

IS THE END IN SIGHT?

BBC MESSAGE BOARDS ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS? THEN LET'S MAKE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!

By newcitizen

It is a little-known fact that the Citizens Required message board is up and running for 'at least six months'. This is a quote from Danny, from the Join Me website a while ago.

I'm not sure why this is, but I imagine it has to do with the fact that the BBC are hosting the message boards, and the series will have long finished by then. I'm also not sure if the website itself is independent or is hosted by the BBC. If it is independent, then it will

remain after the message boards - in their current format - have gone.

But wait! 'In their current format' food for thought here, surely? Surely, amongst all the many citizens out there, we must have people with the expertise, knowledge, and resources to put together a system that will continue the Citizen message boards into the future, for new generations of Citizens to meet, talk, have fun and possibly even get together

in real life? Let's get on to it, Citizens, while we have time to plan!

Of course, 'at least 6 months' also encompasses the possibility that the message boards as they stand will not, in fact, be shut down in a few months - but it does no harm to plan ahead!

This could be the start of a new era - Citizens, by Citizens, for Citizens!

CURRENT AFFAIRS

THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP! PART 2

By our seasoned reporter Minister for All Things Rocking

You might have read my article a few weeks ago about the fake population count, along with the apology and subsequent

retraction printed by the Guardian Angel. Well, now I can safely say that the population count is definitely wrong.

Whose fault is it this time? Thankfully, it's not the King, although I think many of you may already know the

answer. Who has the power to control the population of a whole country?

You! The Citizens of this great nation, you are the ones to blame for this misleading and inaccurate population size. How? Good question! Multiple accounts, that's how. I've found out that many people have at least one other account; I know I do. I also know of another citizen (who shall

remain nameless) who has 12!

So, if you think about it, if everyone who regularly posts on the boards has more than one account, then the population size is going to be wrong.

This is an issue that interests many citizens and it has also been queried by the members of the MSC (Micro nations Cartography Association), the people

with which we have been negotiating "cyber land" for Lovely. Unfortunately, there is no way we are going to be able to do that until we have a way of knowing how many people are in the country. Possibly we could have a "Citizens Online" count, which would be the first step to be able to find out who's online at any one time. Until something like this is done we will just never know...

A PROFILE OF CYBER NATIONS

By president Woodrow

Woodstania

Ruler: President Woodrow

Woodstania is a fairly new country, which broke away from Lovely over 1 month ago and is a fully functioning country despite a small population. Woodstania is already developing a reputation within the micro nation community. It is an outspoken country and is considered by a few cyber-leaders to be in the club of the big 3, and like Oscland has no plans for an alliance with Lovely. Woodstania, with Nova-England, has launched an invasion of the Lovely mainland. Woodstania has 2 overseas states of Beanland and Rockinville.

www.freewebs.com/woodstania

New Oscland

Ruler: King Oscar

New Oscland has been a cyber nation for around 2 months and is ruled by Oscar- a rabbit. It has a fairly large population at around 36 and again like Woodstania is fairly vocal about cyber affairs. Oscar has already set up the U.M.O.P. or United Mininations Of Peace. New Oscland, like Woodstania, is one of the big 3. Oscland's opinion on the current administration of Lovely is negative. It is unlikely, unless a change of administration is in place, that New Oscland will become a long-term ally.

www.mmglad.co.uk

Jamzania

Ruler: King James

The only known cybernation which Lovely is allied to, Jamzania has a total population of around 39, like New Oscland and is the member of the big 3. Jamzania is currently searching for a real island to proclaim theirs. Since Jamzania is allied with Lovely it sometimes causes tension within the cyber community. If a full-blown cyber world war does emerge, it is my opinion Jamzania would likely turn its back on other allies and fight with Lovely.

www.freewebs.com/minination

Nova England

Ruler: King Joe

Nova England is another smaller nation with a population of 10 but counts Lovely as an

enemy. Nova England is currently looking for an island to proclaim their own. Nova England is also involved with the allied invasion of Lovely, with its troops being the spearhead of the invasion. Nova England is also still a small nation but in my opinion will become bigger over the course of time.

