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THE RETURN OF THE KING

By Minister for all things Rocking

After what seemed like an eternity or about 2 months the king randomly makes two public appearances to the citizens of lovely in the space of a week. The first one was almost too much for many citizens who just sat there and watched as he did his first ever online question and answer session on the boards. On a scale of one to crazy it was right up there with crazy. The week before the Xmas meet he spent over an hour talking on the boards and answering anyone who cared to post a sensible question and there were a lot of them. It was really good to finally get some answers after months of wondering what was going to happen to us. He stated that war was bad, and that Lovely would not be going to war with anyone. The most important one I think was that we found out the online version of citizenTV was being held up by technical hitches, which have now been solved. And then he turns up at the Xmas meet a few days later! Personally I knew he would. It was really good he was there. Again people got to talk to him and see what was going. Also more importantly it gave everyone the chance to get random stuff signed by him. Not only did he turn up, but film crew as well. This is excellent news and it means it will def be on any new citizens required stuff that comes out in the future, which I think you'll agree is great.

The king is back and he's here to stay. Hopefully this will also get rid of all the power hungry people trying to run the country for themselves and that can't be a bad thing. Hopefully it won't be too long before we hear from him again.

Radio Lovely & Citizen TV Start Broadcasting

By Bear

So I get home from work last night and I get two surprises on logging on Citizens required; we have two new broadcast mediums relating to our new country. The first one to get up and running was the Excellent radio Lovely which has now got up to the massive amount of 5 programs in one week. I think this is a great achievement, a fledgling radio company to get up and running all on the back of some people's generosity and kindness to perform and compile the program. Plus they get it out quickly to the people of Lovely. Radio Lovely has already managed to get a bit of micro-nation radio station aggro, KZFO another micro-nation-station has been giving it some grief with a stupid comment or two. But Radio Lovely has gone one up and used its editing skills to use the grief given to turn it back at the people who started it. I think it's excellent that some ordinary citizens using a bit of free

software have got a radio station started and web casting in one week.

The second medium is the much anticipated first web hosted version of Citizens TV. You get King Danny in all of his chirpy glory in your computer screen telling us about the UN Petition and more. It seems that this broadcast has been hanging about for a while and has been telling us a few things that I feel most people already know about. The Tea Society Patronage I've heard about for a while and the King mentions it being last night. Danny goes on to disband the rumors that Lovely is all a hoax. It then shows a little Video of Citizen Smith using the coasters he won in episode five doing a little black beauty skit using all of the Lovely items you can win, make or download. Now I'm not sure why the items are going past as if the horse is going backwards though but well done on getting a video aired on Lovely TV Jase. We then see a few more Citizens declaring areas to be embassies and themselves to be ambassadors. It's a great micro version of the old citizens TV programs and hopefully they'll get more up to date like the originals.

In reflection I think Radio Lovely is the better in terms of content and turn around time at the moment. Sorry Danny I like Citizen TV but it does seem to be older material on the recent broadcast rather than the up to date Radio Lovely. Radio Lovely as is Citizen TV are linked up to the main Citizens Required page, both are looking for your input so please get involved.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

BE NICE

By **HM Bobnes**

That is the one rule King Danny has set for all of us, and sadly it is a rule some are just not following. For several months now it has been clear to all that a small minority of 'citizens' are openly spoiling the enjoyment of others. This minority seem to find it 'fun' to charge into threads and create havoc, whether through personal insults or simple yet effective spam. Quite why these individuals feel the need to fill our boards with random rubbish is beyond me and if anyone has the answer, I would love to hear it.

For now, I shall try to give you a quick guide to Lovely's Most Wanted and what is being done about them.

Baby Jesus

One of the most infamous offenders we have in Lovely works under the cloak of various pseudonyms but can most commonly be found as 'Baby Jesus'. Whilst this name in itself is offensive to Christians, many of Baby Jesus' contributions to Lovely have been pointless and hurtful. Whilst BJ rarely launches hardcore personal attacks, he does have a habit for choosing insensitive names such as Bird Flu and Cancer.

I don't think he realises how serious this is, but there are many people on the boards of Lovely that know people who have fought off Cancer or, sadly, lost their battle. What they don't need is for the word to be spread around our boards wherever they go as a graphic reminder.

BJ also has a nice little habit of impersonating people by taking their name and posting under it. Perhaps BJ's lowest point came when he took on the name of a certain Lovely citizen with Special Needs who really didn't need the hassle of cleaning up spam under his name.

The Tau Organisation

Tau, now known as 'General Hunt', is another name you will hear a lot in Lovely, usually followed by the words Red Elder (his right hand man). Together they make up a group

called 'The Tau' (see, its simple really). Their favourite tactic is to 'invade' a thread where normal conversation is taking place and spam it with repeated phrases such as 'fear the mobylette' and 'God save the Tau'.

Tau takes a more personal approach than BJ. He has been known to write homophobic and sexually explicit posts across our boards. He, Red Elder and Vimto have in the past invaded threads and filled them with words and actions of an 'adult' nature.

Not only does this cause offence to many citizens and upset those to whom it is aimed at, it ruins the family atmosphere surrounding Lovely.

The Confederacy of Independent States (CIS)

Members of the CIS have been seen to visit the boards of Lovely and stir up trouble from time to time. The ex Viva! leader Separatist being one of the main suspects. However, rather than being an offensive spammer, Separatist just seems to say what he feels and doesn't care much for the consequences. Whilst this can sometimes be a good thing, it also works against Sep on occasions.

Counter Spam

Everyone on the boards has their own ways of dealing with spammers. Some ignore them, others try to make them seem stupid by ridiculing their posts and then there are those who try to argue back.

These responses may work for individual occasions, but for the wider picture a more harsh response is needed. Although Baby Jesus and The Tau have been reported to the Mods on numerous occasions, little action is ever taken. Yes, some of BJ's posts may be removed or he may be imprisoned, but he just comes back on under another name. A complaint was registered against Baby Jesus, but the good old BBC Complaints Team never found the time to get back to us. Tau is even harder to catch because, as the Mods see only one post at a time, it is hard for them to get a feel for the situation Tau is posting in. Therefore little action is ever taken against them and our boards swell up with junk.

A group by the title of Spamhunters was created and did, for a short time, seem to work. Unfortunately their work seemed to fizzle out and now there is no one left to oppose our bunch of spammers so they roam freely. Few people bother to report them any more as they know no long-term action will be taken.

What now?

With Lovely rebuilding itself and going through a time of great change, surely this is the moment to make a stand against those who blight us with Spam and Spoilers. But what more can we do? The Mods have more or less stopped listening and those higher up the BBC do not seem to care. Is this a prime chance for the soon to be promoted Super Users to get on everyone's good side by stepping in? Time will tell.

Homepage Redecorated At Last

By Citizen Saz

It has been a long while since the last change, but on the evening of Friday 16th December the homepage (<http://www.citizensrequired.com>) was finally updated to bring us new media to enjoy! HURRAH! It now has links to some major new media within Lovely.

- It's BACK! Watch all new episodes of Citizen TV
- Citizen TV Needs YOU!
- Radio Lovely

So what does each of these actually mean?

The first is something that was rumoured for a while, such a long while in fact that many thought it wouldn't happen at all. During recent talks with citizens online, King Danny posted that Citizen TV had been due to go online over a month earlier, but due to unspecified technical issues this was delayed.

Some new citizens may not be aware of what Citizen TV actually is. Basically, after each episode of "How To Start Your Own Country" on the BBC, there was the option for those with interactive TV to "press the red button" and view CitizenTV, a live broadcast by King Danny, which you could phone or email in to and speak to the King on an issue or idea. It also gave citizens the chance to submit pictures which were shown on air. Now that the series has finished on TV, they decided to do a set of smaller shows, which could be viewed via the internet. As these would not have the financial backing of the BBC the length of time available would be drastically reduced, and the first one is only four and a half minutes long.

