

March is here my lovelies!

By General Jase aka Ambassador Smith

King Danny I and Jon Bond "invaded" Eel Pie Island in Twickenham for an episode of "How to Start Your Own Country". I've been organising the reinvasion by the Lovely Invasion Force on Saturday 11th March.

Our numbers have doubled to 40 in recent weeks. The islanders will stand no chance!

Sergeant Saz has bought invasion helmets for many of you and distributed them to you at the London meet. For her sterling work, I hereby promote her to Super Sergeant Saz, to reflect how super she is!

King Danny has heard about the invasion and approves as long as it is a peaceful invasion and we are all lovely! So lovely we will be!



http://www.beerinevening.com/pubs/s/22/227/Barmy_Arms/Twickenham

We're meeting at the Barmy Arms for 1pm. The best way of getting there is by getting a train to Twickenham station. The pub is half a mile from the station.

Here's a map showing where the pub is.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=516421&y=173276&z=0&ar=Y>

There will be a pep talk from your general, an inspection parade, followed by a full, I repeat FULL invasion of Eel Pie Island. Here I am dressed for invasion, and boy, do I look excited about it!



We're a peaceful invasion force, so no guns or offensive weapons will be allowed.

French loaves, loafahs and feather dusters will be the order of the day!

We'll be handing out flowers and chocolates and other random gifts to the Lovely islanders we find there, so remember to bring some...

It's all laid out in our reinvasion poster!

I'm really looking forward to it and hope we can make friends with the islanders and maybe even recruit some as Lovely citizens!

See you there.

General Jase & The Lovely Invasion Force

p.s. It's not too late to come! Come join the forum discussion thread here:-

YOU ARE ALL LOVELY!

Please do not panic... Again... You have been reinvaded. I, General Jase, and the Lovely Invasion Force have claimed Eel Pie Island as our own. But don't panic, we'll probably get bored and go watch the rugby instead.

Since King Danny I and his Minister of Defence Jon Bond invaded Eel Pie Island for the TV series "How to Start Your Own Country", many things have happened.

We have over 55,000 citizens of our new and noble country! We have a national flag which you should see us waving. Our own national anthem which you may hear us playing. And our own passports which you may see us carrying. And we have a name! We are Lovely! And if we are Lovely, then that makes you Lovely too!

To show our appreciation and demonstrate that this is a peaceful invasion, we shall greet you with flowers and chocolates and other nice things. We're a peaceful invasion force bearing weapons no more threatening than French loaves, loafahs and feather dusters.

We wish you well Eel Pie Islanders and would be honoured if you would consider joining our fine nation. Have a Lovely day!

Best Wishes,

General Jase & The Lovely Invasion Force

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1699691>

Computery Stuff

By PirateAsTheArtist

This week I have been the recipient of a few e-mails that made me think that perhaps the time was right for a brief article on computery stuff in the Guardian Angel, so here we go...

First up is hoaxes – most people will at some point have received an e-mail from a friend, passing on the news about some cataclysmic event that is about to happen as a result of a new computer virus that the Anti-Virus companies and/or Microsoft have no knowledge of, and sometimes advising people to delete supposedly dangerous system files from their computers. The truth is that these are invariably hoaxes. Believe me, the Anti-Virus companies invest a great deal of time, effort and technology in detecting and pre-empting virus attacks. It is highly unlikely that you will receive accurate advice about a virus from anybody else before these companies are aware of a new threat, so the best approach is to DELETE the e-mail and NOT forward it on to your friends.

Why do people originate these hoaxes? For a number of reasons – maybe just for the kick they might get of spreading panic across the world and at the same time causing Internet bandwidth to be soaked up at an exponential rate (imagine if you sent an e-mail to two friends and they each forwarded it on to two of their friends – in a very short time, that would be millions of e-mails trying to simultaneously pass throughout the Internet), maybe they are just trying to harvest e-mail addresses for spamming purposes, or maybe they are just intent on annoying people.

Most importantly, make sure:

- 1.You have an Anti-Virus program;
- 2.You update it at least once a week;
- 3.You regularly check for Windows Updates (if you are running Windows).

There are many good anti-virus products on the market, most notably from Symantec and McAfee, but if you want one for nothing, try AVG at http://www.download.com/AVG-Anti-Virus-Free-Edition/3000-2239_4-10320142.html

My next topic is chain e-mails – you know the ones, asking or even demanding that you forward them to at least 5 or 20 or more of your friends, and if you don't, you will suffer some tragedy or just a run of bad luck. Think about it: is it REALLY going to have any effect? No, I can categorically state that sending an e-mail will not influence your level of luck in any particular direction whatsoever. So DON'T forward it – DELETE it. It may be another e-mail address-harvesting scam anyway, so if you do forward it, the chances are that you will be receiving increased amounts of spam - Wonderful!

Other little tips, for those that are not already aware, are to use anti-Spyware software like Ad-Aware

(from <http://www.lavasoft.de/software/adaware/>)

or Spybot Search & Destroy

(from <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download>),

and to use Firefox as your browser rather than the security-prone Internet Explorer (see <http://www.mozilla.com>).

I know a lot of the above will be known to many, but this article is aimed at everyone else.

CRIT

By Lady Marie

Well there was so much being said on what happened we thought we would set the record straight.

I will start with saying it all came about with the thought that all BBCi boards are linked thus you only need one account to post on all of them, and how strange it is that no one ever crosses over between boards...so we did.

It was all done in fun and very tongue in cheek and we really had a laugh and a joke with people on the other boards The Archers boards especially so that is what i am going to base this article on...our time on The Archers boards.

The people on the Archers boards were very friendly and decided to fight our 'invasion' with tea and cakes, which was a very nice thing for them to do. They even invited us back and came to visit CR which was the whole point recruiting new citizens, well anyways here is some of the posts that were made on the TA boards.

"This is my favourite one:

*The Archers are fighting back with pre-moderation.

Nearly peed my pants laughing. This is the closest I've seen to good old fashioned harmless jolly japes in ages."

"Mon, 20 Feb 2006 21:10:40 GMT, In reply to: A Member Of Citizens Required Invasion Taskforce [www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mb...]

Ms. Member, or may I call you Amocrit?

next time you come back, click into The Bull - this MB's really just for discussing plot developments...

you'll fit right in here... do come back! lovely to have met you - we're over in yours in General chat under the Revenge of the Mustardeers, but your citizens seem oddly shy about joining us...

laura"

"The overnight modded posts which have been deemed to break the house rules bemuse me! They were certainly from the invading force, but I can't remember them being offensive. Someone did say they rather liked the poo-brown colour of ML, so of course I set them right on that score, and there was a plea to be allowed in on the basis of getting the toilet roll question right (which way should it hang?)

Strange."

Well those are just a couple or we will be here all day anyways shortly after we crossed over into the other boards we thrown in prison, which while not moaning about it coz we did expect it we did feel it was a bit harsh as we did nothing really to break the rules we did

not swear and were just very tongue in cheek with it all, and that sparked a whole new thing over at TA to say they were not happy at our imprisonment is an understatement, here are some of the things they had to say:

On being told we were in jail
"Oh no!

Do you want us to help you tunnel out?

We might be able to smuggle you in a file hidden in a cake?

marms"

"a number of us are working furiously (and "furiously" is DEFINITELY the right word here) to get your comrades out of prison. emails have so far been sent to your MB host and CCed to our fair and straightforward MB host to ensure yours takes it seriously, and to the BBC Complaints dept.

the reasons for the total sense-of-humour failure on this "prison" for three days thing are in our posts in your country, in General chat, in the Police thread and in international relations..."

"Miss Eliza Bennet, who declined to give her exact age but is believed to be over two hundred years old, said, "The Lovely citizens who invaded MustardLand (otherwise known as The Archers MBs) were relatively friendly, although they failed to open my jar of peach curd and accused it of being fictional.

We enjoyed great hospitality on your MB, and we'd like to apologise for getting drunk in your smileys box; we can only say in our defence that we don't have a smileys box of our own and got a bit overexcited. We were also gratified to discover that you hang your toilet roll the right way round.

We were very distressed to discover that your nation imprisons people without trial, as we consider that this is anathema to any right-thinking society. We are pleased to have contributed in a small way to any rethinking of this wrongheaded and anti-democratic policy. It just goes to show what some handknitted placards and a spirited recorder rendition of "Free Nelson Mandela" can do. Or not.' "

"Laura from Languedoc is still awaiting a reply to her email to Danny Wallace, which email was copied to the Host of the Archers MB, Keri Davies, as well. She plans to re-send the email after one week, and if she hears nothing back, plans to start the process of making a written complaint to the BBC.

