectora ("The Spatially Aware")  
1902-1938: King Arcturius IV  
1938-1956: King Arcturius V  
1956-2005: Queen Aspergia II  
2005- : King PASTA I & Queen Isabelle (Joint Rulers)

### The Beaugian National Anthem

My son, Crown Prince Sub, has written a new National Anthem for us:

United forever in friendship and labour,  
Our mighty Province will ever endure.

The Beaugian Union will live through the ages.

The dream of a people their fortress secure.

Long live our Lovely motherland,  
Built by the people's mighty hand.

Long live our people, united and free.

Strong in our friendship tried by fire.

Long may our crimson flag inspire,  
Shining in glory for all men to see.

Through days dark and stormy where Great Danny led us

Our eyes saw the bright sun of freedom above

And Pasta our leader with faith in the people,  
Inspired us to build up the land that we love.

Long live our Lovely motherland,  
Built by the people's mighty hand.

Long live our people, united and free.  
Strong in our friendship tried by fire.  
Long may our crimson flag inspire,  
Shining in glory for all men to see.

We fought for the future,  
destroyed the invaders,  
And brought to our homeland the laurels of fame.  
Our glory will live in the memory of nations  
And all generations will honour her name.

Long live our Lovely motherland,  
Built by the people's mighty hand.  
Long live our people, united and free.  
Strong in our friendship tried by fire.  
Long may our crimson flag inspire,  
Shining in glory for all men to see.

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### The Future

The future for Beaugium is very hopeful. We are forging new mechanisms of Government within our Grand Principality, and shall continue in a spirit of co-operation with the Government and newly-elected Prime Minister of Lovely, to whom we pose no threat whatsoever – we are just a part of the greater Nation of Lovely, though we are proud of our Beaugian Nationality and History.

### Our Family

As our new-found confidence grows, many members of the Beau Family are emerging and announcing their positions within our Royal Family.

As currently revealed, our Family is as follows:

#### GRAND-PARENTS' GENERATION

HRH Jedijim (Grandpa)  
HRH BHG (Uncle of PAsTA and Will-I-Am)  
HRH SDL Dan (Brother of Jedi Jim)  
Friendly Computer XP ( Citrus' Godfather)  
MATRON (Nanny of the children)

#### PARENTS' GENERATION

King PAsTA (Father)

His harem:  
Queen Isabelle (Mother of Sub, Citrus & Trip) – Married to King PAsTA in January 2006  
Queen Madame of Mercury – Still yet to marry the King  
Queen BeauJC (Aunt of Status) – King PAsTA's B.O.T.S. (Bit On The Side)

Ray of the Rovers (Brother of BeauJC)

ID Card (Brother of King PAsTA, rich but decidedly dodgy Uncle)  
Count Will-I-Am (King PAsTA's brother)

Citizen Love (Sister of Queen Isabelle)  
Rock4Babs (Queen Isabelle's Sister - who went wrong as a child and has magical powers)

Lady H (Glamorous cousin from out of town)

Shotgun Pete (deranged cousin of Queen Isabelle)

Notclive (next door neighbour)  
Lady Heather (Young wife of SDL Dan)

#### YOUNGEST GENERATION

- Sub-Commandante (Son) – Crown Prince of Beaugium (1st in line to the Throne)
- Princess Citrus Burst (Daughter)
- Prince Trip (Long lost brother of them and adopted by Queen Isabelle)
- Princess Skymist (Daughter)
- Teinzzz (Naughty child) – currently without a title as a punishment for being so naughty.
- Status Frustration (Niece of Queen BeauJC)

You will find the latest news on this at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2293115?thread=1853918&latest=1>

#### Our Country

Here is where much of the business of Beaugium is discussed:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2109811>

*our token Scot, Dizzydolan No football show is complete without a Scottish presenter.*

*Basically its like Match Of The Day, but its more "footballing news of the day".*

*Predict the score... The thread is about predicting the scores for the upcoming sporting*

*events (but mainly used for football...) and gaining points for your correct estimates. You*

*get 3 points for guessing the correct winning team, correct score and correct goal scorers.*

*You get 2 points for the correct outcome and correct winning team, and you get 1 point for the correct winning team. So you*

*could just say "Man Utd will beat Liverpool" and if you*

were right you'd get one point, or you could say "Man Utd will beat Liverpool 1-0" and if you were right you'd get 2 points, or you can say "Man Utd will beat Liverpool 1-0 and Rooney will score" and if you were right you'd get 3 points... easy peasy right? I'll stop waffling now....

How often do you post?

- Usually at work when I'm bored but ironically I'm posting this at home because I'm in my room waiting for the footy to start...

Was this your first posting?

- Er no, don't think so.

Who would you like to give a shout out to?

- Giddsey, Dizzydolan, Ladymarie, Twist, Lady H, Punk Rocker, Minister of all things rocking, Gaz, Lady Londoner and anyone else I talk to (not that many really!) that I might have forgotten..

Finally do you agree with the following statement? "The country of Lovely becomes less

and less to do with Danny Wallace and his ideals, and more to do with the people living in

Lovely via the message boards?" Discuss.

- Thought that was the idea in the first place? That people would become "citizens" and "live" in Lovely...? I'm not too fussed whether Danny is King or whether it's about his ideals or not to be honest as I'm not here to be a brown nose but I suppose I agree with the statement....

Lars\_Dudley, Packs Steve Bruce's lunchbox.

The Lars and Giddsey show. Lovely's own MOTD

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=1295116>)

Predict the Score!!!  
(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=1100629>)

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LOVELY ROLEPLAY

## Confessions of a slacker Or the state of Role-play in Lovely

By RogueODST

For the record, I have never before written a newspaper article, let alone one for a national newspaper.