Highlights of this first episode are the online petition to get Lovely recognised by the UN (http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/ga_unapp/unapp.shtml), King Danny's visit to Bristol a while ago where he was made the first ever Royal Patron of Bristol University Tea Society, as well as making tea the National drink of Lovely. The GA can exclusively announce that King Danny was also made patron of the TAS, the online Tea Appreciation Society (or "socie-tea" as I like to call it) at the Christmas Party, which he accepted from Amber_Prophet, the President of the TAS.

Finally: and then a few emails from citizens, one of which included the video "Chariot Coaster Race" by Ambassador Smith. This shows the gallop (albeit backwards) of the Lovely Chariot, the runner up prize won by Ambassador Smith in the National Lottery in which Identitycard05 was made the Lovely millionaire. For his efforts with submitting this video, King Danny awarded Ambassador Smith with 10,000 IOUs! King Danny finished by saying that other citizens were welcomed to submit their own videos, artwork, photos of themselves/embassies etc. Some would be shown on CitizenTV, and could even result in IOU payment, so get your thinking caps on and send those submissions in! Details are as follows:

[Taken directly from the website: http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/sn_citizentv/citizentv-needs-you.shtml]

CITIZEN TV NEEDS YOU!

Got something to say about your life in the land of Lovely. Well here is your chance.

I am looking to you guys to send in films, pictures and stories documenting your experiences, ideas, hopes and dreams for this the biggest little country in the world.

Anyone that get their work featured on Citizen TV will be commended for their efforts as an official broadcaster...now that is lovely

If you want to post any items particularly videos then send them to:

Citizen TV
PO Box 47089
London
SW18 9AG

*Please note, by sending in items you are enabling King Danny I (and those lovely folk at leafstorm) to exploit your efforts without any financial remuneration. If you're lucky you may be awarded a couple of virtual IOUs or some kind of knighthood. No promises though. Please make a copy of anything you send in, as the post office don't seem to be

recognising my Lovely stamps – so the chances are you'll not get your stuff back. Cheers.
For pictures, stories, emails and any films under 2MB in size use the email address
citizenstv@citizenrequired.com

Please provide your full contact details with both postal and electronic entries.

Radio Lovely

By PirateAsTheArtist

A lively addition to our Kingdom has recently arrived in the form of Radio Lovely (<http://www.radiolovely.com>). On the Web Site there are currently five downloads you can listen to, which include three full programmes of chat and music, plus the Lovely National Anthem and a funny edited fake interview with somebody called Foghorn.

I have so far listened to Show 2, which features Kieran and CoolMin having a fairly lively chat with the one and only Cuddly Carpy, who puts in a witty and acerbic performance. Some imagination has been used in the choice of music, which is quite varied and often surprising.

Future shows lined up include appearances by Citizens Bean, CoolMin, Kieran and ID05. I look forward to hearing ID's show on Tuesday 20th December – he promises to treat us all to some real gems in what he calls "The Inexhaustible Quest for the Cosmic Cabbage". This show is a must-hear for anyone who knows anything about ID!

Radio Lovely was founded by Kieran this very month – it looks lively and vibrant and I urge you to give it a listen, or get involved yourselves. Take a look at the Web Site, it is packed full of links (though not all of them work yet – it is early days!)

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Retraction of CIS collapse article:

We have recently received information proving this article to be inaccurate, and we fully apologise to all concerned for any problems caused by the publication of this article. We hope to have a much more accurate report of the events soon.

THE CONFEDERACY OF INDEPENDENT STATES

By Separatist

The Confederacy of Independent States or CIS for short was created in response to the ever more threatening political situation occurring between micronations. Its primary purpose was to serve as a unified alliance where any micronation who entered it was protected by a pact of mutual defense and self-determination. The founding member states of the CIS were the Freedom Republic, The Union of Woodstanic Republics and the Great Burrow of New Osland.

A charter was signed on the 25th of August 2005 and the Confederacy was born, its first

priority was to maintain security for its member nations so that they may grow and prosper as sovereign entities. Shortly after in the September of 2005, the CIS expanded its charter and doubled in size with Nova England, Jamzinia and New Empire successfully applying for membership. For the security of all, the CIS wanted to relocate itself and its member nations from Lovely to an independent web presence and launched the CIS website located at <http://www.freewebs.com/theCIS>

Like all cyber-political entities the CIS faced treaty issues with people signing into what they did not read and having problems later when members went against the treaty. Certain members were not only in the CIS but were in a number of other micronational entities. This went against the very basis of what a Confederacy stands for and was akin to the state of Florida being both part of the United States of America and the Soviet Union during the Cold War era.

The CIS was thus forced to make a decision – to either change its policy to allow any willy-nilly membership into any entity (thus destroying what the CIS actually stood for and ultimately working against international security for which it was created) or to give the rogue states an ultimatum of either sticking with the current charter they signed in September on MSN or to leave the CIS. Both member nations involved decided to leave (subsequently leading to a campaign of Slander directed at myself in which this article intends to clear).

Since then the CIS has prospered valiantly, with the recent addition of Stasia and Tichstanski, the Confederacy continually grows. One of the nations who left the CIS has now reconsidered and has asked to re-enter, plans are now underway for it's reintegration. The CIS welcomes all, and hopes to provide a safe haven in which all micronations can grow and prosper peacefully. We are determined to act as one and shall not be deterred from our solidarity; we welcome peace and co-operation but will always step in when we find oppression.

Thank The Police – And The British Ones At That

How we were all saved from Eel Pie Island

By Minister for all things Rocking

Yes this may seem strange and to be quite honest it is, very strange. But we as Lovlians have a lot to thank them for. “Why the hell should I thank the British police? They were the reason I left that place in the first place!” I hear you ask. Well I’m sure many of you remember a certain place called Eel Pie Island. Yes that island place the king tried to invade for the good of the country in its early days. I went there, this is my story of that day...

So last Wednesday, I was on my lunch break and for some reason someone said, “Hey lets go to Eel Pie Island and eat sushi there,” what a great idea we all thought as we headed off towards the local Waitrose. After the mammoth task of actually finding the feeble sushi section in the oversized supermarket we got to the most important decision we were likely to have to make that day, which one?

Ten Minutes later we were on our way again some random assortment of sushi in hand

(oh yea I forgot to mention by “our way” I was with like three other people, the only one you really need to know about is Sam, he played a major role in this epic journey. The other two were a bit useless really so I wont bother with them). 5 minutes later we find ourselves at the bank of a river, which I can only assume is the river Themes, this being in London and all. It was a bitterly cold day, grey skies, threatening rain all the time, you know what I mean, why we went outside in the first place is a mystery to me.

Then I see it, the bridge to Eel Pie Island. A thin green arch stretching over to the island surrounded by little boats, not nice boats, little crappy wooden ones. So far I’m not impressed.

“Ok so lets go over,” I say all excited wondering if I’ll see any remains of the kings invasion attempt.

“Errr no there’s no where to sit over there, its crap its just a road and nothing, eat here.” She points to a bench covered in bird shit. We go and eat.

After the sushi and fending off several attacks from angry pigeons, we are all ready to go, this time just me and Sam, the others “Can’t be bothered coz its shit.” But did we listen to them, like hell! We had walked all of five minutes to get here and we wanted to see what all the fuss was about. So over the bridge we go looking down at the muddy waters below and wondering what lies on the other side.