She thinks the punishment of the japesters was over-the-top, but can see that they had transgressed to a lesser extent. What she is incensed and outraged by is the existence of the judicial system of Lovely. She has worked for the United Nations gathering forensic evidence of war crimes and has a VERY low tolerance of totalitarianism in any form. Whilst she accepts that Lovely may be viewed by some as 'just' a Message Board, she still feels that imprisonment without trial, indeed imprisonment without public charges being brought, does not belong anywhere in a BBC messageboard. There are no circumstances under which she feels this concept is acceptable in any part of life in the UK, not 'even' in a MB. she intends to continue writing/ emailing until she gets responses.

Finally, Laura said she would like to point out that there are clear links between Lovely and MustardLand, and she's delighted that the contacts have been kept up. She proposes setting up a new thread in The Bull Upstairs entitled "Embassy of Lovely" to serve as an embassy in MustardLand, perhaps giving the main link and explaining why MLers should visit Lovely for a holiday, or even a day-trip."

"Mrs Pugsley, who rarely speaks out on any issue, felt compelled to protest against the imprisonment without trial of the Lovely visitors who made a mild-mannered attempt to take over Mustardland but ended up staying for tea and biscuits.

With a tear in her eye, which she dabbed with a lace hankie (kindly knitted by the aging Ms EB) she sobbed: "It was heart-rending to hear Snarf running his tin cup against the bars, and not even be able to communicate. We tried trebucheting in a cake made by a fellow Mustardeer, but unfortunately it only succeeded in demolishing the town hall.

We welcome relations with citizens of Lovely, but will continue to protest against infringement of civil rights there for as long as this barbaric practice continues."

I think that shows their feelings on the situation and the sad thing is it put them off ever coming back :(Well anyways lastly we were allowed to set up a Lovely Embassy over there so feel free to visit here is the link

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbarchers/F2693945?thread=2351540&skip=0&show=20>

Anyway I know this was more random than anything else I have done but that's it hope it helped if you ever needed helping who knows hehehe.

Thanks again if you read this far.

Marie

The Posts They Tried To Ban

By Rev1

All of these messages were banned during the CRIT invasions, either from the CR boards or H2G2, The Archers or the History boards. Judge for yourself whether they were offensive. Other CRIT members have had similar messages banned.

CR boards

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to build an empire.

There'll be OEDs in this for us.

Some might say it's a staggering betrayal of a soldier fighting on the front line for king and country. I would say that actually.

Surely as an online country we have the right to expand and the BBCi should acknowledge that.

Damn you H2G2 administration team. You'll regret the day you crossed me!

H2G2

In the name of King Danny we are now annexing this message board to Citizens Required.

Remain calm and nobody will get hurt

Back us and we will support your campaign to rename Thursday "Thing"

This is only the first wave. We will defeat you!

Archers

Good work, comrades

I like the poo brown colour scheme

What the devil? Pre-moderation!

History (War and conflicts board)

“ ” (that’s right, they banned a message that was totally blank)

We're from a different BBCi forum. We're invading yours. What are your views on this?

Flase'd

By Citizen Saz

Friday afternoon. I'd eaten too much sugar... a chocolate mousse.... a WHITE chocolate mousse to be precise. The come down was setting in, I was feeling jittery and hyper. Nothing new there really, a Friday afternoon will do that to most people, regardless of sugar intake, but then it was also only about 2-3 hours until I'd be in the pub for the weekly London Citizen Meet.

Ahhh... meets... they always make us get a bit excited. So where were we? Sugar, the end of the working week, few hours from the pub with Lovely citizens... Lets just say I was a bit on edge. There I was, rambling away in the London thread with the others, when my eyes played a trick on me. Did I just see some letters flash up next to Miss Cornish's name? I squinted... stared at what was a blank space after the asterisks which indicated she was online...willing them to appear again. Must be some sort of glitch, surely. Others probably saw it. I posted a message, they'd been the letters of the same size as Mike's new PM symbol, others must have seen it.

Suddenly, it'd moved... next it was on Harvey the Tailor's name.... "anyone else see it??" I said. They backed away. They stared in horror at what was obviously the crazed ranting of a deluded mind.

I may have whimpered. I'm not proud of it, but it's true. I had seen it, and even screen grabbed it. Maybe CR was trying to send me subliminal messages, maybe it was indeed time for me to stand up and take the nation into its new future!!!!

I breathed a bit. Stared a lot more. Each time I refreshed the flashing letters moved somewhere else. What could it mean... in the space of 14 messages (of which 9 were my own hyperactive ranting posts) I'd cracked it! Wahey! I knew what it all meant! DANNY IS A LEGEND!

Flase was well and truly born, part of Lovely... a mystery and a conundrum with no answer but yet it didn't matter. It was there, I was ecstatic. Maybe the sugar had been too much, but the flase revolution was upon us, and I was beside myself with joy. Still, no-one understood what I was on about, and I did a poor impression of explaining. How could you explain it though? There is no rhyme or reason, it just exists... did they not see this? Did they still not see the flase? Well, eventually they did... slowly but surely, it all became clear (as clear as flase can ever be). Some immediately got the point (or understood the lack of one), whereas others analysed it too clinically. Why is it there? So it's an animated gif... does flase mean something? Is it an anagram? Are we supposed to rearrange the letters? Does that mean those people are chosen for something? Is flase Danny's new book...

NO! That's the point! That's the sheer joy... it's a random bit of silliness... of conspiracy born from the threads, evolved from the minds of our fine citizens, and then created for us all to enjoy and share.

Let the madness continue... embrace the flase and the ever changing wonder that is Lovely. We shape this place, even when we don't realise it – our input on the boards evolve into something, like flase. Rather than fear it, feel inspired by it!

Maybe I did have too much sugar after all....

UPDATE:

The flase took a darker turn. Some time during the early morning of March 2nd, an unknown culprit snuck in and swiped my IOUs and my OEDs! Maybe it's just coincidence that it all happened soon after flase appeared... but I'm onto you now... I'M ONTO YOU!!!
shakes fist

Lovely statistics

By ID06

Welcome to the first of my new regular GA feature, focussing on some of the statistics to be found on the message boards and elsewhere within Lovely.

Many threads have been growing longer and longer, and a few are attempting to be the Longest Thread on the message boards. I started maintaining a list of the Longest Threads on October 3rd 2005, at which time the Person Above You Game (or PAYG, as it is called for short) was in second place, but within a week it had climbed to the top spot. In that same time, Psychopotato's Bar & Grill (B&G for short) climbed from 54th to 18th place, just above that week's London Meet thread. One month later, and B&G had climbed to 3rd place in the list. Another month later, and the B&G thread climbed to 2nd place. (But still about 11,000 posts behind the PAYG threads then-total of 30,117) It took another couple of months to get there, but finally (on February 8th 2006) the B&G thread became the Longest Thread on the message boards.

By this time, of course, there were a few new possible contenders for the top spot, including the now-vanished "12000 reasons we love a day at the cricket" thread, which climbed 29 places to number 23 in the list at the same time as the B&G thread reached the top. I predicted at that time that it would be a future Longest Thread, but as we know it was sadly not to be, "12000 reasons" reached 15000 and suddenly vanished mysteriously, as did its successor thread.

The 3rd thread in the series - "Yet another 12000 Reasons why we love a day at the cricket!!" - recently climbed 29 places on the list to 27th position, and if it doesn't mysteriously vanish I predict that it will be the Longest Thread on our message boards by the end of April.

On February 13th the B&G thread had a lead of about 1300 posts over the PAYG thread, but they fought their way back at that point, shrinking the gap to less than 200 posts by Feb 16th and the 22nd Feb update shows the PAYG back at the top and with a lead of some 500 posts. In the 26th Feb update the two threads were almost exactly level at the top (PAYG:40743, B&G:40738), both very busy with posts, & both wanting to be at the top. First one, then the other took the lead. On Sunday night at 10.20pm it stood thus: PAYG: 40876, B&G: 40834, and exactly twelve hours later I checked the latest positions again: PAYG: 41409, B&G: 40975.

By Wednesday morning the PAYG thread had started to extend its lead once more: 42414 posts to the B&G thread's 41556. By Thursday afternoon the scores were PAYG: 42831, B&G 41856. The PAYG thread had stretched the gap to 1000 posts, and the battle looked to be over. For now.

I wonder what the future holds...

The King's Newsletter

In the unlikely event that any of you still don't receive the King's newsletter, we will print it for you here.

24-02

Citizens of Lovely

I have finally calmed down since the excitement my last newsletter, it really is an amazing feat to have surpassed over 1 million messages in six months and I hope you all enjoyed celebrating the Millionth Message Milestone Day. I am looking forward to celebrating our next historical landmark and I am keeping a close eye on our Citizen counter.