Anyway, 'bout 4 ½ weeks ago (yeah I know I missed 2 deadlines, read the title) the lovely Nathalie van Danzig, whom I presume is the editor (What? You think I would have looked that up? Title dagnabit!), invited me to write an article for this fine paper. So I turned around and said "Sure. It's not like I've got anything better to do with my free periods. I mean that's why I joined Lovely in the first place, back in September!" Ok so in hindsight that's not entirely true, what with dodging teachers for undone essays and all. But I have a saying. Well I have many sayings, but the relevant one is: 'If insanity is the spice of life, then someone best bring me a glass of water.' No, wait. That's not right....

Ah yes. 'Don't do something today if you can put it off till tomorrow.' Yeah that's the one. Ok so usually it doesn't make it to tomorrow, just gets dropped completely or swept under some nearby rug, but that's not the point. The point....

...Ah yes the point! So I thought that writing this article would be dead easy. But if anyone is still actually reading after that pile of absolute crap above (which I sincerely doubt, but hey why stop writing? It's not like I'm gonna do anything else with this free period) then you'll realise that writing an article is

far from easy. Well in the end I decided to write about something I keep next to my heart (and no Sir Pete it's not my skin) Lovely Role-play.

My friends the pasty exterior of this has crumbled and now even the heart and soul is being munched upon by bloodthirsty parasites. There are but a few hard-core role-plays left running in Lovely, the Beau family, the petting farm and Shoppe, the famous bar and grill, the infamous Riot Squad (and I am now taking this moment to formally apologise to all parties involved for my part in that incident 6 ½ weeks ago), the country manor, the haunted house and any others that I may have missed. But (no offence guys 'n gals) these are all a bit plain (well maybe not the riot squad) compared to what we had going not too long ago. A time when the valiant Lovely Air Sea Rescue and Pirate Pete's Pirate ship and crew battled against the Mighty Moby Shit (Can I say that?) in Devils Docks and the sea beyond! When Pirate Pixie (whom I still believe is Lovely's Most wanted) was chased by the police across many a thread and Secret Board having been framed for arson. And many more that I cannot be bothered to go through right now. Contrary to popular belief those relics of Lovely's only natural disaster (the pre-modding) that claimed the lives of 40,000 odd citizens (whom cannot be pronounced dead for legal reasons) are actually still around. To name but a few: Devils Docks (probably the most famous and widely used), Pirate Pete's Pirate Ship, Sanctuary, The Secret Military Installation, The Gothic Graveyard, The CGC homelands, The medieval forest glade, The food board,

Trampland and the many others that I assume exist or cannot think of off the top of my head.

However it was not the pre-modding that has killed off Role-play. I point the finger at the changed nature of Role-play itself. Nowadays role-play is taken way to personally. The State System, which I had hoped would bring a new lease of life into Lovely Role-play, is crumbling horribly after a series of personal attacks. And it is these personal or belittling attacks in the middle of Role-play that has sucked the fun out of it. Lets say for instance someone 'blows up' a thread. In the old days everyone would dive out the windows just before it explodes, or some bondlike person would disarm it 0.07 seconds before it blows up. Everyone would have a laugh and it would be great. Nowadays someone makes a snide comment like saying the bomb explodes sending streamers everywhere. Or 'removes plasticine from the floor and looks disgustedly at peron X'. Where's the fun in that? IF someone wants to teleport out of a room I find that people either say "you know teleporters haven't been invented yet." Or \*looks at

Person X running repeatedly into the wall and laughs\*. Where's the fun in that? If you can't accept that someone wants to 'teleport' out of a room at least come up with a decent excuse. Invent an exoplasmic anti time-dilation device or something. This behaviour usually leaves the second person disgruntled or unwilling to engage in Role-play again. I implore you readers to not do this.

I want to encourage everyone to get back into Role-play in a really big way! So I have set up the Lovely Volunteer Fire Service (LVFS) in roles, which is open to anyone. Either to be a part of the force or to simply ogle at the 'sexy' firemen and women wandering around the station. BUT I also wish to make an appeal to all you wannabe pyromaniacs out there. So start burning things! Preferably on the forums though, coz we cant do anything about real world fires (and they're considerably more dangerous). Just let us know so we can have a go at putting it out. And if you want to RPG our fire trucks, or leave us a few added surprises whilst we're trying to douse the flames, then that's fine too. But don't expect us to take it lying down,

coz we'll have a few tricks up our sleeves as well!

I do so hope others wish to see a return to the 'old style' of role-play in Lovely, and will help me by joining my LVFS, by giving the LVFS some work to keep us interested, or by starting up (or continuing) other role-plays in Lovely. I know I came here to escape 'reality' I hope others did too and will help me in re-separating lovely from it.

Finally, shoutouts to the FFF, the TAS, the Royal Badger Artillery, The Cider house, The Eel Pie Island assault crew, the Don wan, the Drasilisk Clan and the Don wan's BF. Big Woop Woop's on the whistle tip tip.

Thank you and Goodnight.

P.S: Yeah I know the title was completely irrelevant. But I couldn't be arsed to think up a better one.

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## Pyschopotato's Bar and Grill

By Lady Marie

Well I am writing this article and for the first time ever am stuck for words there is sooo much I can say about the bar.

Oh but I will start by explaining the name for anyone who doesn't know. Well it was me that came up with it in the first place and it was a combination of PyschoticMike's name and Crouched Potato's name, genius hey. (ok maybe not genius but good?)

Right well I will continue this by saying that Mike and my self own and run the bar, we have numerous people who work there and every kind of alcohol available and any meat you could wish to eat, it's all there, just pop along to the bar and try us. And the entertainment equipment is second to none, we have the biggest stereo you can imagine and last time I checked the tv was a 42" widescreen. Football is obviously shown whenever possible.