<http://www.novaengland.tk>

New empire

Ruler: doc spangle

New empire is another mini nation, which is not aligned with Lovely. It has claimed most of known space in which includes the andromeda galaxy, some of Jupiter's moons etc. New empire's size currently does not reflect its citizen count, which is currently unclear. However, it is also involved in military operations within Lovely. New empire's claim will probably remain illegitimate but in the cyber world it seems legal to all concerned.

<http://www.new-empire.com>

LOVELY NEWSLETTER

As there may be citizens who cannot receive King Danny's newsletter, the GA has decided to publish them here.

By King Danny1, 7-10-2005

Citizens of Lovely,

Sorry it's been a while since my last update but things have been busy in Lovely. Anyway I have lots of very, very exciting news...

Firstly we have over 50,000 citizens...that's right 50,000 people have decided to become Lovelies...how lovely is that? Even though this still leaves us 9,000 or so short of the Marshall Islands it is still an amazing achievement...congratulations!

Secondly, and this is really big news, Citizen TV is coming back! Yes you read it right, it looks like Citizen TV will be returning as a weekly web and mobile phone broadcast! And you, my dedicated lovelies, will play a big part in it. It's all a bit hush, hush but keep checking in with <http://www.citizensrequired.com> for more news in the coming days and weeks...it's going to be great.

In other news...

Congratulations to CoolMin* Mr.BJC and Bro to Carpy for setting The Citizens Awards thread in general chat. In order to recognize those deserving citizens that have yet to be awarded an OED but who deserve recognition. Good work CoolMin

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1028975>

Many thanks to PiratePixie, co-editor of The Guardian Angel, for her lovely email. I believe in a free press so apology gratefully accepted and no resignation required! You and your fellow journalists are doing a great job keeping the citizens of Lovely up-to-date with what is going on in our fine and happy land.

<http://www.thega.org/home.html>

I have spent a lot of time going through your nominations for The Order of Excellence of Danny (OED) and would like to announce the following names for this noble award.

Chubbyguppy - for the creation of the Huggy Gang and services to the message boards.

Crouched_Potato_Smitten_Wombat - for continuing to entertain.

Remember if you would like to nominate someone for this most civil of civil awards then email honours@citizensrequired.com including his or her name and identity.

BiBiTriba....The most average Citizen has created a great thread called 101 ways to be good so far the thread seems to have reached 107 ways...but I suppose there can never be too many ways to Be Good.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=1059683>

And finally I would like to say a big thank you to all those citizens who have been sending in emails to danny@citizensrequired.com. There are so many that I couldn't possible answer them all but I do my best to read them...you really are the most dedicated citizens a King could have.

Anyway see you soon. Keep up the good work...and remember to keep checking in at the website for more news on Citizen TV.

King Danny I of Lovely

PS Hobo may need to invest in a new baggy white shirt unless we can find Jap3!

RETRACTION

Further to the apology published on the Guardian Angel section of the Wikipedia, the editors of the Guardian Angel newspaper wish to make a formal retraction of the article 'Citizenship, the numbers don't add up' in the 18-09-05 issue of the GA.

We will add a brief description of the evidence which led to this article being removed from publication: After initial investigations by the Guardian Angel team, it appeared that the allegation made by other BBCi users that they were able to post freely on the CR message boards was correct, as we were able to post messages onto other message boards without any restrictions. What we failed to appreciate however, was that coming back the other way potential citizens were greeted with a question they had to complete before being able to post on the message boards, and that this added them to the citizen counter.

We therefore apologise for the upset and inconvenience that this article caused. Our aim at the Guardian Angel is to continue to provide a paper for the citizens, by the citizens, and we are glad to be able to do this with the Kings blessing. Furthermore we would like to remind readers that as we are a cybarnation it can be difficult to separate fact from fiction, but we will do our best.

We would also like to thank King Danny for providing a link to us in his newsletters, and for the decision to allow PiratePixie to stay on as Co-Editor.

POLITICS

THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION

By **Psychotic Mike**

To continue with our theme of taking a closer look at the different political organisations within Lovely, our correspondent Psychotic Mike provides us with an explanation about the Pacifist Revolutionary Organisation...

The Pacifist Revolutionary Organisation, or PRO, is as the name suggests, a peace-loving rebel group, hoping to, by diplomatic means; depose Danny Wallace as ruler of the country. I, a former member of the Viva group, set up the group, due to being unhappy at the provocative and violent beliefs shown by several senior members of the Viva movement. 5 former members of that group are now in PRO, as are 4 citizens who have been discovered to be discontent with the way the country is run.