The first thing that you will notice on the island is the notice board, and as you do we read it. It had lots of little hand written notes asking for people to baby-sit for other islanders and other islander nonsense. No sign of invasion posters. There is only one path on the Island, it’s that small! No cars, no nothing, your not even allowed to ride your bike there and this path is small you can fit about 2 people side by side on it. As we headed down the path the first “islanders” we encountered were a small group of chavy pregnant looking under age schoolgirls. Not a good sign. We followed the path undeterred, they didn’t try to mug us so what had we to worry about. Pretty much all the houses on the island look like sheds; we thought no one lived there. But following the path a bit further we found a massive council estate, now I say massive, I mean it was bigger than everything else on the island. This is where the path ended, a whole fifty metres from where it started. We saw some more islanders standing in the middle of the estate, old men with pitch forks, so we thought we’d best turn back before they forced us out.

So far I wasn’t impressed. It was about as piky as you could get. What was the king doing trying to invade this crap palace? There must be something good here, a trendy wine bar or something, but no it never came. But what did was far far worse!

For some reason Sam and I had missed this on our way in, in a little garden all covered in dead leaves with a dead tree in the middle we could see hundreds of action men. I kid you not, amongst all the dead leafyness were naked action men and other dolls randomly all over the place, climbing trees, hiding behind rocks, everything. You could tell a kid hadn’t just left them there; they had been there for a long time. It was the kind of thing that if it where dark we would have seen and then run away like little girls all the way back to our mummies. Freaky stuff I can tell you that.

We left as quickly as possible after that going back to our other friends sitting on the bench on the safe side of the bridge with stories of how the Eel Pie Islanders grow their own babies. After recounting our adventure to them as I have done to you we left to go get warm with some tea.

So that’s why we must thank the police, they saved us from having the most piky ridden,

hut infested, and downright scary country in the world. If you don't believe just how bad it is just go to Twickenham and find out for your self. Danny's flat is way better.

POLITICS

EPP Column

By Rock4babs

Hello!

I think I'd better introduce myself, I'm Babs, I know this sounds wierd but I'm a man. I'm the new leader of the EasyPeasyParty. Like Cuddly_Carpy, I wasn't leader to begin with, merely ID's third recruit, put in charge at the Communications Department, not too thrilling, but I worked my way up. That's the Genesis of The EPP.

Now as you may have noticed from the boards, we recently formed an alliance with the Anti-Political Correctness Party under the charge of Sir Francis. This partnership is currently on thin ice as Sir Francis rarely appears and we have little contact.

We are a small party currently, with 4 members but as it is only us and the FFF currently registered in Parliament, we may have a chance, as our recent popularity has been surprising. There's me in charge and Betty, ID05 (who I hope will stay as a member), and Jase (Ambassador_Smith), we recently recruited someone (who shall remain nameless but has now returned to his party, we wish him and the party all the best in their endeavours.)

We are all regulars on the forums and we can be contacted on our government thread or at the Pub! But seriously though we are devoted to making Lovely a better place,

Have a Brilliant Christmas and Happy New Year,

Love you all!

Babs - Leader of The EasyPeasyParty.

PoElitical PoElicies

By Bert, PoE Public Relations

Hi all, its that time again. It appears to be my turn to present to you all some info on the PoE this month. Since Cuddly_Carpy gave you all an intro to our party lets move onto policies.

With some 15 departments identical to every party and 5 parties (so far) that's at least 75 policies, so I won't go into great detail (leaving you to enjoy the rest of this fine publication!).

Our party features a few well-known personalities, who know pretty well the happenings of Lovely and help to contribute to it on a daily basis. This allows them to develop views on how the country may progress in the coming year. Every member of the party chose their position to suit their knowledge base and produced a manifesto for their specific field. Here's an outline of the policies of the Party of Erinyes:

Crime & Justice

Crime does feature even in our idyllic society. To combat this we will set up an official court system (external to the government to prevent bias) that holds up the tried and tested belief of "Innocent until proven guilty". Any citizen who contravenes the rules of Lovely will be brought before the court and a panel of jurors made up of randomly selected citizens. Should they be deemed guilty they will be punished in accordance with their crime.

Economy

As it stands, the IOUs are worth nothing and just denote a symbol of dedication and involvement from the citizens. It is proposed that the IOU is turned into a national currency that will benefit all citizens and make the country more prosperous.

At present Crime & Justice and the Economy are key issues to the community and are given more attention in party.

Other views

As required, we have also covered other necessary fields, e.g. Science & Technology (where we think it's important that the public be given better training into computer use and other options for programs), Environmental (where greater effort should be put into greener forms of transport) and Education (greater respect should be given to teachers and more support for those with learning difficulties).

That's a rough outline of some views we have. If there are any questions please get in touch with Mike, Carpy, the relevant minister or myself and we will try and help. I think I've kept you long enough, so that just leaves me to say;

Merry Christmas and a Lovely New Year from the Party of Erinyes!
See you on the boards.

FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT

This is a statement taken directly from the Foreign Office website [<http://www.fefa.org.uk/01.html>]. I hope this will clear up all the confusion surrounding the issue of Kieran's alleged resignation as reported on in the previous issue of the GA.

The Editor
8th December 2005
01/001/kc

Dear Citizens,

RE: False allegations of resignation

I write in reference to a recent attempt by some Military wings stating that I had resigned my post as Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Kingdom of Lovely.

I wish to make it clear that I have not resigned and do not plan to within the near future.

There is no evidence anywhere that I have in fact resigned. The words "I resign" have never been in my vocabulary, in fact they never will be.

Yours Sincerely,

HONOURS TO THE POWER OF MANY

By Citizen Saz

The guest appearance of King Danny at the First Citizen Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December was the icing on the Lovely cake (figuratively speaking). From the moment he swooped into the pub with the film crew from Leafstorm hot on his heels, there was a huge cheer from the crowd. The King came to visit his people, and even though he wasn't feeling 100% (my previous threat to lurgies and illness to not infiltrate any Lovelies until *after* the Christmas Party failed miserably, I think we had about 7 people who had a cold or flu, and that didn't even count the King!) he still managed to talk to almost everyone, pose for photos, write autographs, spoke to people on the phone, did an interview for the first ever broadcast of Radio Lovely, and even recorded a voicemail message for WEG. On top of all that, he also gave a speech to the crowd, listened patiently to our rather tuneless (and extended) rendition of the anthem, and cut the Lovely Christmas cake, which Amber_Prophet had made especially for the occasion. The latter he even managed whilst standing on a bar stool... balancing cake one one hand and knife in the other. The things royalty do for their country...

Apart from that, King Danny also bestowed honours on many citizens that night... all the party organisers (Princess Hayley, Roving Ambassador for the North West, Lady Evilina, Harvey, myself and others), Identitycard05 as Santa (although ID himself disputes this happened), and StephenCobden for his duties as the Lovely Toastmaster. As some of those who were honoured already had OEDs for previous efforts, it was announced that they would be "OED squared" cue a big "Oooo" from the crowd.

Overall, apart from bringing together many citizens from all around the country, and Roving Ambassador for the North West did an amazing job the entire evening and managed to sell 1000 raffle tickets, using her persuasive skills to make Lovelies part with their money, plus MooseAde had made a stack of special edition Lovely Christmas badges, and we had about 50 furry red santa hats from me and customised with the help of Harvey with embroidered "Have a Lovely Christmas" flag patches. King Danny also donated a part of Lovely's history to be sold in an auction, which he hosted. The first ever print out of the anthem (complete with some handwritten amendments, and fold marks where he'd obviously kept it in his pocket) was framed, and after some fierce bidding went for a grand total of £100, sold to none other than Jesus (no, honest, his name *is* Jesus! And it's not "Baby Jesus" either...) who then had to nip out to a cash machine to get the money out, closely followed by Danny and the film crew who made sure he didn't scarp without paying!