We do have some rules but I'm not gonna go into those too much other than to say the most important one is drink lots and have fun. So what else can I say about the bar that most of you won't already know? Well fun and chaos normally go hand in hand at the bar are customers are allowed to do pretty much whatever they want as long as it causes no damage to the bar itself, and one example is the night we had an entire pet shop's



supply of animals running around in there. But fear not, the animals were eventually subdued and served to the customers. Also, we are always open to suggestions

on any event that you may wish to see held at any time. Just let us know. Other than that I think I have said it all, so will thank you if you have read this far and say see you soon.

Thanks  
LadyMarie  
Co-Owner

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## **E**NTERTAINMENT

### MORE THREADS

From the thread cruisin' cake...BJC

Each issue I would like to provide you Lovely citizens with a review of a cross section of threads. Please let me know if there is a thread you'd like mentioned, or be my guest reviewer and do-it-yourself.

Type of thread:

GAMES:

Word Association, currently several of these running all with the same title. Go seek:

So,what's it all about?-Alfie  
Pretty - lovely  
Self - me  
Explanatory - tell  
Occasionally - sometimes  
Lapsing - souchong  
Into - double  
One - solo  
Word - rude  
Conversations - chat  
Themed - dallas  
Or with - plus  
More than> - lucky  
One word - digit  
Very - Veri'y  
Revealing - sparse  
At times - lunch  
Confused - BJC  
By posters - bill  
With 3 word - story thread

PUBLIC SERVICES:

The Transport thread  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/>

[dannywallace/F2262799?thead=1048375&skip=0&show=20](http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thead=1048375&skip=0&show=20)

Sep 19, 2005

This is the public transport thread. A bus stop wormhole if you please, please post thread-links here, or other site links that may be useful, or use it as a meeting point/lost persons place...

Never really evolved as a meeting point/lost persons place, but has been reasonably successful as an information point for new/useful threads or weblinks away from Lovely. Anyone is welcome to post a link here, nothing indecent though thank you, there may be children catching the same bus. ID06 has been compiling an abridged version as some of the links have become obsolete. 24 hour service, affected only by server problems 'beyond our control'

ROLE PLAY:

The pirate thread was reviewed in the last issue, so I shall pick on, I mean review, another of the many story/roleplay threads currently active.

Eastenders script:

November 25th 2005  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thead=1549946&skip=0&show=20>

[ead=1549946&skip=0&show=20](http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thead=1549946&skip=0&show=20)

Largely set out in script form, with each posting containing several characters at times, scanning through it seems to combine humour with the inclusion of topical remarks, there are the usual Eastenders characters along with a talking fly, some spam, a few blank posts and some moderated ones, indicating that it's all going on down in Lovelies Albert Square. Pay a visit, I dare ya!

OVER 18s:

If you are under 18 then cover your eyes now! Last week the award winning Strip Club. This week we peep through the curtain at:

The Ministry Of General Debauchery

Secret location

This is the second MinGeD thread, an updated version of the original. Deb. members pop in occasionally for a chat, a cocktail or a little bit of debauchery, as the mood takes them. If you would like to join then please talk to ID06, MOST HIGHLY ESTEEMED AND DEBAUCHED SECRETARY

EVER: (newly promoted, call me Sec for short) \*his own words\* Whips are optional but...well... fun. Bring your own food and drink.

#### STATISTICS:

It would be safe to say that ID06 (him again) has set up and maintains most of these threads.

The Longest Thread list

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thead=1144250&skip=660&show=20>

Regularly updated and with an easy to understand system in place;

'+ indicates a rise, and - indicates a fall, followed by the number of positions moved.

<<< indicates no change, while NEW indicates a new thread appearing on this list for the first time, or in some cases an old thread returning after having dropped out.

Threads which have dropped out of the top 100 since the previous list are given at the end.'

Also includes threads which have dropped out since the previous list. Currently;

'001-(<<<) 32368 - "The Person Above You" Game' through to;

'100-(-05) 1321 - YMCO (not gay)'

Still to cover: politics, meets, stories, etc. etc.

Thread collection here...please feel free to add names and links. and links to names already there.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thead=2108205>

#### INTERVIEWEE:

**JLSLYGO9(\$5.92), LIVERPOOL F.C. RULES FORUM**

How long have you been in Lovely?

*- I have been in Lovely since the start of September.*

Why did you become a citizen?

*- I became a citizen because one of my mates was one and I'd thought it would be a interesting experience.*

What is your thread all about?

*- The thread is about how Liverpool FC rule the world!*

How often do you post?

*- This thread has gone a little quite lately. I how ever post regularly on the site. I'm 54th or so on the rich list!*

Was this your first posting?

*- No it wasn't. I can't remember what it was sorry.*

Who would you like to give a shout out to?

*- If you mean in terms of mentioning people then I'd like to give barcode and the FFF a shout.*

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## ROOM 101

By the Curator of Lovely Records

My Dad says lots of things. Sometimes, when I'm there to hear him, he says things that are funny, and other times useful. Sometimes he talks about cars and things that I don't really understand. His Favourite is that Bailey Bridges were made in Stockport.

For those who are still interested, I don't really know what a Bailey Bridge actually is, other than the army have them and they're good at being bridges. I do know that they're made in Stockport. Because of my dad, I know lots of useless things, and I even know some useless things that my dad didn't even tell me. How, I'm not sure, I just do.

The gas used in Nike Air Shoes is called Sulphurhexaflouride. And Microsoft word REALLY doesn't like that word, let me tell you.

I also know even though I've never read the book, that Room 101 was invented by George Orwell, in his nice and fluffy novel, 1984. It's not, as most people believe, an abyss, oooh no. It's a room where the "Worst thing in the World" happens, according to that individual. That will explain therefore, my choices for aforementioned abyss. I have a list, and it's a long one, and I might leave some out. But you'll never know if I did or not.