The group refuses to be invasive into other threads, yet, if someone expresses any sentiments of unhappiness at the way the country is run, members are instructed to try and encourage them to join. We hope that eventually we can gain both sufficient members and recognition that the current government pays attention, and listens to our requests.

Although the PRO believe Danny Wallace is unfit to rule the country, we have no objection to him remaining as a figurehead monarch, in a similar manner to the British royal family now. We are aware that we cannot judge him as a person, but we can judge him as a ruler, and we believe that he has failed.

The focus of the PRO at

present is on trying to encourage new members. Our main aims include convincing people that this country needs elections and to bring them around to our belief that Danny Wallace is unfit to rule. Once democracy is instated in the country, the group will disband, as that is the only long-term objective of the organisation, and that moment will mark the success of the group.

Everyone who supports these beliefs, and feels that violence and insults are not the way to achieve these goals, is encouraged to join the organisation. If anyone is unsure about the manner, motives or methods of the group, then please go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1149313>.

THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AN INTRODUCTION

By Revolutionary1

Here, Revolutionary1 provides us with an insiders perspective of the notorious Viva movement...

The People's Revolutionary Movement (PRM) or the Viva movement as it's also known, is the most controversial political group in our country. We are also the largest, with over 30 confirmed Viva members. But how much does anybody really know about us? We are not communists

or terrorists, we have reasonable political aims that we think we can achieve. These are –

1. **Abolish the state prison.**

We question whether the prison has actually had any positive effects. In our opinion the pattern of

imprisonments has become totally erratic, with innocent citizens being targeted. What's more, it's not deterring anybody from using offensive language. It also encourages creation of multiple accounts. The Viva movement feel that we'd all be better off without it.

2. Hold a fair referendum on the name of the country, with a shortlist of 5 or more suitable names.

There's no denying that many feel that the name Lovely was forced on us, with only two names to choose from and only two days to vote. When this website was formed we were promised the right to choose the name of the country we had joined, and the Viva movement and many others feel that we've been cheated in that respect.

3. Hold a democratic general election to install a new citizen

government. This is our most important aim. We question whether any of the ministers appointed by Danny Wallace have ever taken an interest in this country. They might be classed as an interim government, but as yet there has been no mention of a new government being formed. We need Danny to recognise and have a commitment to a new general election. A present there is an unofficial government on a different website started by citizens, but we aim to have an official election held on the home page for all citizens to play a part in.

These are the political aims

of the PRM, and it is our opinion that so far Danny Wallace has broken every promise he has made. He's instituted a prison to punish people which we feel focuses on people who disagree with him, and also seems to lead to suppressed of freedom of speech. In spite of this, and also random attacks by apparent fascist groups who are in support of Danny Wallace, we've lasted longer than any other rebels and we have grown larger than any other political group. We intend to continue in our campaign for the rights of all citizens and to fulfil our political aims.

THE RECOMMENDATORY VICTORIOUS PARTY

The recommendatory victorious party or the RV party for short stands for free speech, having an open agenda with the central public and representing the thoughts of the people on a national scale.

Some of our main policies are introducing a small, one

off "territory tax" to be paid by all citizens so that a more substantial territory can be bought. We also plan on taxing TNC's more heavily to encourage competition and encourage small business; we also plan to hit unhealthy junk food hard financially so that lovely can be a happy healthy society. Another

one of our policies is to make all music free; this we hope will make people happier. Along that line we also want to hold a rock concert so by putting Lovely on the world map. These are just a few points which are on our manifesto; if you want to read more, go to www.alcove.tk.

GUEST COLUMN

BY President Woodrow of Woodstania

We are obliged to point out that the opinions expressed in the article below are those of "President Woodrow of Woodstania and may or may not be held by the staff of the Guardian Angel newspaper. However, in the spirit of being truly "By the Citizens, for the Citizens" we have included his views as an outsider in Lovely...

THE OUTSIDERS VIEW

MCS seem confident of Lovely application

It appears that my contacts over at the MCS (<http://www.geocities.com/microcartography/>) seems to be taking a liking to Lovely for its application for cyber-land. Despite some criticism from members of other countries it seems that many people like the idea of Lovely entering the wider world of cyber countries. Example posts on the claim

thread include criticism for the name of lovely and I quote...