In the end over £550 was raised for the chosen charity, the National Autistic Society, a cause which was close to many citizens. A smaller chunk of the fund total will also go to the charity that came second in the vote, World Vision (known as the "Goat fund", as for only £91 a herd of goats will be purchased for a village in Zambia or Angola, etc who will

then have them for milk, breeding and eventually food helping them work their way out of poverty. (For more info, see <http://www.greatgifts.org/>)

It was a night where many faces were put to names, and everyone got on and enjoyed themselves - regardless of previous clashes on the forum. At the end of the night all who attended left with a smile and plenty of happy memories, which will no doubt remain for a long, long time.

Now... when's the next party?

A Lovely Christmas Party

By PirateAsTheArtist

I travelled into London by train on a beautiful Saturday morning. Arrived at the Ambassadors Hotel near Earls Court at around 12.30pm and waited for the others to arrive. First was BJC - the first Citizen I ever met! She was just as I had imagined her, and we got on fine.

We chatted and went out to have some lunch while we waited for the rest to turn up. Sprouty was first, then Veersoonformarmalade, who we all recognised from the photos from London meets. Lady Londoner and Komrade Kris eventually arrived!

We set off for the venue around 3.30pm, and Lady L, BJC and I managed to get separated from the others - and no, PAsTA wasn't up to his "old tricks" again! The others hadn't been able to get on the tube train because it was full. Moving along Oxford Street against the flow of people made us feel like salmon trying to swim upstream - everyone was swarming in the other direction as we struggled to stay together! We all met up again near the London Palladium, then made our way round the corner to the pub. We were a few minutes early, but were allowed in as the first arrivals.

Coolmin arrived soon after, we settled down around a table at the far end with some drinks. ID05 arrived, of course we all recognised him, and he was just as mad as I had expected - brilliant! The pub quickly filled up as the other 100 or so filtered in. Wombat Trouserpress - he just looked (and acted) like a smiley emoticon! Hobo, WEG, Saz and Madamofmercury were all recognisable from the photos we'd all seen - they were like celebrities in the Land of Lovely! Minister for all things rocking never dropped his beaming, youthful smile all evening, it was good to meet Psychotic Mike, and Richard the Stokey. Richard was later to become famously associated with "that" pint - cider filled with an assortment of jaffa cakes, muffins and probably the odd dog-biscuit, which he proceeded to "drink" (more like eat)! Statusfrustration was there too, with her robes and very tall hat, handing out Christmas cards with a picture of King Danny on the front and the words "Happy Christmas, Hope you die..." and "Dulci freure" on the back. Everyone was baffled at the time, but apparently "Die dulci freure" means "have a nice day" in Latin...

King Danny arrived after a while, and chatted to loads of people. The atmosphere at the party was absolutely brilliant! Danny left for a while, but returned later.

There were lots of raffle prizes, and just when I thought I wasn't going to win much, I picked up three of the top prizes! - A Charlie & The Chocolate Factory DVD, a signed photo of Michael Palin (obtained by Marmalade from his agent), addressed to the Citizens of Lovely, and a signed copy of the Citizens Required DVD!

Then came the Auction...a framed original "manuscript" of the words to the Lovely National Anthem. Bidding started at £15, but rapidly climbed to £40, then suddenly £100 from a man calling himself Jesus. And he looked just how most of us would imagine Jesus would look! I followed as Danny took Jesus to the cashpoint machine round the corner from the pub, and took a few photos as the cash was handed over - it was all being filmed. As we crossed the road, a bus driver stopped his double-decker and donated some cash to the charities we were collecting for. He held some flags as we photographed him!

Back in the pub again, I spoke to Danny about holding free elections of independent candidates (to get away from the party politics, as most of the parties seemed to be very similar), as I had suggested to him on the message board a few days previously. He said it was a good idea, and that the team were thinking about it. Someone took a photo of me sandwiched between Danny and ID, but it doesn't seem to have surfaced online yet!

I left as we were being chucked out at around 12.15am along with BJC, Marmalade and Coolmin.

It was a memorable experience and a very happy time for all concerned, and I am certainly glad that I went!

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I was at The Christmas meet

By Cpeachok

Well. It all started this afternoon when Me and my girlfriend Julia met our good friend Tony Hodges (some of you may of heard of him). He had travelled all the way from someplace in Wales and he was oh so tired and ever so hungry. So we meet him at oxford circus tube station and get the formalities over with.

"Tony, Julia. Julia, Tony"

Then we embraced each other as close friends. We decided to go to the meeting point, which other citizens agreed to meet at. This happened to be in a Starbucks in a Borders. We were walking along searching for this illusive and mystical shop when we happened across a McDonalds. This gave the perfect opportunity for Tony to partake of some much-needed food. After the bother of buying our meals there were no seats so we walked out and dived into the bustle that is Oxford street at Christmas time. Doing this we walked past the very shop we were hoping to go to. We ended up walking the length of Oxford street when we reached Tottenham court road where we came across another borders and Starbucks mix. Where we stayed for an hour before realising we were at the wrong one. But we might as well wait for my good friends Mike and Jezz to arrive. So we THEN we took the tube from Tottenham court road to Oxford circus. Then going in the totally wrong direction again walking towards marble arch where we THEN found out we were going the wrong way AGAIN. So we hopped onto the tube for the third time and finally saw our mistake and made it to the mystical shop, which wasn't very mystical in the end.

After sitting down with fellow joinees and citizens alike for a while, we then proceeded to make our way outside and towards the pub. It was beautiful, a row of citizens walking along with purpose and all following a flag and an umbrella. It was our own mini Oxford street march. We then got to the pub and then said our hello's to those citizens already there.

Everything was going swimmingly for an hour or two, then suddenly the door burst open and standing there... Was The King!! As soon as he flung that door open, he was met by a barrage of calls from his subjects, as one chanting "Danny! Danny!" After saying a short hello speech he was then shaken by the hand by almost every citizen there.

After the hubbub of the King's entrance had calmed down, Tony had decided to bring out the gift he had bought for myself and Mike. They were two guns, which are electrofied. So if your opponent shoots you in the chest plate then you get a rather large shock into the gun. Me and mike had lots of fun with these outside. After a while of countless duels and lots and lots of cheating we decided to be treacherous. We plotted the act of treason. We had it sussed, down to each second and what we would do. This is how it went down:

1. We re-entered the pub
2. We made our way to King Danny
3. I offered him my gun, making sure he gripped the metal parts.
4. I turned and Mike shot the killing blow to my chest plate

That's right we assassinated the King! We then scarpered off into the back so his security staff could not find us. (I lie we did try to run but there were too many citizens) After much more drinking and mingling the secret Santa presents were given out. My present was £5 worth of Tesco value biscuits and chocolate. Which ended up being 4 packets of bourbons, 4 packets of chocolate digestives, 2 bars of milk chocolate, 2 bars of white chocolate, 1 bar of whole nut and 1 bar of fruit and nut. I just hoped for god the person who received my present wasn't on a diet or diabetic. The present I received was a brilliant one: A Robbie the reindeer DVD. I love that film.

After more drinking and mingling the winners for the raffle were announced. After some very sore throats from some very Lovely ladies, due to the amount of noise in the room, all the prizes were given out. There was just one thing left which was to be auctioned off by King Danny himself. This prize you ask? Only the best piece of documents of Lovely's history. The first print out of the national anthem and signed by the King himself. The bidding started at £15. Way above my limit. But the bidding got more frantic as people were cobbling together what they had to try and grab this priceless (well maybe not quite priceless) piece of history. £50. £53. £58. £70. £80. £90. £95. £100. And there and then Jesus bought the priceless piece of lovely history for £100. He had to make a quick trip to the cash machine to get the money but he did pay. The king went with him to make sure he didn't scarper off.