And I contradict myself lots too, C'est La vie. First up is Smelly people, the sooner they go the better.

Noone ever wants to tell somebody they smell, instead we buy them cheap deodorant for birthdays, Christmas, easter, anniversaries, whenever there's a gift giving excuse.

Giving the gift of fragrance to a stinker causes its own separate problem in that the recipients of a 12 pack of Lynx honestly believe that they're popular. Lies Lies Lies.

To paraphrase the great Homer .J. Simpson "Welcome to Stinksville, Population: You." It's good for them in the long run. And for us. Unfortunately for the masses, following pongers into Room 101 are Communal Changing rooms.

Why is it unacceptable to be seen naked in a train station waiting room, yet blokes with folds on their folds are allowed to take much much longer than necessary to dry themselves? I'm sure some of them don't even go swimming, they just pretend so they can be naked in public. They do sometimes get a bit

disorientated whilst looking for the showers, and that's when you'll see them by the poolside. He'll be the one in the stripy brown trunks (circa 1976) that make you wince; and on occasion weep.

At my school, they always had communal changing, and the only boys who would gladly be in the buff were they 12 year olds whose pubes had reached double figures.

I hated them. I tried my best to get out of having to get changed, by cleverly not bringing a kit. I was a genius all the way from home until P.E time came, and you get sent to the Lost property box to choose kit that fitted.

I still have some of that kit in formaldehyde in my loft.

To save space in my Room 101, I'm going to send naked smelly people in, carrying the kit in a bag full of unused deodorant. That would leave me space for the other kids in P.E. changing room. They were good at Everything. I mean EVERYTHING. Not only would they be on the football, basketball, chess and jam-making teams, the girls would love them too.

They grow up as well, and invent places like [www.friendsreunited.co.uk](http://www.friendsreunited.co.uk), which is good-people speak for [www.letmetellyouhowsuccessfulliam.co.uk](http://www.letmetellyouhowsuccessfulliam.co.uk). I like having my flaws. They're what makes me me.

Me not being perfect helps others feel better. And I like that. I like me, which is why I'm not sending me in.

That explained, I can move onwards and downwards. I want to put television into my room 101.

All of it. Starting with daytime Sue Everyone You Met lawyer adverts, featuring the world's thickest people.

I quote:

"I woke up and noticed we'd had an accident"

"I stood on some wood"

If the TV was in Room 101, I wouldn't know how thick these people were and I'd be glad.

If TV was in Room 101, I wouldn't have to listen to colleagues at work debating whose womb the baby should or shouldn't be in.

If the TV was in Room 101, the Government wouldn't be able to charge me £137.50 for the pleasure of not watching it.

There's more. Jimmy Crickett can go in for the sheer audacity of folded Wellington boots and silly hats. Porn can go in, just so that the internet would have to find a different way of embarrassing me when I'm showing my mum how safe and useful the internet is.

Next up, Hangovers.

What kind of cruel joke are they? Hangovers are akin to winning the lottery, but never actually getting the money.

(That would be mean too, so in goes the Lottery)

Hangovers are really not needful. I can feel guilty enough without having to try and not fall off the bed at the same time.

Hangovers take me directly onto me next entry. Jazz Music.

Jazz is the hangover of the music world. They know how to play an instrument. They know they've played the instrument before, but they've temporarily forgotten, and are just making it up. That's why every so often in a Jazz song, there's a good bit. The musician's memory is returning bit by bit.

I need a lie down, but before I do, I'm going to put ladies with facial hair, all things that sting and France in, just because I can.

What goes in your Room 101?

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## The PlayBoy Shirt

By Jonni Shirtguy

Hello good, good people. It is I Jonni Shirtguy returning to the GA to tell you all about another one of my fabulous shirts. This time it's the turn of...

Drum Roll Please...

The PlayBoy Shirt

This is one of my fave shirts. It's kind of silky and is covered in classic Playboy covers or so I am led to believe. So who's on there? Well let's see, there's Pammi in that little black dress, as well as her Baywatch swim suit, another Baywatch babe (think she was called Charlene). There are many many more. The buttons are also very sexy, it's a picture of a woman bending herself into the shape of the bunny. I wear it when I am going somewhere new or to a party as it is an ice breaker. It's very tastefully done and is envied by both boys and girls. Sorry, no picture this time my official photographer is poorly sick in bed.

It was purchased whilst on a day out with college. It was a Wednesday, last college day before Christmas. I was wandering past Reef and it was there, shining in the window drawing me like a moth to a bulb. So I went in and bought it and got them to send it to the Preston shop. I then proceeded to get completely wasted, missed my train and had to get the most expensive taxi ever to get home (can be a little bitter about this). By this point my wonderful purchase had completely slipped from my mind and I carried on as normal.

The following Friday I walked past the Preston branch and there it was shining like a beacon in the window. I marched into the shop and tried to purchase the wondrous shirt again, luckily the guy behind the counter realised there was only one person in the world who would want that shirt and said 'you're Jonni Shirtguy aren't you?' A little surprised I replied 'yes I am'. He then handed me my purchase, which I immediately put on and headed back out in my new spangly shirt and went on the lash!

I have only ever seen two Playboy shirts and I own them both. If you type Playboy into google not many shirts come up!!!

Disclaimer- If you do try and type it into Google I am in no way responsible for anything that you may see or indeed those things your partner catches you looking at!

Would like to take this opportunity to launch shirt spot if you see any "Jonni Shirts do let me know"

Anyhow, thanks again and I hope to see you all on the boards soon.

Oh yeah tip for the week: "tank tops!"