If you go to the website you can watch the last episode in the current run of Citizen TV. This week's episode includes a fascinating documentary about a typical day in the life of your king and a special announcement about a new national holiday! I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your contributions to Citizen TV. I have enjoyed watching all your videos and trawling through literally thousands of photos. It's a shame that I haven't been able to show everything I received but I shall keep them close to my heart.

http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/sn_citizentv/citizentv.shtml

In other news, another newspaper has been established in our country – The Lovely Times, started small but I hope that it will grow in stature and size. I congratulate the efforts of the editors, who I trust will work in harmony with the good people of The GA and The Truth and bring the news to the Citizens of Lovely as and when it happens.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=2257806>

Our newly elected Prime Ministers have announced the names of the citizens they have asked to be part of their government. I hope you all can work together to move Lovely forward. Below are links where you can ask out government questions and an announcement thread. I look forward to hearing what plans our government have for our little Country.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506?thread=2332275>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506?thread=2333196>

http://www.thega.org/ga_politics.html

There have been a number of exciting developments involving our national football team. We are to have our first international football match against Jamzania in 2006. If you want to play or find out more please go to the Lovely FA webpage. Who knows in a few years we could have a team playing in the World Cup!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2315827>

<http://www.lovelyfa.org.uk>

On a slightly different note I have to report that there have been a number of "invasions" onto other BBC message boards. Although I appreciate these "invasions" have been relatively peaceful it seems to be causing the moderators some problems so lets remember our credo "Be Good". For those citizens currently languishing in prison I am investigating exactly how you got there and will hopefully ensure your release in the next few days.

Finally I would like to thank all the citizens who have sent me emails to danny@citizensrequired.com. I receive quite a few each day and it would be impossible for

me to answer them all, but I do try to read them all... keep your ideas and suggestions for the country coming and lets watch our little country continue to grow.

King Danny I of Lovely

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

David Irving

I received this email on Tuesday. It wasn't clear whether it was meant to go in the paper, but I thought it was as relevant as anything else.

The editor

David Irving is a holocaust denier, that is he has published several books stating that the supposed gas chambers at Auschwitz did not have the capacity to kill the 1.4 million that they are supposed to have killed. That is it. Yes I admit he is widely regarded as a Neo-Nazi and a not generally very nice bloke but we - as citizens of a civilised country - cannot allow a man to be arrested and imprisoned simply for stating an opinion!!

*Sign the Free David Irving at
<http://www.petitiononline.com/DavidI/petition.htm>
Please send this to others. Thank you for your time.*

[Saz: In follow up to this piece there was quite a lot of outcry. Where as we appreciate that the piece may not match everyone's views, and indeed does not fit with the views of the GA team, its inclusion remains. The GA is not set by any formal guidelines, we make an effort to give all opinions, and so welcome reads to submit articles in response to anything that they wish. That is the point of our paper. Only with *your* inclusions can we continue, so if you feel strongly about something – please write in to let us know, and we will endeavour to include it in the next issue.]

POLITICS

A Parliament Open to All

By HS

You may have notice increased activity in the Elections section of the message boards recently due to the Parliamentary elections taking place throughout March. In the absence of support from the government and approval from King Danny, these elections are currently unofficial. That said, I believe the elections provide a great opportunity for citizens whether from London, Sydney, Wellington or Timbuktu to get involved in national politics. The seats in Parliament will be allocated democratically - if enough people vote for you then you will be entitled to represent those people.

Here are the election rules as they stand:

- 1) From 3rd March to 16th March citizens are invited to declare their intention to stand in the elections.
- 2) On the 17th March a list of candidates is published.
- 3) From the 17th March to the 30th March each citizen of Lovely is allowed to vote for 5 candidates of his/her choice in no particular order of preference.
- 4) On the 31st March the 19 candidates with the most votes become official MPs.

5) In the event of a tie the PM is entitled to exercise a casting vote. Should this not happen the successful candidates will hold a ballot.

6) The PM is automatically offered two seats in Parliament. Upon acceptance he is entitled under powers delegated from His Majesty King Danny I to choose his cabinet ministers from the pool of 19 other MPs.

7) On or after 1 April 2006 the new Parliament will be created, subject to the attendance of the King at the State Opening of Parliament. It is intended (but by no means guaranteed) that the cabinet ministers referred to above will be the four principal Ministers of State as defined in the Constitution i.e. the Minister of Defence, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Home Affairs.

The problem of the lack of a Parliament website remains but perhaps building one can be the first Act of Parliament.

To sign up as an MP candidate please visit the following thread:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2393397>

GA EXCLUSIVE

The story so far My life as PM

(The Political Diaries 10th February-2nd March)

By Citizen Saz

Ahhh. The 10th February. What a wonderful day that was. Not only did I have a really decent day at work (nothing too taxing on the ol' brain, meetings went smoothly, etc. etc.), plus the evening's Cit Meet was brilliant... but Mike won the PM-ship.

Excellent (*read in a Mr Burns voice there*).

Finally we're getting somewhere, it has been an awfully long time but now the people have spoken and they picked Mike to lead Lovely, with me tagging along for the ride!

Obviously the first thing we did was take a moment to cackle; one of those nice long dark cackles like baddies do in old movies. Then we broke out the champagne. Vintage stuff, billed it to Lovely, the citizens won't mind.

Since then it's all been quite hectic. We've had to have meetings to try and figure things out. Usual outcry cause we'd done nothing 4 days after being voted in, but had a nice email from the King's offices so all is well again.

More shouting. Sigh. Well, we're keen to get started so Mike and I tried to figure out what'd work best. Considered running the government ourselves, but people would hate that. Great plan, lets get the ball rolling by putting some people into government, starting the process, and fine tuning how it all works before we settle into running things smoothly, after all this isn't just new for us, its new for the country!

Brilliant plan. Mike and I very pleased. Celebrate with more vintage bubbly. Hangover a bitch the following day, so nothing more gets done for a while.

Find post it note: "start doing summit!!!" Hmm, three exclamation marks, must mean it's serious. Mike says we should get started with the government plans to have backup so we

can actually do something without the headache of people thinking we're having total control. Another great plan, another bottle of bubbly. Getting quite a taste for that stuff...

Throw names of all our friends into a hat. Pull them out randomly... disliked a few names so we discarded them. Ahh, perfect, our government is now set. It's a shame we can't keep them for the entire 6 months as those picked are quite good, but that's defeating the point of why we ran in the election. Oh well, can't have everything – it'll do to just get the ball rolling then move on to bigger and better. Quite exciting really!

All those we invited said yes. WoOp! Brilliant, now we'll get started, a few weeks and we'll have sorted the niggly bits, organised a proper Government site, changed the system and made our mark for history. Feeling very pleased with ourselves, so celebrate by having 2 days off (paid, of course). Throw ourselves into getting started, sorting out the first major issue... meeting goes well, people debate, discuss, ideas are thrown around and eventually mellow into something a bit more manageable. Whole thing ends badly when we lose our first government member during the catch up. Ah. Problem. Oh well, it's a shame, he was just what we needed, someone to see the other side. Mike and me drown our sorrows but bounce back with a couple of cigars (Cuban, only the best now we're elected in, especially when we can access government funds).

Feel quite chipper. Doesn't last... we neglected to consider the most important law in a nation: Sod's law. Issues expand and are dealt with remarkably well all things considered. People have been messing about, but since there is not much that can be actively done we try to resolve the situation by just keeping matters calm. Don't want another big row erupting in Lovely. We're here looking out for the people now, whoever they are, so we spend time with those issues. Seems to have worked, not perfectly, as the underlying issue is obviously not going away, but feel pleased that it didn't break out into an all out disaster area.

Now... back to regular governmental issues...

Next meeting, back to previous topic. Shame that, we'd planned to have it finished. Damn unexpected glitches always set me back like that. As previously, meeting is productive, matters are cleared, this PM thing is looking up. As previously, lose a government member. Never mind, these things happen. It wasn't meant to be forever anyway. Treat myself to a luxury spa day to unwind. Very nice, should suggest it to others, but the clientele is quite high class...so maybe not then. Leave a huge tip, they were very nice there.

Come back, Mike's been to see his new holiday villa. Apparently it's very nice... should get my own really, budget is not an issue anymore is it. Mike's spent the afternoon filling in a requisition for a private jet. Damn. I'll try for the yacht, would be good for long weekends away.

Set up new system to get government members replaced. People are so impatient... they want us to work which we need a government for... so we get one, then they don't want it. Sigh. New system fits the bill though. Hoped to have one set thing done and dusted before attention is diverted to this, but ah well, such is life in Lovely.

Decided to buy some stables. Always wanted a pony when I was younger, so got 12 thoroughbreds. Get them winning a few races, with a decently placed bet I'll be rolling in it. Money that is, not hay. That'd probably stink a bit. Must remember to hire staff to run the stable...