And then the toasts were made by Citizen WingCo, who was wearing a rather marvellous tux. And then there was more drinking until the time came for people to start leaving and then it was my time to leave. But the main thing I left behind in that pub was the feeling of not knowing anyone properly from the land of Lovely. That truly was Lovely.

Phew that was long. *takes a sip of earl grey.*

I Was Also At The Christmas Meet

By ID05

Why was I chosen to be Santa? Because of my beard, and because of my "Christmas Everyday" thread.

How good was my costume? Jase (who loaned it to me after using it at Karmageddon 3) said it was the cheapest and worst Santa costume in London. I didn't bother with the bit of black tape, which was supposed to be a belt. I lent Silent Pete my Lovely Santa hat while I was in costume, as the discrepancy in quality would have been clearly apparent to all.

What was I whistling in the toilet while getting changed and missing the King's arrival? "Winter Wonderland", badly. Jonni Shirtguy heard me.

What did Danny say in his speech at the bar? I have no idea, I was the only Citizen at the Party to miss it.

What did I say when I came through to the front and met the King? I think I said "Who's this young man then?"

Whose knee did I sit on while in the Santa suit? Joinee Chris Knight. It was his idea.

Was it fixed that the man with the longest hair at the party should get a yard of men's shampoo as his Secret Santa pressie? I suspect it may have been.

Thankyou.

I Missed The Christmas Meet

By LadyMarie

Okay I was asked to write a little something about why I want to go to the Easter meet that is being planned for the new year so here goes.

I unfortunately missed out on what looks and sounds like a brilliant time that was the Xmas meet/party and I don't mind saying i wished i could have gone but circumstances didn't allow, after seeing the photo's and reading the stories people have come back from that party with it made me want to meet you all even more.

And that brings me back to the Easter party that is being planned I along with a list of other people on here have showed a lot of enthusiasm to this meet and hope after you have read this some people who didn't already know about it will also try to be there I know a lot of people have meet up on a regular occasion and am glad for the opportunity to hopefully get to one myself as i think it would be good to be able to put a face and a voice to the words I read on here most days.

Anyways before I bore you all too much all i really have left to say is please try and make it to the Easter meet as the old saying goes the more the merrier it will be really good to meet you all.

And lastly a big hello to everyone I talk to.

Jesus Loves You

By Ste or Bear (as I'm now known to King Danny I)

Well last week I got up early rushed about to get my things ready and finally left for the train station. I was on an 11:40 train after being at a gig till after midnight the night before but it would definitely be worth it. I got on the train in Chester and a short while later was in Crewe waiting for another train and hopefully another Citizen would be on that train too as I was hoping to bump into Roving Mad Laura. She was certain we'd end up on the same train but as always plans never come together. So after getting on the wrong carriage and walking through the whole train to my seat I sat down turned on my iPod and started thinking of the fun to be had that night.

I wasn't sure what to expect, I'd been on a couple of Northwest meets with Laura and Pixie but never one on this scale before. There'd be people there I'd been talking to for a while and one I'd felt up too (it was consenting before any complaints are started). So after a while I thought I'm fed up with my book and thoughts I'll try to bluejack someone. Well even that came back to bite me, I ended up sending a pic from the gig to the person sat next to me luckily my phone was on silent so turned it off quick and put it away for a while. I got to London safely after avoiding the guy next to me realizing I'd jacked his phone and made my way to my grandmothers empty house to ditch my stuff and relax for an hour before heading out again. After bursting my way through a pile of junk and circular mail I'd made it to my place of rest the deserted old house of my grandmother. I tidied up a bit sat down and before I knew it I needed to get ready to go. Back on the tube for the second time that day and the not the last time I headed for Oxford Circus the map provided was excellent and the directions got me there no problems.

As I made my way into the pub I saw some faces I recognized from the Pictures linked on-line and the first one I got talking to was WEG the one I'd felt up and she brought it up first chance she got. It was great though we got talking and had a laugh for a bit and she introduced me to a few people. Well the beer was cheap even for up North £2 a pint is cheaper than some pubs up here so I had a few drinks and started to mingle. I talked to WEG and a few of her pals for a while then bumped into quick a hairy fellow. It was none other than Jesus; he was out on a pre-birthday party I suppose we could say it was all in his honour. I had a bit of a chat with him about the whole birthday thing and did he have any plans as it was quite near and such and went on to meet a few more people. I spoke Coolmin, the Wing Commander in the forces and my PoE colleague Mike and many more. But not too long after arriving the King arrived he did a little speech and then came over to talk to me straight after. I had a little chat then all the pub seemed to crowd round our location. I ended up talking to lots more people the highlight being a Norwegian who decided that they celebrate Xmas early there as Jesus was born on Christmas Eve so I called him over to join in the conversation he had a few points to add in and it was a very memorable and enjoyable conversation to have.

Well a bit later after drinking a few waters Jesus did a little gesture over we go on to the auction and Jesus won the first printout of the national anthem and I don't even think he used the loaves trick on his money to pay for it. He did a great little acceptance speech and thanked the Lovely People. Well a little after that I spoke to Danny again he was very friendly and welcoming and we played illness top trumps he won with Sars.

So I spent a lot of time traveling down to and around London and had fun meeting new people fair enough it was a little daunting as it was going to be at the other end of the country with no quick escape route, but everyone was welcoming and friendly. It was definitely worth going. I met loads of top people which is the reason I went but to top it off the King came too, I wasn't expecting or hoping that he'd come but it lifted a great evening even higher especially as he was such a Lovely guy. So now myself and Roving Mad Laura are trying to plan the May Day big meet in Chester including a scavenger hunt come along to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1695391&latest=1> to find out more.

The Xmas Meet - Rocks

By Minister for all things Rocking

I'll keep this one short. Ok it'll be a little rough coz it was a while ago and I did have quite a bit to drink. So I was at work all day of the Xmas meet, I finished at 7.15 and 5 minutes later I was there. I walked into the pub not knowing what to expect. It was pretty full though and I could see loads of Santa hats and lovely flags all over the place so I knew that I was in the right place. Still a bit dazed and confused from all the bright lights I told someone who I was to lots of 'ooooo really's, this was a good sign at least people knew who I was. I wasn't going to have to sit in the corner on my own. Yay! I thought to myself. I quickly bought a hat and some raffle tickets and headed off to find Mike coz he was the best person I knew that was going. So it made sense to find him first and then go and look for everyone else. After a good long while asking random citizens I'd never heard of where he was I finally found him. I chatted to Mike for a while about random stuff as you do and then bumped in to Jase! That was fun and he is surprisingly a nice guy he even bought me a beer. Thanks Jase. Beer in hand I scooted about the place talking to random citizens all of whom were very nice and friendly. Then there was lady Londoner who also bought me a beer, she was very nice and we talked a lot about how London rocks.

Then the king came, which I had been saying all night that he would. He made a little speech, which was fun and then we all went and got him to sign stuff and take pictures with him. There is a nice one of all the GA + hobo with the king. More talking to people happened and more drinks got drunk until I found a nice seat with these two nice lady citizens one of which I think was called Harvey who I'm told made the hats. Another excellent citizen who also bought me a beer. The raffle went on while I spoke to them and of course none of us won anything. Despite Harvey having more tickets than every other person in the room.

It was getting late now and I needed to go home as I was tired from a hard day at work and had to be up the next day to go there again. So I went to the toilet and met another rocking citizen called something zilla (sorry I forgot the first part). He offered to buy me more drink but I had to turn him down as I was about to leave but next time I see him he can still get me one lol.

It was a great night and I had lots of fun and ended up staying a lot longer than I thought I would, now I cant wait for the next one. And so after saying bye to everyone in the room and shaking the kings hand (oh yea) I left into the night and onto the busy London tube all the way home...