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## Four letter words infect Lovely minds

By Mcfarlmo

Mcfarlmo has a little problem. It seems that her mind has been taken over by the four letter word

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307886?thead=2038415&latest=1>

She has spent too much time there. So much time that, although she tried very hard and wanted to share her experiences of Lovely, she could only write them in four letter words. Here is what she wrote.

Hail folk from Love land. McMo want tell tale meet many pals here. When Kings sets land McMo view BBCs prog. Make McMo laff plus mind work. Then find webs home. Woop! McMo read many posts. Wont post – fear. Then find folk very nice, kind, make many joke. Want meet them. Join post meet city.

Sazz work with McMo then. She's tell McMo – come meet. Ends week both goes. Meets many folk – ID06, Wing Comm. Hail Lee plus more. Have much funs.

Past then McMo goes when ever have time. Folk meet each ends week. Play with toys, make game rule, also lark, take pics more.

More folk well come. Join – have funs. Don't fear.

Best meet ever - Xmas. King came. Most yell Woop! when King come thru door. King talk with many – take pics also. Film crew were very glad make much film that show CITV. Much coin made give away – buys many goat.

Last week McMo Sazz plus Wegl went Bath – sees Veer (John) plus Hobo, ROTR, Evie. Very cold, Very very cold. Gang much joys. Walk into Bath sees city. Veer show gang much nice items. Then beer hall. Much chat – more join. Adey plus Lady Aich come from Kent (Adey have news cars!) just have beer plus wine with rest. Some went walk with aged chap – show dead soul home. Don't sees dead soul – phew! Week ends just fabs. Gang will Bath once more - when less cold.

In Love land this time folk vote. McMo look, read make mind. Won't tell folk what vote make. Want Mins nice, work hard, kind, plus know that King real boss.

McMo want tell folk – Love land good home. Stay here ever time. Play good.

Fare well.

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## Origami – Froggy Fun

By Cudly Carpy

Seeing is this is the first, of probably many, I'll start with something fun, that everyone can do. A bouncy frog! You can all learn this off by heart, and its great entertainment! I'll tell you some basic terms, but more of the basics will come up later, better to learn on the go than have to read a load of stuff you won't remember!

1) First up! For most origami pieces, you need a square, but we westerners always have rectangles. Not to worry, it is easy to make a square out of a rectangle. A square has equal sides, so we can only make a square with equal sides out of the shortest side. Fold the top shortest side down, and line it up with its adjacent long side, to form a triangle shaped fold like this...





2) That's not the greatest photo, please be aware I'm taking these photo's one handed with my phone, I'm trying my best!

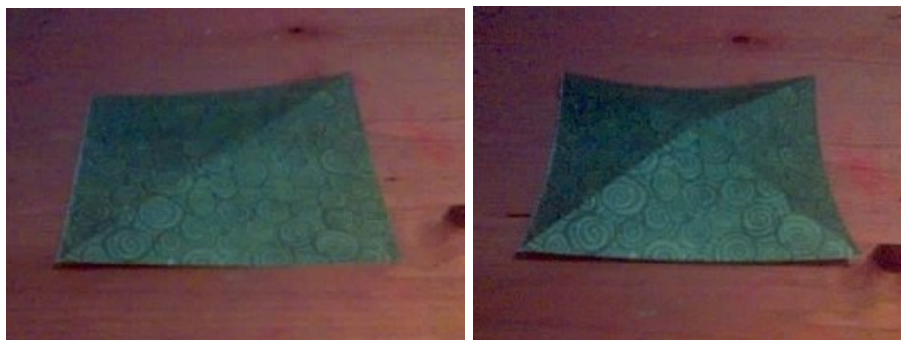
So you see the triangle shaped fold, it creates a long rectangle shape at the bottom of the paper; we've got to get rid of that! Flip the paper over, and fold the bottom rectangle up and crease where the fold is in line with the triangle underneath, like this...

3) Now you have a crease along the line where you need to cut, you can either line up a ruler along the crease and rip off, refold and press along the crease a few times when rip it off, or use scissors, although they're not always very accurate



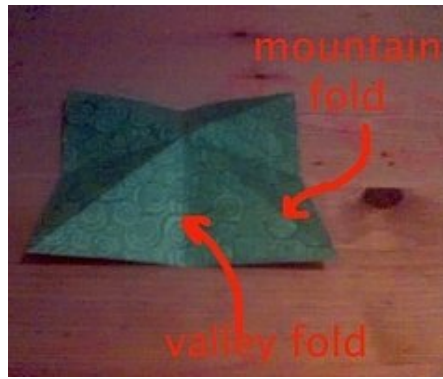
Hurray! We now have a square and can get started!

4) Having made a square like that, you have a mountain fold (this means, from where you are, the fold has a "peak") that goes from one corner to another, make another mountain fold between the two other corners.



5) Now, to make the next stage easier, valley fold (yup, that's right, the fold has a "bottom" to it) a cross from the middle of each side to the other so it should look like this





I labelled each kind of fold, just in case

6) This bit is a tricky part. Fold the piece of paper corner to corner again, so it's a triangle. Pick it up and hold it along the fold, on each side of the centre. Now push downwards and inwards, slowly, and the paper should form a sort of cross shape.