On way to important meeting with other Micronation leaders... spot a shiny diamond pendant in window of jewellers. Check time, Mike will start without me, so pop in. Charge

pendant and a fetching brooch to the government Amex. Niiiiice.

Arrive 2 hours late to meeting. Mike still not there. Oops. Email him on his blackberry, he's decided to take the day off. Bribe other nations with cookie supply, they seem happy. All ends well. Mike faxes a treaty document which they sign gladly. Think they're too scared of the spork to even mention the threats...

More positive news, Rev has returned to the fold. He's now my assistant. I've never had one of those before, but it makes me feel very important. Leave him the petty cash and the "office supplies & furniture" catalogue to get himself set up properly. Don't want to have to deal with his Union, so just leave him to get on with it, and he needs something to go with that hat stand.

Government applications going well. Or not. One of those. Which precisely will be made clear later this week.

The complete unedited account of Saz's life as a joint Prime Minister will be available from all good bookshops after she's left office. Meanwhile get the story that doesn't conflict with the official secrets act only here in the Guardian Angel.

Sketch

By Schaferlord

Oh the hardships of governance. Already two ministers have bitten the bullet and left the government. What horrors could have scared these people away? Luckily I've heard unsubstantiated rumours and can answer this question (although maybe not correctly). It turns out that the cabinet is in fact arranged around the traditional mafia mob model. A strict hierarchy is in place with Mike being the "Godfather" (or in this case the "Prime Minister") of the "family" (or "cabinet" as some might prefer to call it) which is comprised of brainless thugs and sycophants who do all the dirty work. Like any organised crime syndicate loyalty and competence stem from an atmosphere of fear where betrayal or failure is met with violence and death (Sicily being renowned for its sticks but having very little in the way of carrots) which no doubt explains why two ministers have already fled for their lives. What with news of Saz walking around cabinet meetings and prodding ministers into unconsciousness for showing disrespect to either her or Mike, it is unsurprising the ex-ministers have now gone into hiding, for the "Prime Minister" is powerful and the authorities not only turn a blind eye but do what he says meaning that nothing can stop him getting his bloody revenge on those who cross him, after all someone who can release FLASE on the world just to scare the public into submission can do untold evil if he so desires to.

Disclaimer: The Sketch is an irreverent satirical look into Lovely's politics and government, it is not intended to be perceived as reporting fact, merely looking at some things in a very odd way.

Government in Transition

By Scahferlord

Not even a month in existence and the first elected government of Lovely is already undergoing its first period of changes. Two ministers have left for various reasons leaving positions to be filled. The Prime Minister has advertised for the position <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506?thread=2386478> and is running a democratic selection process where only those with public support (in this case the support of at least five citizens) will be considered for the job and interviewed by the government to then get chosen to join their ranks. While it is commendable to the spirit of democracy, which is popular in Lovely; a country where everyone has the right to have their say, it does cause some questions. Originally only the Prime Ministers themselves were elected and appointed some ministers to aid them in their tasks (check the last issue of the GA), the reason for not electing ministers being that they needed to get on and do work. The promise to set up a true democratic government being given to appease those who want democracy as it is unreasonable to expect so much from a young, fresh and inexperienced government. However now some measure of democratic selection has been introduced to select the two vacant positions, what of the current ministers? Questions have already been asked about why the other positions aren't up for public selection, and while the response that they cannot afford to clean house and remodel the whole cabinet because it will consume time better used for tackling the issues is a fair point the fact that two of the ministers can claim public support while the rest can't is an issue that needs to be dealt with. After all the new ministers will have much more authority behind them in cabinet discussions purely because there is a more democratic element to their coming into the position. Could this alter the balance of power and hinder the government? It is too early to tell and we shouldn't judge before the first term of office is over as this is a new venture for everyone and thus we should be sure to let mistakes happen and be fixed without being overly critical.

EPP statement

Hello all!

Now having six members, the EPP is stronger than ever, we got through the elections without shattering into pieces and now have a (self proclaimed) representative in Mike & Saz's government, through ID06. We now have two websites, links to which can be found at our Offices.

We are working closely with CTU who are working well for the safety and future of Lovely. We will NOT be taking any part in HS & Barcode's Opposition Alliance or their MP elections. We do though have candidates for the two remaining positions in Mike & Saz's Government.

Although slightly unsuccessful, the EPP did their bit for Pancake Day with a pancakeathon. Still, I suppose that no news is good news, remember to stay out of trouble Lovelies! Don't forget, there's always room for you at the EPP, no matter who you are (within reason obviously).

Have fun, until next week, I remain, yours most sincerely

Babs, EPP Leader.

OPINIONS PAGE

THANK YOU!

Dear People of Lovely – On behalf of the Lovely Post Office;

I, Postmaster Razerbug, would like to say a huge (and slightly belated) thank you to everyone who took the time to spread the love with Valentines e-Cards from the RLPO. In the end so many were sent out that my LovelyPO e-mail account was closed temporarily because of overuse!

I hope some of the cards brought smiles to some faces, look out for other e-card promotions I'm planning.

I must extend a second thanks to HRH King Danny I for making the post office a Royal establishment of Lovely. Fittingly I have redecorated the post office so if you haven't had a chance to look please visit www.lovelypo.tk.

And you can also check out the reply The RLPO received from the Royal Mail. I also plan to send the first L-Mail to myself – if it gets through we will soon all be able to send our own letters!

Do keep sending in your ideas and Stamp/stationary designs to lovelypostoffice@yahoo.co.uk

Postmaster Razerbug (MP) – Royal Lovely Post Office.

It's All A Conspiracy

By Chicken Licken

For some time people have been treating Lovely as a place to chat, have fun and make jokes. How wrong they are! The poor, poor deluded citizens have been posting within an enormous web of conspiracy and global misinformation

The powers beyond us have used Lovely as a place to hint at their dastardly deeds – a kind of memo pad for the unseen ones.

Don't believe me?

Pick a thread at random – pick a phrase (some are harmless chatting, naturally – but that's just a cover)

For example:

From Sport
Training bibs

Well it's obvious isn't it. No? Ok add 'left him in a heap' 'range shooting' and , most significantly, 'what do you do when'

Now can you see it?Right well I'll give a clue...take every second letter from those phrases, what do you get?

Riigisetllaepaghotnhtoodhn

EXACTLY! *Folds arms point made nods wisely *

I can see you need more convincing.

Rearrange the letters and change some of those letters for other ones nearby (I can't tell you the code as I would have to kill you- but it can be found) and you get

"Alien life is here and singing"

Startling huh? And what backs it up even more is thiswho's one of the most famous

singers in the world? Robbie Williams. And whose name is so close to that it's spooky.....
Danny Wallace. OH YES! 5 letters in common!
Now, this is still open to interpretation by some of the greatest brains in Lovely and the world. But the current thinking is that Robbie Williams is an alien. Or that Danny is. Or that neither of them is an alien, but all other singers are.

Moving on to other areas within the Message Boards we find the following:

I miss having sky
rocket out of the back
Look for Ordinary Legs on antique furniture
stuffing condiments in a hollow

These are rather more subtle embedded messages but close examination has revealed that they refer explicitly and implicitly to the presence of dinosaur-like alien reptiles who must consume human blood to maintain their human appearance. They clearly are taken from the Sumerian tablets which I am sure we are all familiar with. I don't think we need consider this theory further – all right minded people and ex-goalkeepers accept it as true

Now look at this seeming nonsense:

Sound of galloping hooves disappears in to distance
Parsley sits roaring
maybe it's tuppence for a bag of lil pidgeon corks....
arranged tray of french fancies
The moomins have left us
didn't get to use my tongs *clack*

From these we can see that Lovely has proved beyond all reasonable doubt that Man didn't land on the moon and instead the Apollo programme was a poorly disguised attempt by SMERSH to brainwash the children of the late sixties and seventies. The Moomin post was the give-away guys – try harder next time!

And finally - the future of Lovely has been uncovered in some – again supposedly random (how simple do these people think we are?) posts

This may be shocking for some of you but, rest assured, it has been checked out by the highest authorities and with the most rigorous research techniques known to the Internet. But it is now clear that Lovely is a front for all world conspiracies and is currently bigger than the Bilderberg Group, the Psionic Energy Commission, Sollog and even the Red Dwarf fan club (for more details on the power of the RDFC read Prof CDH Partridge-Campos-Nellers seminal work 'Red Dwarf Fans – Crazy as Goats or Rulers of the Known World? Pub. Kipper Press price £34.75)

I'm not talking about FLASE – that is a harmless hoax – at the moment.