"Either way, its a stupid name"

...which this columnist agrees to. However, one person from the MCS agrees with many of the rebels' views that neither King Danny nor any of the

official cabinet ever appear to post in the country. He has also criticised the population count in terms of active members. It is clear that many outside members of the MCS have welcomed this new concept of Lovely as a cybernation, however whether the Administrators of the MCS will approve the claim is another thing entirely.

Cyberbands make sweet music

You may have noticed many bands now forming within Lovely that are, in my opinion, interesting. In fact these cyber bands make sweet music...why? The answer is simple, as the music doesn't exist, you visualise it into anything your want.

CULTURE

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD_THE_STOKEY!

By our correspondent The Artist

Richard_the_Stokey is the 18-year-old Prospective Minister for Art, Culture & Sport for The Glories. I found him on the "Musical Instruments Played in an Unusual Manner" thread (available here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=850362>) discussing how he "messes around with feedback and heavy things mainly, like taking my Telecaster apart whilst its plugged in through loads of fx. Tried it once and got a tiny bit electrocuted, so now I wear a grounding wristband when I do it..."

As you might have guessed, Richard is a musician, and he has recently been recording in a studio. I managed to catch up with him the other day while he was busily posting on the Citizens Required Message Boards...

So Richard, how long have you been involved in music?

Erm... well I have always had an interest in music. I picked up the guitar a couple of years ago, and had a bash on the bass, and couldn't stop. I was hooked. Its like an addiction! I had no interest in music theory,

but a desire to make really loud, really strange noises! Thus began this project. I learnt how to use a mixing desk, and I'm picking up the basics of computer recording....and I just happened to hook up with a guy called Jim one day who asked if I wanted to use a studio where he works to experiment. For free. I said yes. And the

rest, as they say, is history.

It's pretty impressive to have got that far in such a short time!

Yes, its been pretty intense! And a steep learning curve too.

What kind of music do you listen to? What bands do you rate?

Right then..... erm..... Black Sabbath, Joy Division, Radiohead, Sigur Ros, Mogwai, Throbbing Gristle, the Boredoms, the Pixies, Aphex Twin, Autechre, Super Furry Animals, The Fall, Arcade Fire, Death From Above 1979, LCD Soundsystem, Acid Casuals, Zabinski, Four Tet, Robochrist. Sigur Ros sing in a made-up language. Hopelandish. They're still good though. Haha.

I understand that you're recording in a studio at the moment?

Yeh, I'm working on a couple of tracks. The idea is that I'm currently in the process of creating a flashy website where you'll be able to download my stuff for free, and download project files for music software programs like Logic and Cubase so that people can make their own remixes and things. I want it to be really interactive, loads of stuff to do, all for free.

Do you have any ideas for titles for these tracks yet?

Not really. At the moment the lyrics are still in their infancy, so I don't want to try and give any tracks a title in case it influences the way the music turns out. I want it to be free and unstructured. Like how I think. Haha.

What kind of music is it?

Well, its a big mash-up of as many styles as I can think of. Mogwaiesque soundscapes, glitchy electronic noises, lots and lots of lovely feedback, jangly acoustic stuff, techno, and a healthy dose of abstract concepts and left wing politics.

What instruments do you play?

Well, I'll try my hand at anything really. I play everything myself; guitar, bass, synth, etc. I'm also producing the music myself.

Is anyone else involved in the creative process?

Well, actually, I'm doing everything myself. Its a 100% DIY project. Even the website and all of the stuff that'll be on there will have been programmed by moi.

Will you be singing on the tracks?

Ooh. I don't know about that one! Hahahaaa! I'll see how things unfold. I'll use whatever fits really. If its my voice, then that could be on one track, I might have a female voice on another. I'm keeping my options open really. The foundations for the songs are laid out. I'm just trying to figure out what will fit and what won't. There's always the Vocoder "robot voices" too. Haha.

Well, thank you very much for your time, Richard, I'm sure the Citizens of Lovely will look forward to hearing the results of your efforts in the near future. Let us know where we can find the Web Site when it's ready, then I'm sure we can put a link to it on the Guardian Angel Web Site. The best of luck for the future!