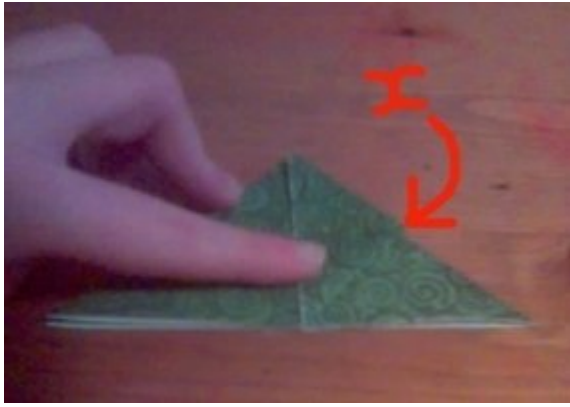


7) Press this flat so it has two "flaps" on each side, and again looks like a triangle. \*this is known in the business as a Water Bomb Base)

8) There you can see the triangle shape. I have labelled corner "Y" to help me out explaining, as I can't just point and say "that bit". Fold corner "Y" to the top corner, so that flap is basically folded in half.



9) There we go, now fold corner "Y" to point "X" and crease it down



10) Fold "Y" up again, this is the frog's front leg. Now do the same thing to the other half, and your frog will have two front legs!



11) Now flip over your frog, fold the triangle in half and then back, so you have a crease down the centre of your frog's back.

12) OK, now fold side A, that I have highlighted, to the centre crease you have just made.



13) Now fold this back on itself.



14) Do this to the other half to, so the top of you frog should look like this



That is your basic frog done!

Now let's give it some bounce!

15) Flip your frog over, so it's on its back. Fold your Froggy's bottom (as labelled) up and crease at the thinnest point of your frog's body.



16) It should look something like that. Now, fold the Froggy bottom back in half on itself. Make sure these folds are pressed firmly.



Does your Froggy look something like this?



If it does, well done!

If it doesn't....I guess I didn't explain it too well, please let me know where I was confusing, and I'll try it again

Back to if it does look like that, to make your froggy bounce, put it on the flat surface, press down on the bottom of his back, and drag your finger off, and it should commence bouncing!

Well that's your frog all done, I hope you had fun! Threw in a few technical terms, hope they didn't confuse you! Where I said that at that point, what you had made was a Water bomb Base, what I mean is, that in books, instead of explaining those folds you've done already, every time something needs them, they can just put "start with a Water Bomb Base" and carry on from there. It is known as a Water Bomb Base, because it's most famous for making water bombs, which I can show you to do at some point, but they're a bit boring for a starter really, and paper isn't the best medium for holding water.

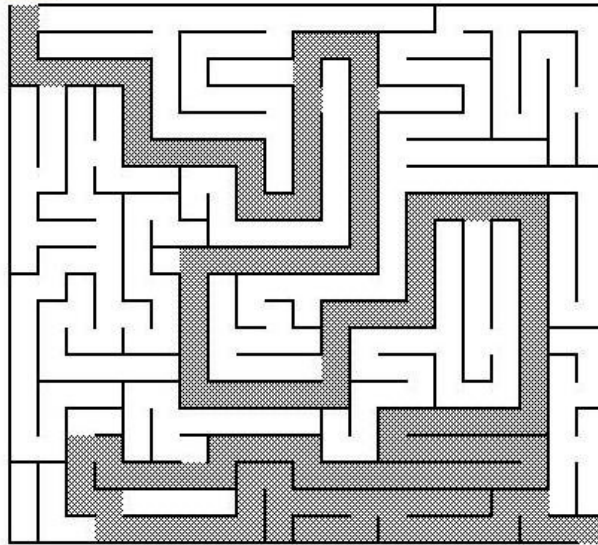
Origami paper, which is already a square, and has a different colour or pattern on each side, isn't very readily available. Hobby Craft have a fairly wide range, and some small craft shops stock basic origami paper. I'm sure there are places on the web that sell it, but I haven't really researched into that. Places like Borders sell Origami calendars, which are a fold a day, they also have very nice origami paper in, but it being a bit past the beginning of the year, I'm not sure about availability of them either. Next issue we shall try the Japanese symbol for Joy, a crane. Hope you'll try it!

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## A Lovely Maze - The Solution

By Saz

**CAN YOU REUNITE KING DANNY WITH HIS CROWN?**



## Sudoku

By Cpeachok

Can you solve it?

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Puzzle 0001



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## The Lovely Factor needs contestants and Judges!

By Shadow the Hedgehog

Do you want to be the next Lovely pop star? Do you want your single in the lovely music charts? If the answer is yes to both of these questions then go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2031696>

and sign up for the Lovely Factor.

All you need is a microphone and a PC. Record your entry on the PC using the microphone and an audio editor. It doesn't matter if you want to do a cover of a song or your own. When you have recorded your entry send it to me at

[sonic.lover06@googlemail.com](mailto:sonic.lover06@googlemail.com) where I will send it on to the mentors/judges.

For the mentors/judges send your applications to the same email above and I shadow will pick the mentors for the competition. Good luck!

## Sonic, Mario, Lara and Zelda Need You!!

By Shadow The Hedgehog

A few days ago I thought to myself that Lovely needed its own national computer game character and I thought long and hard about who the candidates should be and I knew to

myself that Sonic the hedgehog and Mario should definitely be in the list but then I had to think again who the other two candidates should be then I thought what about Lara Croft because she has a successful career in gaming so I added her. Finally I

added Zelda because there have been many successful Zelda games out for so long.

To vote go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2113839>

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# Silent Pete Reviews

## FILMS

Blazing Saddles (1974)

Directed by: Mel Brooks

Starring: Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Harvey Korman

More Info:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0071230/>

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Sin City (2005)

Directed by: Frank Miller, Robert Rodriguez, Quentin Tarantino

Starring: Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen

More Info:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0401792/>

Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)

Directed by: Tim Burton

Starring: Johnny Depp

More Info:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0367594/>

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When Harry Met Sally (1989)

Directed by: Rob Reiner

Starring: Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan

More Info:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098635/>

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Peter's Friends (1992)

Directed by: Kenneth Branagh

Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Stephen Fry, Emma Thompson

More Info:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0105130/>

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Equilibrium (2002)

Directed by: Kurt Wimmer

Starring: Christian Bale, Taye

Diggs

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## OTHER STUFF

The pictiory skills of ray of the rovers

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## SPORT

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## FULHAM BOUND AND TAGG'ED

Tagg 2-1 Fulham

Coach giddsey was delighted with a fantastic performance by his players. Last night we saw why Tagg FC are the surprise package in the prem this season. Beautiful flowing football, somewhat akin to the old Dutch 'total football' style was on show.