I'm talking about these posts
Smart like being slapped with a whole duck
Liquorice isn't for eating
25 15 21 / 3 1 14'20/ 19 16 5 12 12
Mix in a bottle plastic works best
Sugar tongs are great too

Scary aren't they. They are (and I think it is vital that we all understand the seriousness of this) harbingers of doom. The sky really is falling and someone is trying to pull it down even quicker

We need to be prepared.

We need to watch the boards for more messages

And most importantly, we have to be ready to act.

Citizen TV – series 2

By Minister for all things rocking.

Citizen TV while on TV was great. A great way to keep everyone interested and get them involved in the show. Then when the TV series finished it was a bit like “er... what do we do now” the king rarely showed his face and we had to make our own fun. Time passed and rumours grew, “A web based citizen TV! No way.” More time passed and it seemed ever more unlikely. Until one day a newsletter came with a link to the new program on the web site. “Yay” many people said. And so, more time passed and it is now over. I take a look back over the highs and lows of the last 6 episodes:

Episode 1

Wow, how exciting, I had been waiting for ages and ages for this. The king on my computer talking in his flat with his funny little glasses and spiky hair. Letters, announcements and a video from are very own Jase. Jase’s video though must be said was a tad bit long but still well good. As soon as it started it was over again. Short but sweet leaving us craving more. The first episode gave us back our link with the king, we knew he hadn’t left us now and still cared.

Episode 2

Probably the best episode I feel. The xmas meet one. I was there and I expect a lot of you reading this where they’re as well. It was great to watch it all back and see everyone having a good time. The editing on this was well done. They could have quite easily just played out everything but that would have been a bit long. They did us proud, capering the true excitement of the evening. And the classic moment when Jesus bought the national anthem, classic. Watching it back now I really can’t wait until I can go to the next one.

Episode 3

Back again to the flat and the king in his chair. Stupid people with there silly ideas about dictatorships and what not. Nevertheless it became clear in this episode to me just how much people cared about the country and what they where willing to do for it. The video of the grand prix for example must of taken ages to make. Got me thinking of making a film myself, sadly never got around to it thought. Ill just stick with writing for the paper.

How to make a cup of tea. For someone who doesn’t really drink much tea or coffee and once poisoned their family by putting salt in it not sugar. I found it very informative, the first public service announcement I think you will agree.

Episode 4

The king clearly didn’t have a lot to do; the new episode came out only a couple of weeks after the last. Not a bad thing but I wonder how long this is going to keep going. It would be great to get a new episode every couple of weeks. O well enjoy it while it lasts I think. More talk of the Olympics, I can see this becoming a very big issue of the next 6 years (long time), with an active population of only a few hundred it would be great to see every

single citizen in there own event. It was really put lovely on the map. Another cartoon this one seemed a bit to random for my liking. But what the hell if you've got nothing better to do.

Episode 5

Now this is more likely, a title cartoon with a robot! Crazy but very professionally done, the best film I think of the whole series.

Election special this one was. A very exciting time, it shows the real step forward for the country. Mike was announced as the PM, great a good mate of mine and I hope he does well, although the king will be keeping a very close eye on him it seems.

What came next, another video to get people to come to lovely, this time with fingers! No one seems quite willing enough yet to get their face on the web. The video though worked incredibly well with the next announcement about the fact loads more people from around the world had joined up. Nice one. More lovelyans showing their love for the country, keeping the scene alive if you will.

More importantly, The GA got a mention, great but still no little thingy next to my name. Campaign for thingys next to the GA members' names.

Episode 6

As soon as it began it was over again with the final episode already here. Reassurances from the king that he still will be about though so no worries people. The film in this episode, a day in the life of the king, showed us just how much our king actually does, walking, reading emails and eating bananas. Well what else did you think he was going to do? The king praising just how great we all are and so gave us our very own national holiday, the day lovely was born, 2nd of September, now lovely day. A simple goodbye until next time from the king and then a look back over all the great moments that made lovely the place it is today.

Personally I think the whole series was a great idea and it greatly revived my interest in lovely and made me miss not being on the boards all the time even more. I hope another series is not too far away as it's great to have that sort of link with the king and another way we can see about all the lovely things people are doing in the country. As soon as we hear anything be sure we will tell you right away.

Lovely Summer Meet

By CoolMin

Get the kilts and tartan out! (And you thought that you would never see that old Bay City Rollers stuff again!) We are planning a summer meet for all the citizens of Lovely and their friends in Bonnie Scotland, in the beautiful city of Edinburgh in mid July.

So far a picnic in the park under the castle on the Saturday, a party at night, maybe a ball or a ceilidh (just look at the thread if you think that's a typo!) followed by something on the Sunday... a bus tour, a visit to Doune Castle where they filmed much of Monty Python's The Holy Grail or or or ... We want your ideas, after all most of you would be coming a long way so we're going to have to make it Great! I hear you asking "who is this 'we' of which you speak?" Well, at the moment we are Kieran, Dizzy Dolan (aka God, aka Adonis) and myself. If anyone else can get involved in any way then please do, let us know on the

thread or contact us personally.

It seems fitting that Scotland should host a meeting like this. Our great and honourable King Danny is from Scotland, and we are renowned for hospitality so it's about time we hosted a big bash!

So now what you must do, immediately you finish this fantastic issue of the Guardian Angel, is go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2117634> and give us your input, let us know if you can help, if you can come and what you want when you get here.

Kilts and tartan not obligatory. Having fun is.

The Lost Art of Squirrel Fishing

By An Evil Penguin

1. The line. Get yourself a length of fishing line, nylon string or failing that some regular string will do. 10 meters should be long enough but some squirrels aren't as brave as others so it's usually best to pack more.

2. Bait. Tie a nut (unsalted) to the end of your line. I recommend either peanuts or redskin nuts. However tying it on can be tricky, patience is definitely a virtue here, however shelled nuts like monkey nuts or chestnuts that are easier to tie are useable (though more vulnerable and less tempting to the squirrels).

3. Locations. Now you're ready to fish. The location of your fishing is fairly important. Soil and gravel tend to be bad places for squirrel fishing, (Squirrels see in black and white, so it's rather difficult for them to pick out the Nuts on this surface) concrete and patio surfaces come next (still difficult for them to see but flat and without other distractions), and the best being short or thinning grass near or underneath a tree. The short grass will let the squirrel see the nut fairly easily and the tree gives it the comfort of knowing it has somewhere to retreat to. Squirrels in public areas tend to be bolder and easier to catch than squirrels from say back gardens that tend to be jitterier. I find that University grounds and public parks or greeneries are good.

4. Casting off. This is easily the most difficult part of Squirrel fishing. How best to do this depends entirely on how brave your squirrel is. Whilst your traditional throwing of the line is by far the quickest method, it can frighten your squirrel away (which is where a nearby tree comes in handy). I find the best method is to throw it a few nuts about a meter away from it and gaining its trust before casting off with your line. Should the squirrel run up the tree then you can place the line manually near the tree and most squirrels will come down to investigate it a bit later. But experiment to find a method that suits you.

5. Strong willed Squirrels. Should your squirrel still be resisting the temptation of your bait then I suggest placing your line in with a small pile of about 5-6 nuts. You might have to back away further. 10-12 meters should be fine. Your average squirrel will be comfortable with 6-7 meters.

6. Reeling in. Once your Squirrel has taken the bait it's time to reel it in. This isn't as hard as it sounds, providing your nut is securely fastened, as your squirrel will be more concerned with removing the nut from the line than the fact that it's being pulled towards you. The trick is to do it very smoothly, no jaunty movements.

7. Catching your Prize. When you get to the stage where you have reeled your squirrel enough to be able to lift it off the ground you can consider it caught. Whether you now bash it round the head to eat or simply let it go is your choice. I personally prefer to release it as it and other squirrels watching are more likely to be willing to participate in the future. However I am told that Squirrel Casserole and Squirrel Hot Pot are very tasty.



SOCIETY

Birmingham Meet

By Lady Marie

Hi guys and gals me again with another article this time about a citizen meet we had in Birmingham. Woohoooo we actually held one at long last and it was sooooo much fun it was great to actually put a few faces and personalities to the names I see on here every-day.

I don't really know what to say other than we hung around the Bull Ring Shopping centre and placed a few stilton stickers around the place and laughed soooo much it hurt sooo thanks to Archbishop josh for arranging it all and we were kinda gutted you didn't make but hopefully we can make it something of a regular thing from now on.

Anyway I have to make this a quick one I'm afraid (unless that makes you happy of course lol) I would recommend to anyone thinking of organising or attending a meet to do it. It is definately worth it I didn't think it was possible to feel more a part of the community we have going on here but I really do and met some brilliant people today.

So Lady H, Mike, Amber, Jonni Shirtguy, CheeryWibble, Silent Pete and last but not least ID thanks for such a good time and hope to see you all soon possibly with a few more next time.