SOCIETY

THE FIRST EVER NORTHWEST CITIZEN MEET

by our editor PiratePixie

Whoever said its grim up North doesn't know how wrong they are. Because on Friday the 7th of October, at least for a couple of hours, it was Lovely! That's right, the first ever northwest citizen meet up took place, and although we had a slightly small turnout, I hope I speak for everyone when I say that it was successful. Five of the finest citizens the NorthWest has to offer turned up at O'Neill's in st1:place>Liverpool to put

faces to nicknames and just have a general good chat. Interesting parts of the night included the intercity citizen link up, when we had London calling Liverpool: "What are your votes please?", myself and Laura (roving ambassador) taking it in turns to patrol round the pub with my black beret (sporting its very own "Lovely" badge) and also, and I hate to admit this, the elusive PiratePixie has finally been caught on

camera (boo!).From the vibe on the night and on the NorthWest Meet Up thread since, I hope I can safely say that everyone had a great time and that they are looking forward to the next one. Negotiations for the actual date and venue are still underway, find us on this thread:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannnywallace/F2262799?thread=1131172&latest=1>

IT'S GOING TO BE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS...

Christmas may not be white, but hopefully it will be Lovely. Our newest recruit **Citizen Saz** reports on the work done by busy bees on the message boards in the run up to Christmas...

As I'm sure many of you may have noticed in high streets up and down the country, as well as with certain "seasonally fragranced air freshener" adverts, CHRISTMAS is drawing near!

As the shopping days count down, how can you as citizens make it a Lovely Christmas? Well here are a few ideas to get you into the spirit:

Why not give the gift of charity and help out those less fortunate? Ideas include sponsoring things as varied as fruit trees (£8), goats (£13) or even bogs (of the toilet, not "swamp" kind!) at £33. A citizen based "gift list" has been set up by kindly citizen **Roving**

Ambassador of the North West, with a link on the CHARITY THREAD in the Citizens category. Gifts on this site start at £5 and each one will help improve the quality of life for others and in some cases may even SAVE lives. If you are unable to afford something in particular, why not encourage a whip round with friends or other citizens and do a group donation, or perhaps try fundraising to aim for something specific. Check out this thread here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannnywallace/F2307503?thread=1169679>

Maybe waiting a couple of months is too much for you. Are you feeling like you need a bit of a Christmas lift all year long? Well then the

land of Lovely can help once again... for on the forums it is CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY! Our Lovely Santa **Identitycard05** has started a thread where you can join in with present giving as well as receiving, have a bite of turkey and no one will tell you off if you don't want the sprouts! :) Join in the festivities here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannnywallace/F2262799?thread=1016459>

And finally, why not share in some Christmas Goodwill with fellow citizens and pencil Saturday 10th December into your diaries! Lovely Goodwill Ambassador **Lady Evilina** has started a thread entitled "CITIZEN X-MAS PARTY!" to which ALL citizens are

invited! This will be held somewhere in London (precise location to be announced later). The planning is starting now to try and get as many people as possible to attend, together we'll make the day LOVELY. The location will be family-friendly so that citizens of all ages are able to attend (bring an adult if of a younger age!). For this event we have our very own

millionaire (Identitycard05) who will be carrying a sack of gifts. If attending, all that is asked is that you bring a gift of "something lovely" with a value of between £1 and £5 and wrapped up nicely. Everyone who offers a present to the sack will be allowed to take a different one out for themselves to keep, so diverse, unusual and fun gifts are

encouraged, but please keep them clean! We are all Lovely after all. If you can come then please do, let us know and find out more details:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1094195>

With these ideas and more surely to come, I'm sure all citizens are set for a Lovely Christmas indeed!

WOOP WOOP

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TRAVELLING BEAR.

By our new correspondent Citizen Saz, with special thanks to Ambassador Smith

We met Woop Woop at the Embassy of Ambassador Smith's flat in Wapping where he has been staying for the last month to see the sights of London. Looking casual in new jeans, a leather jacket and a pair of designer shades, he sipped on a Cosmopolitan whilst sharing a bowl of Sugar Puffs with the reporter.

Age (if it's not too rude to ask...)