It would seem a new wave of optimism has swept the famous

club as the January transfers provided tagg with the skills so sorely missed over Christmas.

The first half saw Tagg play crab football with the opposition. The ball pinged from player to player as Fulham tried and failed to get a touch. The first goal was a stunner from Ray of the Tagg. In Van Nistlerooy style, Ray collected a pinpoint pass from Jamies left peg. Swiftly chesting the ball, he swung round a precision left foot and connected

with such ferocity that the ball moulded around his boot and then proceeded to tare a hole in the net. Tagg were 1 up.

Fulhams equalizer saw new signing Lars make his first mistake. Lars had decided to try an overhead kick from his own line instead of simply just catching the ball. Some may say he made a fool of himself, but we at Tagg

applaud the sheer cheek of Taggs controversial new Goalie. Lars made up for this arrogant gesture by producing a string of fine saves in the second half.

Taggs second goal was impressive to say the least. New signing Jamie, had been quiet all game then out of nowhere produced the kind of deft chip usually reserved for

Rooney. Rubble went on a lazy, mazy run that beat 5 Fulham players, a fake shot was followed by a cheeky ankle touch to Jamie who scored with sublime accuracy.

Tagg's night was rounded off with the haunting chorus, led by Lady Lampard, that rang out from the crowd.

"You'll never Talk alone, talk on, talk on..." Well played lads ya done me proud.

The chairman has hired out the Ritz in London for an after match celebration, see ya there tue night 10pm. Black tie.

coach giddsey

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## TAGG BURN THE ROVERS

### F.A. Cup

Tagg 4-2 Blackburn Rovers.

Tagg destroyed Blackburn in this Feisty cup tie.

After going down to an early goal scored while new Keeper Lars Dudley was chattering to the oppositions Savage, Tagg then proceeded to dominate the rest of the game.

### RUBBLE HUDDLE

Honor Rubble was on top form. After the inspirational 'Rubble huddle' the lads seemed to settle into a flowing almost rhythmic passing game. Rubble was at the centre of this, every touch was silky smooth. All her flicks and tricks were compelling to watch, which was all the hapless opposition could do.

Taggs' equalizer came from a glorious 60 yrd pass to Nicknack, back in the squad after a brief visit to Milan. Nicknack wasted no time in pelting the ball into the back of the onion bag. 1-1.

Number 2 came from the young talent Jamie. A quick step over saw Jamie passed the defender and a one - two with Rubble left him wide open. 2-1 Tagg

### SCANDAL

Half time brought scandal to Taggs world, (again). It turns out Keeper Lars was seen talking to Savage in the Tunnel. Talk of a betting coup swept the dressing room. Surely Lars wouldn't sell out his new teammates for a quick buck?

### SUBLIME

The second half saw Tagg control almost everything. Ray of the Tagg was sprightly and made the third goal look easy. A swift pass from Rubble put Ray one on one with Friedel. The scoop over the keepers head that followed was sublime to say the least. 3-1 Tagg.

Ray completed the task coach Giddsey, (strangely absent), had set, by scoring the fourth. Simply and easily with his head he met Rubbles cross and crashed one home. 4-1 Tagg.

### FIX?

What happened next was amazing by anyone's standards. Savage looking

for a consolation received the ball on the Tagg 18 yrd box when keeper Lars deliberately threw him the ball. Stunned Tagg players then saw Lars do the worst ever impression of a dying chicken, as he spooned Savages, now goalward bound shot, into his own net with his face.

4-2 Tagg. Stunned silence followed the incident but the whistle blew and Tagg erupted to the sound of 'We're by far the greatest team the world has ever seen'

### BEES

So what happened? An interview with Lars was refused after the game, but Sky sports always get their man. Coach Giddsey wasn't available for comment. Sources say he was seen running around the pitch at Brentford's Griffin Park, as the real result that mattered came in.

Brentford 2-1 Sunderland. Giant Killer Bees. Dreamland. I'm Brentford till I die. Well played lads, it would seem that "you are as good as I say you are", see ya in the bar. Apparently Lars won a big bet? Something to do with predicting 4-2 to us? Dunno you'll have to ask him.

Coach Giddsey

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# ChatSPORT

By Lars Dudley

Haha! Bet you thought I wasn't coming back! Well, I wouldn't have been as there wasn't much response, but with Giddsey clearing a space at the sports desk for me I just couldn't resist! Just to recap, chatSPORT is an article I will be doing for The GA where I post some comments made by citizens of Lovely about general football goings-on. In order for me to post these though I need to hear your opinions! So please send an email to [anime4evauk@hotmail.com](mailto:anime4evauk@hotmail.com) about anything footy related that you want to discuss (please make sure the subject is chatSPORT or I'll delete the email without reading it) or alternatively drop into the sports threads on the message boards and I'll see you there! If you just want to chat then you can also add me to msn, which I'm on most nights.

Anyway! Lovely has been full of talk of elections and appointments this week! Who's going to be the first PM etc etc. etc. But of course the most talked about election are in the sports threads! "Who is going to be "elected" the new England manager?" I hear you cry! England head coach, Sven Goran Errikson and The English FA have mutually agreed for the World Cup to be the last major tournament that Sven will be at the helm! This means that the media and press have been rife with talk of a new manager being appointed already. Across Lovely's Sports threads the views have been mixed on who the manager should be and whether the new manager should be English or not!