So from the minister for all things Rocking, have a very lovely Christmas and a happy new year.

Christmas Party Links

Photo links from the First Lovely Christmas Party in London on Saturday 10th December 2005

- cpeachok's photos - (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cpeachok/sets/1555373/>)
- Thorne's photos - (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kingofnarnia/sets/1555602/>)

- Saz's photos - (http://uk.pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/citizens_required_london_meets/album?.dir=75a3&.src=ph&.store=&.prodid=&.done=http://uk.pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/citizens_required_london_meets/my_photos)
- Mcfarlmo's photos - (http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/mcfarlmo/album?.dir=5d51&.src=ph&.store=&.prodid=&.done=http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/mcfarlmo/my_photos)
- West End Girl's photos - ([http://spaces.msn.com/members/hannahsmith1972/PersonalSpace.aspx?_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaHandler=TWljcm9zb2Z0LlNwYWNlcy5XZWluUGFydHMuUGhvdG9BbGJ1bS5GdWxsTW9kZUNvbnRyb2xsZXI\\$&_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaFolderID=cns!1pvmbwTTZIUI6vATuO_EJyxw!520&_c=PhotoAlbum](http://spaces.msn.com/members/hannahsmith1972/PersonalSpace.aspx?_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaHandler=TWljcm9zb2Z0LlNwYWNlcy5XZWluUGFydHMuUGhvdG9BbGJ1bS5GdWxsTW9kZUNvbnRyb2xsZXI$&_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaFolderID=cns!1pvmbwTTZIUI6vATuO_EJyxw!520&_c=PhotoAlbum))
- Tony Hodges – Goodwill Ambassador's photos - (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sting005mcclain/sets/842893/>)
- Veer-Soon-For-Marmalade's photos - (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/74925553@N00/sets/992013/>)
- DJ Jazzy's photos - (<http://community.webshots.com/user/lovelyxmas2005>)
- PasTA's photos - (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/44922325@N00/sets/1574774/>)
- The Timesprout's photos - ([http://spaces.msn.com/members/thetimesprout/PersonalSpace.aspx?_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaHandler=TWljcm9zb2Z0LlNwYWNlcy5XZWluUGFydHMuUGhvdG9BbGJ1bS5GdWxsTW9kZUNvbnRyb2xsZXI\\$&_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaFolderID=cns!1pY4_xrKUWdgnYqlcbS67k9Q!108&_c=PhotoAlbum](http://spaces.msn.com/members/thetimesprout/PersonalSpace.aspx?_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaHandler=TWljcm9zb2Z0LlNwYWNlcy5XZWluUGFydHMuUGhvdG9BbGJ1bS5GdWxsTW9kZUNvbnRyb2xsZXI$&_c11_PhotoAlbum_spaFolderID=cns!1pY4_xrKUWdgnYqlcbS67k9Q!108&_c=PhotoAlbum))
- Other photo links will be posted on this thread in the forum: (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1684990&latest=1>).

What did you get as your gift? The Secret Santa thread is here: (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1716186&post=19892202#p19892202>)

Post the most memorable bits of the night on the "Christmas Party Highlights" forum thread here. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1685357>)

The First Lovely Christmas Post-Party Questionnaire

Collated by Citizen Saz

Citizen: **MooseAde**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- *About 4 months - Since August 2005*

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- *The number of people i'd get to meet, and the chance to celebrate Xmas the Lovely and slightly mad way*

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- *Danny walking in to rapturous applause as I was sorting out my coat/bags/life having just arrived to our own mini-round of applause :-D*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?
- *"Oh my god I really didn't mean to snog ID...."*
 5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?
- *It surpassed them!*
 6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?
- *Nope. Would have been a great night anyway, it was just icing on the cake.*
 7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?
- *Will definitely attend more big meetings.*
 8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)
- *Yes - Its a great chance to see just how Lovely other Citizens are, and enjoy a real community spirit.*
 9. Do you attend any regional meets?
- *Well, uh, yeah ;-)*
 - 10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?
- *Yes, and have done regularly.*
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Citizen: **Cheerywibble**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?
- *Joined when the tv series was on but only started regularly visiting Lovely about 2 months ago*
2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?
- *Wanted to meet like minded people who all believe in having a good time.
On my first week in Lovely I was asked if I wanted to come and it just seemed like a perfect opportunity*
3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?
- *There was lots and lots of memorable moments but the 2 that stick in my mind is the London bus driver stopping in the middle of the road to see what was going on whilst Danny was at the cash point with Jesus and us giving him a flag and some ferrero rocher. The other is just how unphased King Danny was by absolutely everything even me prodding his leg to get him to move his foot*
4. What was your favourite quote from the night?
- *Jonni Shirtguy 'We flew down'
King Danny 'Really?'
Jonni Shirtguy ' Yeah my arms are really tired'

When he told me this I think I actually cringed*
5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?
- *Above and Beyond my expectations. Knew was going to have a good night but it was amazing and a great way to kick off all big citizen meets.*
6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?
- *Wasn't expecting him so no not in any way*

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- *Will definitely be there, in fact am hoping to help with the organising of the May Day Meet*

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- *Of course. We spend a large portion of our time talking to people via a screen at work or home and it great to finally meet them and say 'ah that's what you look like!'. Its about being a part of Lovely.*

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- *No*

10b. If you've NEVER been to a regional meet before, has the Christmas Party tempted you to go to one?

- *Definitely try and stop me*

Citizen: **Lady Evilina Goodwill Ambassador**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- *5 months*

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- *Well, i kind of set a date for it and Saz did the rest, so straight away!*

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- *Hm... just running around for the first half hour shrieking 'hello!' at people! it was truly fab to finally put names to faces.*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?

- *Definately! It was friendly and warm and just Lovely!*

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- *The King turning up was a huge bonus, but not an expected thing.*

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- *Yes, roll on May!!*

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- *Yes, I have gotten others involved because I feel Lovely is a brilliant community and is worth being part of.*

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- *Bristol meets - Ray, John, Hobo are regulars, Mike and WEG come when they can and we are hoping Lady Londoner is going to come along too!*

10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?

- *Well worth the effort of starting a regional meet. the first one is always the hardest to organise, but as soon as you get the ball rolling you realise they are good fun! I bring non citizens along too sometimes, and they like meeting Lovelies too (especially as I rant about Lovely quite often ;)*

Citizen: **ProudCitizen**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?
- I've been a citizen since the beginning! Since Danny first sat it up as he told us about it on the JM newsletter!
 2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?
- How could I not come! See all Lovely people I already knew, and get to know so so so many more!
 3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?
- Meeting Danny!! AND giving him a hug!
 4. What was your favourite quote from the night?
*- Two quotes:
There's only one Jesus Christ
One Jesus Christ
Walking along
Singing his song
Walking in a Jesus wonderland
Armitage (Mr . Spoon) said: "Jump around as a bunny the whole evening!"
and so I did! hahaha was brilliant fun!*
 5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?
- It did! Although too bad not all showed up as then we could ave gotten those who wanted to come, come!
 6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?
- Of course not, we all know he is a very very busy man!
 7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?
- I will gladly, and will help out as much as I can too !!
 8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)
*- You ll meet tons of nice and great people!
- You will get drunk
- You will be onthe best party ever
- You ll be able to talk about it with the others who will rant forever about it! Dont wanna feel left out then do you and regret you didnt make it!*
 9. Do you attend any regional meets?
- I attend London meets whenever im in London
 - 10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?
- Yes you should! Its a great way to make friends forever, its a great and socialable way to spend an evening instead of sitting at home with a ruby and a dvd!
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Citizen: **MikeTheYokel**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?
- About 3 or 4 months
2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?
- To meet all the people i'd been chatting to on the boards and to have fun.