Thanks for reading my ramblings again.

Marie

The Tragedy of Lord Montague

It has been just over a week now since a tragic incident occurred in which the ever present figure of Lord Montague was torn from us. It was a boating trip which had started out in pleasure with Lord Montague testing his newest possession – yacht. Yet within hours the yacht had mysteriously exploded and a team of Navy Divers were working with the Police in an effort to recover evidence and a body. To this day, no body has been found and the Lovely Royal Constabulary continue what we understand is now a murder enquiry.

Lord Ball, as he was better known, first arrived in Lovely on August 9th 2005 and set up the Lovely Secret Service with himself as Director on the 13th. The Secret Service was a constant presence in Lovely through many troubled times and existed to protect the King and his interests. Today it exists but is without a Director or Agents and is awaiting an overhaul to bring it in line with other J-DIC Agencies.

Just a few days after founding the LSS, on August 19th, Lord Ball founded Lovely's premier Law making advisory body, the Law Lords. The Law Lords have been instrumental in the creation of a trial version of the Lovely Official Secrets Act and are today growing in strength, power and presence.

Lord Ball was a steady figure during Luvly2luv's reign as head of the Anti Terrorist Agency and helped to settle many conflicts between those on opposing sides in the last few, turbulent months of 2005. Lord Ball is also responsible for bringing Trip back into the midst as Director of CTU. Lord Ball was a central figure in the 'Civil War' and was one of the Military Chiefs involved in the conflict with Minister for Foreign Affairs Kieran Collins over war with Sulliffee.

It is Lord Ball we have to thank for the creation of J-DIC and for the creation of the MNOP Awards scheme, a lower version of King Danny's OEDs. In his later months he held a secretive post as Director of Special Forces Operations and also saw out a brief retirement at Glenmaye Estate.

Lord Montague will be sorely missed by those who knew him and Lovely has lost a respected and looked up to figure. We wish him good luck, wherever he is now.

All that remains is for me to say Si vis pacem, para bellum.

Beau family newsletter

Well, hello again!

Thought we'd use the GA to give you regular Beaugian and Beau Family Updates.

Well, where do I start, following the robbery of the Beaugian Royal Family (notably CitizenLove's diamond and my DOPE (dangerous order of platinum eggs)) we tightened security alot and once again, I was attemptedly assassinated by a security guard who tried to drown me at CL's residence Lovely Castle. Our Beaugian King and Queen remain (early to bed early to rise) healthy and wise, and our family grows ever bigger:

MATRON (Nanny of the children)

GRANDPARENTS' GENERATION

Jedijim (Grandpa) Prince

BHG (Uncle of Pasta and Will-I-Am and ID06 - Brother of JJ and SDL Dan)

Prince

SDL Dan (Brother of JJ) Prince

Friendly Computer XP (Citrus' Godfather) Duke, Don

PARENTS' GENERATION

PAsTA (Father) King

His harem:

BJC(Aunt of Status) Queen

Isabelle (Mother of Sub, Citrus & Trip) Queen

Madame of Mercury Duchess (About to be tried for Treason)

Ray of the Rovers (brother of BJC) Grand Earl

Lord-Irvine (Son of BHG) Prince

Chief of Police (Daughter of BHG) Countess

Id Card (Brother of PAsTA, rich but decidedly dodgy) Duke Dodgy

Count Will-I-Am (Pasta's brother) Prince, Count

Citizen Love (sister of isabelle) High Princess

Rock4Babs (Isa's Bro - who went wrong as a child and has magical powers) High Prince

Lady H (Isabelle's glamorous cousin from out of town) Countess

Shotgun Pete (deranged cousin of Isabelle) Lord

Notclive (next door neighbour) Squire

Lady Heather (Young wife of SDL Dan) Princess

YOUNGEST GENERATION

Sub-Commandante (Son) Crown Prince, Duke of Bohemia, Don

Citrusburst (Daughter) Princess of Madness

Trip (Long lost brother of them and adopted by isabelle) Prince

Skymist (daughter) Princess

Teinzzz (naughty child) Prince

Status Frustration (Son of Ray of The Rovers - niece of BJC) Duchess

If you would like to join please post on either:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2293115?thread=1853918&skip=1460&show=20>

or

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2109811&latest=1>

Notclive, the Beau families original Nextdoor Neighbour, finally has a house, which has been checked out by PAsTA, Lord Irvine and myself and is said to be very comfortable! Mostly finished although still under construction. To be found at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2904211>

OUR 3 MONTH ANNIVERSARY WAS MARCH 2nd, WE CAN KEEP THIS UP!
GO BEAU!

VIVE LA BEAU!

Lots of Love,
Babs and the Beau's

ROLEPLAY

Lovely Needs More Vampires!

By XP

You might remember my last article advertising Lovely's Vampire The Requiem Roleplaying game at <http://www.freewebs.com/wailingwinds>. Due to treasonous intervention by unknown treacherous Commie mutants only one citizen to my knowledge has volunteered to join the game. I mean come on guys in a nation allegedly over 5000 strong how come we've only got about 10 vampires? There must be more of you out there. Come along and fun with your Kindred buddies! Report to your Friend the Computer immediately. Failure to do so is treason! YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

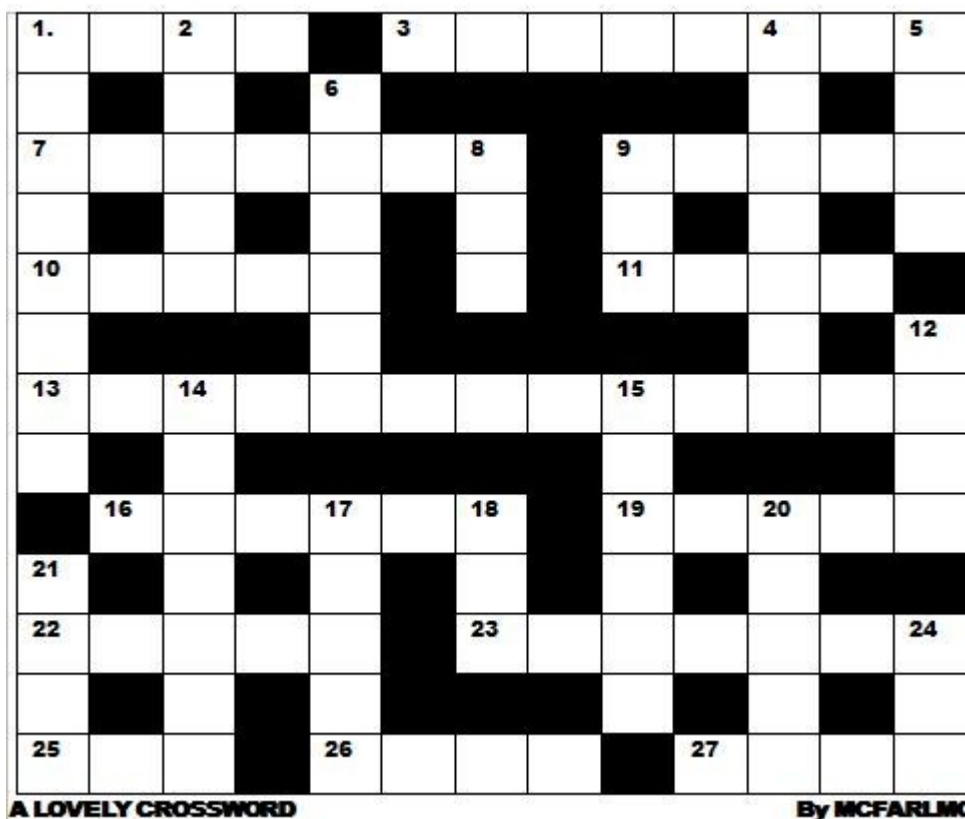
Best Wishes

Your Friend The Computer!

ENTERTAINMENT

Lovely Crossword

By Mcfarlmo



Across

- 1,9 Mr Wallace (4,5)
 3. Robbie plus four more say 'have this' (4,4)
 7. What shivers at the bottom of the ocean? A ----- Wreck! (7)
 9. – see 1
 10. Horrible, loathsome (5)
 11. Like a baby's bottom, or a piano pedal! (4)
 12. ID pushing milk based products on the lovely citizens (7,6)
 16. Place we all spend far too much time. But it's nice there (6)
 19. Tear up groups of wildebeest (5)
 22. Film director Lars sounds like he makes an effort (5)
 23. Simon & Garfunkel could hear the sound of it - strange that... (7)
 25. Singular dice (3)
 26. The name we didn't vote for (4)
 27. What all citizens must be (4)

Down

1. I have always depended on the of strangers (8)
 2. Geeks. Surely there are none of these in Lovely (5)
 4. How much dust did Evelyn Waugh have? (7)
 6. Are we there? Are we there? Are we there?answer? (3,3)
 8. A boy named Litigate – is that what Johnny Cash meant? (3)
 9. A lump of earth turns into a computer operating system (3)
 13. Do this with a rusk – if you are Saz (4)
 14. Deify (7)
 15. Say lie? - Effortlessly (6)
 17. A spinning sphere of dirt (5)
 18. Danny the man? Affirmative (3)
 20. A beetle that likes jewellery? Sounds like it (5)
 21. Stir up the dust and make a rivet. (4)
 24. Finish (3)
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A humorous anecdote

An elderly lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see... Can I see your vehicle registration papers please?