My passport says I was born in the early seventies! I'm not sure exactly when, but it's quite a lot in bear years. I think I hibernated through the winter of discontent in 1976 so it might be one less than that.

Woop Woop, thank you for agreeing to take some time from your travels to do this interview. Could you please tell us how it all started, what made you decide to travel the world?

My owner Kylie thought I should see the world before I was too old and house bound.

Had you always wanted to travel, ever since you were a cub?

I've always wanted to travel after seeing Paddington travel to London from darkest Peru. Minus the suitcase and marmalade sandwiches obviously. I prefer Sugar Puffs. Tell them about the honey, mummy!

And where have your travels taken you so far?

I've been to San Francisco, New Zealand and London so far. It can be quite tiring with my little legs, so sometimes I sneak into a box and mail myself across the world!

I'm sure each location must have had it's own adventures so I won't ask you to pick a favourite! What have you enjoyed since arriving in London?

I was enjoying a visit to the Tower of London. I wanted to go see the crown jewels, but a befeater threatened to shoot me. So I ate his hat and went on a river cruise of the Thames instead. I saw lots of famous landmarks along the river, which was great.

I hear you also met Royalty, tell us about that

I went to a pub on the day I got to London, and got rather drunk on Cosmopolitans. In the morning I found out that I had joined a new country called Lovely, and become the first citizen teddy bear to join. I heard that Danny Wallace was king of Lovely and

went to Chelmsford where he was doing a reading from his new book "Yes Man". We had a good chat and he explained to me that citizens of Lovely don't have the right to "bear" arms. I thought he was talking about my arms! How would I hold my Cosmopolitans if that happened? So I ate his hat and couple of books and we managed to sort out things out diplomatically after that.

Ah. I see... (At this point the reporter removes her hat and hides it under her coat) So, Woop Woop, as a seasoned traveller, what would you recommend other visitors do on coming to London?

Go to the Tower of London, find a beefeater and eat his hat.

And what would you suggest they avoid?

Too many Cosmopolitans. You'll wake up like a bear with a sore head and find you've got dual citizenship!

Wise words. Could you tell us what "bear necessities" you bring on your travels, and what (if anything) you have

you collected along the way?

I never leave home without my hat, unless I forget it, or I'm hungry and eat it. I've also collected quite a few postcards since I've started travelling and met many new teddy bear friends on the way.

You've been hailed as "the new Paddington bear". How do you feel about this?

"Paddy" as his close friends call him. We laugh about that all the time. We've been friends since we were nippers! I've lost count of the number of times I've eaten Paddy's hat when he's tucking into marmalade sandwiches and I've run out of Sugar Puffs!

I'm glad to hear there's no animosity between you! Just one final question, when you finally return home next year...what are your plans for the future, will you be able to give up the travelling so easily?

I'm going to write a book about my travels, gonzo style. After that, who knows?

At the time of publishing this article, Woop Woop has already travelled on to Leicester to continue his adventures. (For more information and updates, or to join the Woop Woop fan club, visit <http://www.woopwoop.co.uk>)