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?
- *Either Danny turning up and the whole pub cheering, or the ferrero rocher/cleavage incident*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?
- *The Jesus chant*

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?
- *Oh yes*

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?
- *It would still have been a great night. the king turning up was the icing on the cake.*

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?
- *Very*

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way).
- *Oh yes*

9. Do you attend any regional meets?
- *Not yet, but i'll try to in the future*

10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?
- *n/a (but probably yes anyway)*

10b. If you've NEVER been to a regional meet before, has the Christmas Party tempted you to go to one?
- *Hoping to at some point in any case, so yes!*

Citizen: **Winchmore Wench, Mistress of the Teaspoons**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?
- *A week today!! (3 days at the time of the party!)*

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?
- *Being dumped that week...therefore having my weekend free & having met a lot of lovely 'Lovelies' who took me under their wing online!!!*

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?
- *Ooh soo many...mainly putting names to faces...seeing Cheerywibble with bells on...Michael buying me a lovely xmas badge...Jesus beating me in the auction...meeting WEG & her little friends (Kael & li'l Danny)...being made 'Mistress of the Teaspoons'...ooh & trying to sing along to the anthem...& of course meeting the King!!!*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?
- *I said..."Yeah I am from Kendal originally"...everyone said..."MINTCAKE!!!!!!"*

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?
- *Soooo much better than I ever expected...tho didn't know wot to expect...fab party...well organised...so much fun....had a truly fabulous night!!!*

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- In all honesty NO....I was having so much fun before he turned up anyway...he just made it that extra special!!

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- I am there already!!!!

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- Yes - as it was such fun & No - as I selfishly want to keep it my own!!

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- Not as yet & working in theatre may make it a little difficult (unless its on a Sunday)...but will try my bestest!!!

10b. If you've NEVER been to a regional meet before, has the Christmas Party tempted you to go to one?

- Ooh yes definately!!

Citizen: **StatusFrustration**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- From when the site was just one page with no boards :D (Well on the mailing list) I signed up as soon as possible :D

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- To meet you all :D 'Cause I'm underage for the normal meets. To have fun!

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- Nooooo not choicesssssss....lol Oh I don't know, can I not say all of it?

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?

*- Meh, it was all brilliant. (I've never claimed to be helpful *innocent*)*

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?

- Yeah, by far!

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- Nope though he's a brilliant King, we all know Lovely is it's citizens.

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- 100% unless there's some huge reason why not.

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- To EVERYONE! EVERYONE SHOULD GO! LOL!

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- I went to the first London one, and to the naming ceremony.

10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?

- Yup.

Citizen: **Veer-Soon-For-Marmalade**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- *Just over four months*

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- *An overwhelming desire to meet all the citizens-friends I'd made since September! Plus I'd been to a few regional + London meets before, so was pretty sure the Christmas Party was going to be ace.*

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- *For me, betting against Jesus and losing!*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?

- *"THHHHREEEEEEE FOOOOUUUUUURRR OOOOHHHHHH"*
(*whoever was screaming out the winning raffle ticket numbers*).

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?

- *It exceeded my expectations - I don't think I've been at a party with so many wonderful people before!*

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- *Not at all. I really wasn't expecting Danny to be there. The party was going fantastically well anyway and him arriving, and staying, just took the euphoria to another level!*

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- *Wherever, whenever (that's a yes).*

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- *Yes, of course. If you're lovely, then they are the place to be...*

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- *Yes - regularly meet up with the Bristol gang of citizens. ALL are welcome at the next Bristol meet on January 14th 2006 (check the Bristol thread for more details:
www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=798775)*

10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?

- *Yes, without a doubt! We always have a great time, and, if nothing else, it's good preparation for anyone who may be thinking the larger meets are a bit daunting.*

Citizen: **Ste or Bear (as i'm now known to King Danny I)**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- *3-4 months*

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- *Roving Mad Laura telling me to "Come" plus I wa`nted to say Yes to more things recently ;o)*

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- *Talking to Camilla about why Norway celebrates Xmas on the Eve and being told that Jesus was born then so I called him over for his point of view on the matter. Jesus is the man, so funny and a great character.*

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?

- *Jesus: I'd like to thank my Dad (looks up) Thanks Dad!*

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?

-It was a great laugh and well worth the money so it went past my expectations in a great way

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- No, I went not knowing if he'd be there and went mainly to meet some new people and avoid getting beaten by Roving Mad Laura

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- Extremely me and Roving Mad Laura are trying to set up the May Day meet in Chester (Plug) Come to the thread in General Chat

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1695391&latest=1>

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- Of course they are a great way of showing not all internet sites have totally dodgy people on and that an internet community works in person too

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- Yes I'm part of the Northwest Trio hopefully we can make that bigger too.

10a. If you DO go to regional meets, would you recommend *them* to others?

- Of course the more the merrier

Citizen: **PsychoticMike**

1. Approximately how long have you been a citizen?

- Since the first episode of the show

2. What made you decide to come to the first Citizen Christmas Party?

- Because I could, I wanted to meet all the people I've been talking to on the boards, both in conversation and in argument

3. What was your most memorable moment of the evening?

- Stokey's "cider"

4. What was your favourite quote from the night?

- Chanting "JESUS" in traditional football style while he was bidding for the auction

5. Did it meet your expectations for the night?

- Didn't really have any expectations, just went along with no idea of what it would be like.

6. Had the King not turned up, would you have been disappointed?

- Nope, the citizens were the important thing, DW was just another person to brag to.

7. How likely are you to try and come to another big citizen party?

- I intend to go to as many meets as possible. Especially the large ones.

8. Would you recommend them to others? (please give reason either way)

- Yes, because it was highly enjoyable and very interesting to have a face to match a name and personality.

9. Do you attend any regional meets?

- Nope, because of both transport, financial and age limitations. Want to though

10b. If you've NEVER been to a regional meet before, has the Christmas Party tempted you to go to one?

- *Wanted to anyway, but this has made me want to more.*

London Meet Report

By CoolMin

Surely the greatest event in the history of Lovely so far. The meeting in London to celebrate Christmas, was if anything an even greater celebration of Lovely itself. About one hundred very happy, and lovely, citizens turned up from far and wide expecting a great event but the reality was better than anyone might have anticipated. The pre-meeting in Starbucks was a good indication of things to come, a lot of fun and hilarity with people born to get on together. When the time neared the appointed hour the excitement was palpable, or maybe that was due to the coffee, and a mass exodus left Starbucks, releasing half the café for other customers. A quick walk took us round to the 'secret' venue, a very well chosen, welcoming little pub where we were greeted with flags in the windows and a very exciting notice from Leafstorm.. filming tonight!! Was King Danny really going to come?

The atmosphere on entering the venue was amazing, so friendly and welcoming. Imagine meeting all your friends and family at once (but everyone got on together), throw in Christmas, throw in Lovely, the possibility of meeting our King, perfect organization and a major helping of happiness and you still wont be close. I met long lost best friends that I've never met before!

The night got even better when King Danny arrived. Considering he's a King he's a really nice, down to earth guy too. I wish I had shares in an ink company considering how many autographs he signed that night. The charity auction was excellent fun; the star item going to Jesus seemed appropriate.

The first ever broadcast of Radio Lovely took place from the meeting, King Danny honoring the radio station with an interview by 'phone.

OEDs were awarded, or in some cases squared to many deserving citizens, notably Saz, Princess Hayley, Roving Ambassador, Lady Evilina, Harvey and VeerSoonForMarmalade without whom it just wouldn't have happened! ID made an impressive Santa and Stephen Cobden was the toastmaster par excellence.