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!

The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

A travel diary

By our esteemed reporter the **Curator of Lovely Records**

So. Holidays eh? Who needs them?

Holiday destinations are chosen, booked, paid and packed for with a large element of excitement about the experience you are about to enjoy, the sights, the sounds, the tastes of the exotic.

In your head at least.

The reality? Well, let us survey the evidence.

A serene Sunday Evening, my teeth firmly gritted beneath an impressive scowl of frustration. I was fruitlessly straining at the zip on a holdall that contained my entire holiday wardrobe.

My other half is quietly smirking and standing proudly over her well-packed, well-organised bag, and now she's stooped down to a shameful gutter level of taunting by pulling at all the sagging areas on her bag just to show how many fewer clothes and general sundries that she "A Girl" needs than me "A Boy" to take on a weeks break to southern Spain.

Here lies our first holiday problem - what girls perceive to be as "holiday essentials".

In my bag, I've squashed my clothes, shoes, socks and pants for the week, 2 beach towels (those towels that take up a surprisingly large amount of space), all the toiletries a man needs (toothbrush and a razor), a hairdryer that we don't need and won't use, and some sort of hair-ironing device that scares me, and therefore quite clearly doesn't belong to me. In my girlfriends' bag, she's heroically managed to audit out the "I definitely don't need" pile of clothes, leaving just the "Might not wear", "Will wear if there's a sudden and unexpected awards ceremony to attend" pile, the "If I'm taking the red top I've got to take all these other options to choose from" Pile (For the love of jeebus! just leave the red top at home!) and the "I bought all these to go away on holiday with so I can pack light" pile.

Packing finished, and a friendly cash bet made to weigh the cases at check-in to see who in fact is travelling light, its off to the airport we go. Girlfriend has both hands full from carrying the latest copies of OK, HELLO, CHAT and TAKE A BREAK magazines, leaving me waddling along carrying a bag on each shoulder.

We join the queue behind 200 others to hand over our luggage, grimace as the agent sniggers at your passport picture, and then they proceed to ask questions designed to

catch only the thickest terrorists and smugglers -

"Did you pack this bag yourself?"

"No, I didn't, I'm not stupid enough to handle such dangerous chemicals myself, I left the packing to our in-house bomb-maker. Besides, he lives with a girl so he's better at packing than me"

"Has anyone asked you to carry items in your bag for them?"

"You mean apart from Miguel over there asking me to carry this block of heroin?"

"Is there anything sharp in your hand luggage?"

"I guess I'd better leave these nail clippers here, but seeing as my gun has got rounded edges, I suppose that's OK."

My own personal favourite is the little sign that states I'm only allowed to take one lighter on the aircraft with me. If this is the case, then why do all the airlines sell their lighters in twin packs on board?

It is whilst we wait to be asked such inane questions that everyone plays the "Check-in Queue Game".

No matter if you fly once a week, or if you only pass through an airport departure gate once every five years, you will all be familiar with the rules.

Invented at around about the same era that pikey's started being allowed to apply for passports, every respectable traveller will scan the queue ahead of them in an airport, spot a group of rough-looking types and pray to their own deity that they're not on the same flight as you.

Fast forward to an hour later and at the boarding gate, when you find yourself sandwiched between the Mother and Father of the aforementioned group, you then amend your prayers because surely they wouldn't have dared to have had the same taste in hotels as you? (afterall, you're feeling posh because you're going on holiday and you've got your new trainers on)

I scanned the lines of people ahead looking for whom I wanted to avoid. I was confronted with a realisation that should there be a group of unruly types on our flight, the fact that everyone else was rocking the "Silver fox" hairstyle teamed with cardigans and elasticated waistbands, I'd probably want to sit near the drunkards. At least when a drunkard shouts loudly and wets themselves on an aeroplane they provide some in-flight entertainment at the same time.

As we prepare to board the flight, now completely surrounded by oldies, I carry our very own version of a WHSmiths magazine rack onto the plane, whilst Girlfriend has both her hands full with her passport. We begin to observe the beginnings of the Great British tradition : "If I see a queue, then that is a queue I must join"

We are all about to board the same aeroplane, we all have our seats allocated already, and the aeroplane probably won't even take off on the time shown anyway, but still we must all line up in a long queue to get on board, rather than just sit quietly in the corner waiting for the madness to die down, or just the mad lady to die.

Viva Espana - Malaga here we come!

Next issue - We're Flying!

Including: If you're incontinent, then why sit by the window?

Tri-Lingual Brits: The Brits who are fluent in English, English Loud, and English Loud and Slow.

The Joy of Origami

By Cuddly Carpy

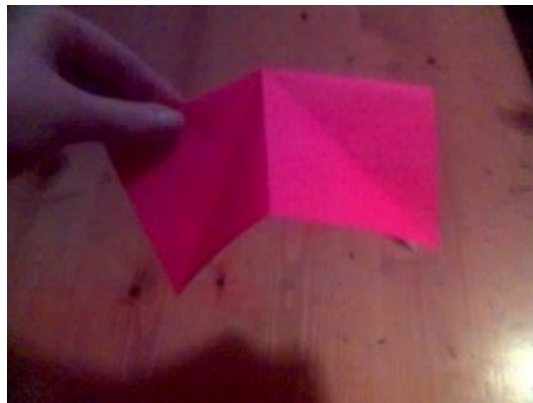
These are instructions on how to make a crane, the Japanese symbol of Joy. It is also a tradition to make a wish while making a crane. After the nuclear bomb hit Hiroshima, one girl who was in hospital with radiation poisoning made a crane every day, wishing she'd get better, then as more children came into her ward, she made one for each of them, wishing they'd get better.

So here are the instructions

1) Valley fold your square from corner to corner, and mountain fold from side to side so your paper looks like this



2) fold it over from side to side, then hold along the folded edge, and push the paper down and together



3) Now your paper should look like this



4) Fold the top folded sides down, marking each of the half way points along them with a crease



5) Fold the corner down at where you have marked the half way points



6) Open this fold out. Press your finger just before the fold at the top, then pull up the bottom corner of the top layer



7) Fold the sides down flat, and then do the same to the other side



8) Your paper should now look like this



9) Fold the two bottom “legs” up, inline with the outside edge; these will make the head and tail



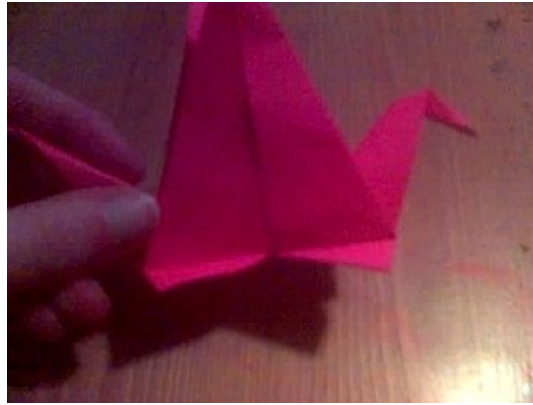
10) Fold these back down, then open out the side slightly. Fold the “leg” back up inside the side of your crane, to where you just made a crease



11) Now push the top of one the “legs” you folded up, down until it’s about horizontal and crease, this form the head



12) There are some small triangle shapes at the bottom of the crane, fold these up and crease on each side, so now your crane can stand



13) Curl the wings down over your finger to model your crane, and it's complete!



Now that you know how to make one, you can make as many as you want to wish upon.