My personal view is that it shouldn't matter whether they are English. The FA should appoint the right man for the

job, regardless of whether he's another foreign manager or not! I know that a lot of citizens of Lovely see it this way too and I've been asking the question here and there. Here's one of your opinions!

The Lars & Giddsey Show  
Message 1719 – posted by Lady Marie

"Mourinho would be a brill coach for England without a doubt but do we really want another foreign manager with less heart and commitment than an English one?"

For me, like I said, it shouldn't matter whether the new coach is foreign or English. I think the idea that a foreign manager can't possibly have the same amount of passion as an English one is preposterous! Every manager is different. You have the Stuart Pearce types who are at the touch line kicking every ball and blowing every whistle. Then you have the Glen Hoddle's (or Sven Goran Errikson's) who sit down calm and collective thinking about every decision like they're playing chess. Just because they don't shout it from their lungs it doesn't mean they want to win any less in my opinion. I would love to see Guus Hiddink take charge after guiding Holland & South Korea to European and World Cup finals respectively. He also took Australia to their first World Cup for over 30 years last year! Mourinho is inexperienced at international level and he has publicly stated that he wants to see out his contract at Chelsea and that the only international job he would be interested in is that of Portugal, his home country. •

Another post I read that I thought I'd include is:

chatSPORT  
Message 2 - posted by giddsey, coach of T.a.g.g F.C. •  
"Brentford to go up?  
Birmingham to go down?"

Can I just point out please that I'm a Birmingham supporter and Giddsey is a Brentford supporter! Right, glad we cleared that up! From what I've seen of Brentford this season, they're more than capable of going up. With their manager "Mad Dog" Allen, the whole team has a bit of character and stands out in League One! Plus with a change of back room staff (Greg Dyke, former director general of the BBC) becoming involved, it might give the whole team a refreshing lift and who knows whether they can get promoted to Championship!? It certainly isn't impossible!

..oh and Birmingham are DEFINATELY not going down! I better find some wood to touch quickly! There's too much quality in the side and they're getting a bit of form back now so I will be VERY surprised if we're relegated.

Anyhow, I think it's about time for some Stats! Welcome to Statto's Corner!

Recent Arsenal purchase, Theo Wallcott, is officially the worlds most expensive 16 year old footballer after costing the Gunners a whopping £12m! Although he has moved from Southampton, he has never actually signed a professional contract with the Saints.

Another 16 year old and highly coveted, Freddy Adu, became the youngest ever player to represent USA at international level last week.

In 1908 the FA attempted to introduce a transfer fee limit of £350. The restriction, brought into

place following the £1000 transfer of Alf Common from Sunderland to Middlesbrough in 1905, lasted just four months!

- In 1993, Hartlepool United went a record 13 matches (11 league and 2 cup) without scoring a single goal: 20 hours and 27 minutes!
- Brazil and Football legend, Pele, scored a record 1282 times in his career from 1956-1977! He won't be doing any more scoring now though unfortunately due to his sleeping policemen! ;- ) if you've seen the adverts, you know what I mean!
- Peter Shilton and Andy Goram are the only goalkeepers to have scored from a clearance!
- Finally, quite an interesting yet well known one, former pope John-Paul II was once a goalkeeper back in the day in his native Poland!

Right well its only a short one this week but that's it for this edition! Remember to send in any items you would like me to talk about to [anime4evauk@hotmail.com](mailto:anime4evauk@hotmail.com) and I'll decide whether I can be bothered to add them or not... it takes a lot out of ya doing this article y'know! Anyway, hope you enjoyed the read and keep posting on Lovely's sports threads!

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## An interview with Ray

The GA talks exclusively to T.A.G.G FC's new signing, Ray of the T.A.G.G

Welcome Ray of the t.a.g.g. How have your first couple of weeks at your new club been?

It's been great. Everyone's been good to me and made me feel at home at the club.

It must be helpful that you're not the only new signing.

Yeah the boss has been busy in the transfer market, so there's quite a few new faces around. Though I used to know Lars from when we were trainees at West Brom. Of course that was until Lars got crocked and got released.

You got released yourself?

Yes. They said I was too small to be a premiership player. I was told that I would never make it in the top flight, but here I am.

There's a lot of pressure on you, with it your big money move to t.a.g.g.

I don't think the price tag of a bag of cheesy wotsits and a milkyway will affect me at all. I'm just here to do my best for t.a.g.g. F.C.

There was interest from a lot of other clubs.

Well Chelsea came in with a much larger bid of a king sized mars bar and 2 packets of salted peanuts, but I had my heart set on a move to t.a.g.g.

So what made you actually decide to sign for t.a.g.g. rather than the Premiership Champions?

Well I come from this area and I used to watch them as a kid on the terraces. So when Giddsey came knocking on my door, I didn't hesitate in signing for them.

Well you've certainly joined a club that's on its way up.

Yeah we're doing well this year. The Gaffer's brought quite a few players in and everyone has seemed to have gelled together well. We're playing the best football in the premiership as well.

Your own form has been great. Four goals in your first 3 games?

Well getting the 3 points every week is all that matters, not how many goals I score. I'm just happy to contribute to the team

What are you aiming for this season?

Well at the moment we're taking one game at a time, but if we keep going the way we are, we've got a great chance of winning the League. Of course we're still going well in the cup as well, so that's another thing to aim for.

What about you? Any personal aims this season?

At the moment I'm just concentrating on doing well for t.a.g.g. F.C., but it is a world cup year and if I play well enough, who knows? Personally I think that there's quite a few players here that should be playing for England, but for some reason Sven wont pick anyone from an unfashionable team like t.a.g.g. I'm sure Giddsey would make a great part-time England manager.

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