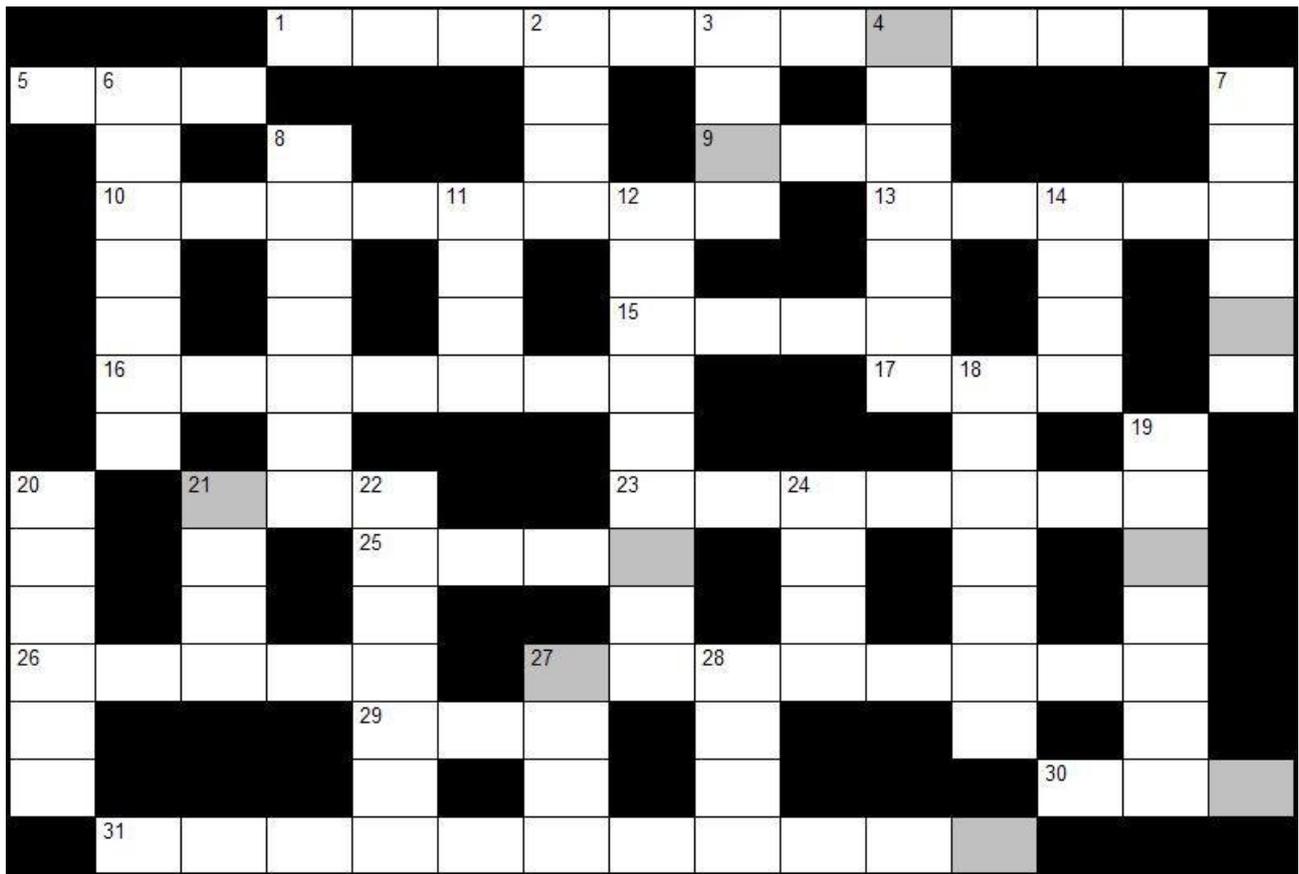
SPORT

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT NEEDED!

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

ENTERTAINMENT

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1) A purveyor of wax candles
- 5) To fail to keep up a pace
- 8) French automobile marque
- 9) Short sleep
- 10) African and Indian mammal with prehensile nose
- 13) Former capital of Nigeria
- 15) A projecting or uppermost edge
- 16) Less dear
- 17) A manifestation of intentional or unintentional insincerity
- 21) Consumed food in the past
- 23) The eighth sign of the zodiac
- 25) To stare stupidly
- 26) North African and Middle Eastern beast of burdern
- 27) Pertaining to the inside
- 28) An explosive weapon
- 29) Abraham's nephew, whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back as they fled Sodom
- 30) For what purpose, reason, or cause

31) Printer's term for punctuation mark formed of a question mark combined with an exclamation mark (i.e. ?!)

Down

- 2) Communist nation in the Caribbean
- 3) Female relative
- 4) A document certifying the successful completion of a course of study
- 6) US citizen
- 7) Hindu deity
- 11) Plucked string instrument with a triangular frame
- 12) Inhabitant of a Northern US state
- 14) Hollow-horned, bearded ruminant mammal
- 18) The officer in command of a ship
- 19) A sovereign
- 20) To save
- 21) The smallest unit of an element
- 22) Similar in style to an oval, thin-shelled reproductive body of a bird, especially that of a hen, used as food
- 24) A giant or monster in legends and fairy tales that eats humans.
- 27) An anatomical passage, specifically the aqueduct of Sylvius

Now, using the letters in the grey boxes, find out the special code word and fill it in below:

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THE FINAL VOTE...KING DANNY: GOOD OR BAD?