My mum does an origami club at my old lower school, but is really interested in origami. Anyway, I have some pictures of some unit origami balls she has made. Unit origami is where you make lots of the same unit, or lots of several units that fit together, and then put them together to make something bigger



Silent Pete's Reviews

FILMS:

Tin Men (1987)

Directed by: Bary Levinson
Starring: Richard Dreyfuss, Danny De Vito
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0094155/>
Rating:



Twins (1988)

Directed by: Ivan Reitman
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny De Vito
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0096320/>
Rating:



Soylent Green Is People!!!!!!!!!!!!(1973)

Directed by: Richard Fleischer
Starring: Charlton Heston
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0070723/>
Rating:



Dirty Pretty Things (2002)

Directed by: Stephen Frears
Starring: Audrey Tautou, Chiwetel Ejiofor
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301199/>
Rating:



Chopper (2000)

Directed by: Andrew Dominik
Starring: Eric Bana
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0221073/>
Rating:



Snatch. (2000)

Directed by: Guy Ritchie
Starring: Jason Statham, Brad Pitt, Vinnie Jones
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0208092/>
Rating:



Full Metal Jacket (1987)

Directed by: Stanley Kubrick
Starring: Matthew Modine, Vincent D'Onofrio, R. Lee Ermey
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0093058/>
Rating:



Downfall (2004)

Directed by: Oliver Hirschbiegel
Starring: Bruno Ganz, Alexandra Maria Lara
More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0331717/>
Rating:



BOOKS:

Without Feathers - Woody Allen

amazon link:
<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345336976>





rating:

The Colour Of Magic - Terry Pratchett

amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/B0000552124753>

rating:



Stranger In A Strange Land - Robert A. Heinlen

amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00000340837950>

rating:



N-Space by Niven

amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00001857230035>

rating:



The Philosopher At The End Of The Universe - Mark Rowlands

amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/B0000091903882>

rating:



Labyrinths - Jorge Luis Borges

amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00000141184841>

rating:



Four letter word crossword The Solution

By Mcfarlmo

Solution to last issue's crossword. Did you get them all right?

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	N		9. G	10. O	A	L		S
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TAGG FC REACHES 1000 POSTS!

By Giddsey

MESSAGE 1000! (yes really) Coach Giddsey was said to be delighted that Talk-a-good-game Football Club had reached 1000 messages posted.

The early days of Tagg FC were founded when coach Giddsey had a career ending injury whilst training for a cup game.

A cruciate ligament injury had put pay to a glorious career that included an under 11's victory in the cup, combined with the, 'Newport Pagnell middle school League', for the double. Also the treasured under 16's county 5-a-side medal, and Ousedale 'B' team 10-0 league victory.

Great days...Glory days...in a daze...🤪

It was during the coach's' recuperation that Tagg FC were born in the country of Lovely.

Tagg FC has kept its status as the club that cares throughout. We are proud to wear the shirt and coach Giddsey would like to congratulate the current squad for their fantastic contribution to the beautiful game.

A game for the people, By the people. Well played lads. The seasons going better than i could have imagined. 6th in the League and looking sharper than ever. Proud of ya lads. see ya in the bar. coach giddsey

goals: 1000

BACK PAGE NEWS BORE DRAW AT BOLTON ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

Bolton 0-0 Tagg

The supporters at this dismal match were only woken from their slumber, by the stadium announcer calling for someone to move their car.

Bolton ruined the game by playing a 1-10 formation that involved passing the ball side to side.

The boys at Tagg were finding it hard to play the kind of silky football that was there signature. Lars the keeper had nothing to do all game. He managed to keep the crowd happy with his hilarious goal line Homer dancing. Jamie and Mop were nowhere to be seen. The inspirational Rubble was banned and LLampard had a date with Harrods.

The game was left to, Ray of the Tagg and new signing prestons child, to run. Ray played with pride and passion, but his shooting boots were just slightly off colour. Every shot went

wide and every header high.

Prestons child, on the other hand had been given the opportunity to shine. coach Giddsey was concerned that the youngster may crumble under the pressure. He was proved wrong, as Prestons child won everything in the middle of the park and cleared to row z whenever necessary. The coach was particularly pleased to see Prestons special move take effect. It would seem his nickname should be 'Preston- bite yer ankles- child!'

The nil-nil draw was always inevitable with such important players missing. Rest assured, we'll do em at home.

Well played lads, see ya in the bar

coach giddsey.

p.s. see what happens when you behave son? 😊

New entry in the top 100 rich list!

Join Giddsey as he celebrates reaching the heady heights of the top 100 IOU Rich list.

I joined Lovely halfway through the TV show. The country has been an absolute joy to live in. Those of you who know me, will know a lot of the messages I post are of some length. This is partly the reason it's taken so long!

So I invite you all to join the party. There's a buffet and a bar. Get yourselves on the dance floor and cut some rug. Just post your best dance move, and the winner gets a packet of choc dips.

I'll start you off *does the electric boogaloo, followed by a caterpillar crawl*
Ever heard of David Elsewhere, he's our guest dancer.

http://latinonline.com/Elsewhere_Oye.wmv

<http://media.ebaumsworld.com/robotdance.wmv> (wait for the orange shirt)

Elsewhere is amazing, are you?giddsey

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2312199>

PM talks sport

Interview with Lovely's first ever Priminister, as featured in the Predict the score thread on Sports.

Not often in real life you get to speak to the PM. So in true GA style:

Hows life as Priminister?

Life as prime minister is good, though I believe that's partly due to the fact that I'm treating this as an opportunity to improve things, rather than letting it restrict me to just one task.

So psychoticmike, I'm right in thinking you are a Newcastle fan?

I am a Newcastle fan, yes.

Do you see the timing of your promotion to Priminister co-inciding with the sacking of Souness as significant in any way?

No, just a coincidence that 2 good pieces of news came at once.

What are your plans, in Laymens terms, for the country of Lovely. In particular how do you see the message boards and home page progressing?

My greatest priority at the moment is reforming the prison system. A number of citizens have asked for more smileys to be added to the boards, and this is an issue that I hope to address in the near future.

Why should we support psychoticmike? What's in it for us?

I will listen to the views of every citizen, and I hope that everyone will make their voice heard so I can truly help improve things that matter to the people of Lovely. The thread to which people should direct their enquiries and suggestions is here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506?thread=2332275>

I do not plan on imposing rules to insist that citizens do what I and my government think is best for them, I plan on constructing and developing areas of the country to provide new opportunities to citizens.

What's your favourite tippie?

Amstel

And most importantly, Who do you think will win League 1?

I reckon Colchester will win, with Brentford a close 2nd.

Cheers psychoticmike, good luck with the job. It's important for the priminister to be an educated football fan, as no matter where in the world you go, you can always get a kickabout.

"A game for the people, by the people"

Ron Greenwood.

Amstel, nice. Best drunk in a bar in Amsterdam watching an english side against PSV Eindhoven 🍻

Giddsey

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Editors Comments

Miserable are we? I was going to shout at you you know. But I won't. It's not bloody mindedness. It's not even apathy really. So I'm going to be nice. It'll be better.

There has been a lot of talk of an atmosphere on the boards. Of people being moody and the place being quiet. The recent politics has borne the brunt of no end of bad tempered sniping. I'm hard put myself to name anyone unaffected. The skies are grey, the lights are out, the blues reigns. Dear oh dear.

I sympathise. I really do. I'm sorry for everyone who feels run down and irritable and tired and miserable and overworked and misunderstood and just generally off. I know the feeling and it's rotten. But it's not real. It's not that all those little problems have suddenly become worse. You were ignoring them three weeks ago and you'll be ignoring them next month. So what is it? What is making the world such a dark place to live in all of a sudden? Why do we all want to get away? I'll tell you. It's not the end of the world.

It's spring.

For hundreds of thousands of years the magic has been working. That mad urge that sends a thousand gallons of sap thundering into the sky. That causes the little green shoots to reach for the sun and the water to come alive and the very earth to buzz with little things, moving. The days grow, the air warms up, the pulse quickens. You can feel it now just thinking about it. Tucked away somewhere deep inside every living thing knows about spring. Your body is waiting. It's ready for it. It knows that now is the time for the warm breeze and the rustling leaves and the birdsong. It's got everything ready for it to start.

Only it doesn't start. This is what we call global warming. Or -dimming. Or 'just another ice age, a shift in the earth's axis, happens every two million years or so'. Or in specialised cases I'm not going to point at but we all know about 'jargon jargon economy, superpower, oil oil, jargon jargon nothing to do with us'.

All assigning of blame aside though, what it means is that spring is now late. With all the consequences. A few hundred years and a score or so generations from now we will probably have adjusted, but for now we're just going to have to stick it. And we can. It's only a few weeks. What you have to remember is that it's not as bad as it feels. All those petty gripes will soon fall into perspective. It will be over before you know it. And till then just take a deep breath and count to ten and have a good moan, because there's nothing better than indulging in a bit of self pity now and then. I'm sure we'll all be more than capable of joining in.

Take some vitamin C. Try and eat a bit more fresh fish and fruit. Blood oranges and mangoes are in season at the moment. Sunny fruit that will make you instantly happier. When the sun comes out go and stand in it. Buy yourself that book you wanted, or a plant. Treat yourself. Now really is the time. And don't worry about it. It will not last forever. Give it a few weeks and no one will even remember. Spring is coming. All you have to do is wait.

Nathalie

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