One of the most hotly contested issues in our country, and this thread is the place to have your say. Go along, cast your vote. Your vote really does matter here people!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1190362&post=13914855#p13>

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

WHY CAN'T LOVELIES BE LOVELY?

By our editor PiratePixie

Lovely. Like it or loathe it, that's the name of our country. 50,000 plus citizens, most brought together by a guy who had an idea to start his own country so that he could make things better. A great idea, and yet I look around myself when I'm sat in my little corner on the Guardian Angel thread and I can't help but be unbelievably saddened by what I see going on around me. This article was originally going to condemn a lot of people, both royalist and revolutionary alike, for actually not being very nice. However, I've been thinking long and hard about this and I have come to the conclusion that its not because you aren't nice people. I know this for an "internet" fact because I have spoken to a lot of you one-on-one and haven't been reduced to a quivering crying wreck. This then presents me with the question: why can't Lovelies be Lovely to each other and to King Danny?

There are many factors at work here, one of the first being the obvious abandonment issues that we have about losing our beloved ruler from the TV. Since the series ended,

discontent has grown and the whispered rumours by troublemakers has been more readily believed as they are more accessible than the word of our King. This, I believe (albeit from a Psychology A-Level point of view) is natural, but has been worsened by the creation in the minds of citizens (and possibly Joinees, I have no idea) of a Citizen-Joinee gap. This gap was I believe worsened when a number of "Royalists" attempted to quash the rumours of the troublemakers. It made them appear to support Danny blindly and also gave the impression that they were saying "Hush little children, be quiet, you know nothing about these things". Its true, the citizens who where joinees have known Danny for a long time, so are more qualified to be able to tell us how often Danny posts, how regular the website updates are and when we can expect citizen newsletters. However, I also feel that it might mean that they have forgotten that chill, the one that envelopes you when you are struck by the realisation that, although you have signed up to something which you believe in, you are stuck

weeks later wondering whether you have been forgotten for another project and whether your leader is actually listening. 99% of the time I have no doubts about the fact that Danny cares about us, but sometimes I can't control my abandonment issues and begin to feel restless and powerless to prove I'm right to trust my King. Sorry about this, I'm only human.

Which brings me onto what I consider to be the second factor, using the Internet as a method of communication. Great, swell, we can post on the message boards to let people the world over know that we think that the person above us deserves a hug. But the Internet also provides us with something else, a mask behind which to hide, a barrier behind which other people exist, a way in which to duck out of the responsibility of the rules of social interaction. It allows us to not have to consider the feelings of the people we are chatting to, as we don't know them, and will probably never meet them. We don't have the reminder from their presence to hold our tongue or be more diplomatic about things. The point I think I'm

aiming for here is to ask you to think before you post. Take that little bit of extra time to preview a post, does it say what you mean it to, can it be misinterpreted? Re-read the post that you think you are replying to, it is possible that what you have read in anger is actually an innocent comment. Above all else, please, I'm asking very nicely, please consider that the person on the other end of the Internet dial up may be having an exceedingly bad day. Have a little compassion for each other. As a great man once said (and I'm sure many others have thought): Be Nice!

The final factor, just a small consideration really, is that I think that a lot of us have forgotten what it was that inspired us to join this guy who has been condemned

by many as crazy. There must have been something that tugged at our fingers, needled our brains to sign up to the country, and I'd like us all to consider that again now. In fact if you are willing, I'd like you to share it with the rest of the country. If you go to the Guardian Angel area of the Wiki, I have set up an area in which its possible for you to write just a few lines about why you became a citizen. I don't want just a line saying: That bloke on the TV told me to. It'd be really cool if you really consider what you are writing. And don't panic, I am watching the page and if any cheeky monkeys try to change it then it will be easy to correct! Go here and write your piece now:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1131172&latest=1>

Here I am now, in the final paragraph, another frightening blank piece of paper once again filled. I have re-read and checked this article, looking for any way in which it may be misconstrued. This is actually not meant to be a rant, and definitely not meant in malice, in fact this latest instalment to my growing family of articles is offered to the people of Lovely as an observation, not meant to be patronising, but filled with hope that my words will at least have prompted you to consider the feelings of fellow Lovelies even slightly. King Danny is learning, just like we are learning, about being part of an exciting new country. Stick with it, chin up guys and girlies, smile and stay Lovely.

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