Eventually the night had to end, but the excitement lives on even now. The first Lovely Christmas party will go down in history, being spoken about for years to come to young lovelies of the future, a Lovely legend.

LOVELY RP

CORRESPONDENTS NEEDED!

The Guardian Angel is a paper run by the people for the people. This means we can only print what you supply us with. Sadly this often leaves us short at the moment. So if you are missing anything in this edition, please remember

the only way you are going to be sure of having it included is if you write it yourself. Of course we are always open to suggestions, but we are a small team and can only do so much. So work with us to make this a great paper we can all be proud of, and get writing!

You can contact us at mailroom@thega.org

ENTERTAINMENT

LOVELY CHRISTMAS POEMS!

Compiled by Kael

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile
Then I realized its worth,
A single smile, just like mine
Could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!

God I hate Christmas with all its good cheer
Hearing people laughin' but I shed a tear
Folks they just love ya' one day of the year
The rest of the time they wouldn't come near ya'
They send you a card full of love and best wishes
Then in the New Year they run off with ya' misses
They're stuffin' their gobs as fast as they can
Bugger them starving, in Afghanistan
Then Santa Clause comes with a full sack
A new doll for Betty a bike for our Jack
'Eat, drink and be merry tomorrow we die'
Forget about Jesus, let sleeping dogs lie
You think I'm a cynic a miserable bastard
Come Christmas day I just wanta get plastered.

Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry
.I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Walking once again in the Christmas time
With all the money worries it makes,
Reminds me of the first time we met
Both skint but still good mates,
John walked me home from his friend's party
In the autumn of Sixty Two,
Over forty years on and we're still walking
And still with worn out shoes,
We're now in the autumn of our lives
And the hats are a tell tale sign,
But we still manage a runner from a restaurant
Although the piles play havoc at times,
He traded the scooter for a Reliant Robin
A three-wheeler with a Turbo sticker,
But like the Vespa we may as well ride tandem
Because with no brakes we can't go any quicker,
But hey! It's Christmas and time to party
Remember those cheap whip round days,
Thirty bob would always fill our boots
It wouldn't spill an eyewash these days,
But John can squeeze an ole Brown eyes number
And my new hip allows a twirl with splits,
But his heart is willing but now a little frail
And I seemed to have mislaid a few bodily bits.
Still Crazy After All This Time

Christmas eve and all are asleep
as I sit in my favourite chair.
Snow piles up on the windowsill
as the fireplace warms the air.
And then... I open up my eyes
I didn't realize they were shut.
What's this? Santa Claus I see?
Nah... that's just my ol' lady's big butt.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
LOVE THE GA XxXxX

Going Cold Turkey

Or Surviving Christmas with the Family

By Ste or Bear (as I'm now known to King Danny I) Formerly Jitsu_Ste

Well you've been preparing for it for a while, the shops have been sending out Christmas Music from their speakers for months, you've been fighting for the cardigan you're buying for Grandma with her friends in Marks and Sparks, braved the battle which is a toy shop near Xmas to get the must have it toy of the year for your small cousin. Got the computer game that your teenage brother said he couldn't live without after going into every shop that may have it and finally buying it at the hiked up price, only to find out on Christmas Eve 10pm that he couldn't wait and now has completed it at a mate's house and doesn't want to see it again. So as a lot of Lovelians are feeling they should do the family thing, Students (or as I was affectionately called in the pub I worked at while studying; "A work shy tax dodger") who will be going back to the family home, and I'm sure a few Citizens will be going back to the place they grew up in, and therefore all of you, might not have such a ready access to computers as you'd like I will give you some other ideas of things to do over the holiday period.

So Christmas Eve most people have arrived at their parent's house and the annual torture of spending the most time possible with your family without strangling the lot of them starts. So mid-afternoon you've got fed up of speaking to everyone you might as well put the telly on and watch a few things. The First item on my agenda will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (4pm BBC1), it's become in my opinion the modern day classic and it's a must see film. Now James Bond is on the other side at sort of the same time with what I think is one of the worst Bond villains there is, the one who wants TV rights for China, so for me it's definitely Harry Potter, a great family film. Now there isn't much on after that until the evening so here are a few choices for then. A must see is the Little Britain Christmas Special, I'm not sure what's going to happen in it but it'll definitely be worth a watch. Now if you're male and want to get some Brownie points in with the girlfriend/wife/missus, Bridget Jones' Diary is on straight after. Now it may be a chick-flick but it's also quite funny and I don't mind sitting through it. Now as soon as that's over flick over to Channel 4 for Avid Merrion's XXXmas Special where they head to America to make a mock documentary as the characters. Well worth a look as you'll get to see smug Americans getting the mick taken out of them.

So now it's Christmas Day, you've gone through the let down of opening the presents that can't ever live up to the expectations, over eaten at the Big meal forcing sprouts and stuffing into your belly until you couldn't eat an after eight with out recreating that scene from Monty Python and also been made by your Gran to sit though Christmas Carols and the Queens speech. You're fed up you want to get back on-line and back to Lovely but either the family pressure to be together on Christmas Day or the lack of a computer at your aunt Mildred's means that's not going to happen. So you've got to find an alternative way to entertain your self. Well if the annual game of the 25-year-old version of Trivial Pursuit is not to your taste, I think there's a few things to watch on the TV on Christmas day. If you're fed up early afternoon and fancy watching a short film The Santa Clause is on (12:30 BBC1). Tim Allen takes on the role of Santa's replacement as he startles the original into falling off the roof. It's got lots of humour and it's suitable for all the family so worth a watch to keep kids and adults busy. Straight after the Queen on BBC1 there is a great computer animation double bill. Starting off with Shrek and then moving on to Toy Story 2, both again films that both kids and adults can watch and not get bored with and they'll give you some peace apart from the laughter. Shrek is always a great one to see

with Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy doing some great voice work, Toy Story 2 is also a worth watching as with Shrek it has jokes that appeal to the kids and the adults, ones that totally go over the kids heads but give us a giggle. Now a bit later on BBC1 is a program that I know will get great ratings. One I've been waiting ages to see and I'm hopeful will live up to the expectations. The Doctor is back with his new teeth and is ready in his pyjamas to save the world; yes it's Doctor Who (BBC1 7pm). David Tennant stars as the new doctor after his great half a minute performance at the end of the series earlier this year; I've been waiting ages for this. I saw David in Casanova where he was brilliantly funny and quirky and I'm sure he'll take that in to Doctor Who. Now this will be another good family program so get out the tins of sweets and spare cushions to hide behind and enjoy The Christmas Invasion.

Now Boxing Day is a day when most people just sleep off the booze and over eating from the day before and looks like the TV schedulers seem to agree with that here, nothing on apart from a Wallace and Gromit Double Bill (10:10am BBC1). Now as a few shops may be open people might be out doing the very seasonal pastime of exchanging gifts and buying twice as much in the sale. But for me there are a few things you can do to take your mind off your dad's snoring on the couch wearing a reindeer jumper. Now just released is Peter Jackson's King Kong. As the director of some of the best films I've bought recently The Epic Lord of the Rings Trilogy and The Frighteners both great productions worth watching over and over. So hopefully Kong should be the same, now it's a 3 hour long film and as I've heard it's sort of split into 3 acts. It starts off with the set up the first hour is all about Jack Black's Director making the film on Skull Island and taking his actors to the best shooting locations on the planet. Now apparently you don't get to see Kong or any of the other prehistoric beasties until the second hour or act two when they start the visual feast of the massive gorilla fighting the dinosaurs which the in film director wants in his film too. The last act and hour is what happens when Kong is taken back to New York and the story there. It's supposed to have some of the old 'B' movie style, which is intentional as homage to that era. James King from Radio1 gave it 5 stars so go see that on Boxing Day to get away from the family. I'd tell you more about it but as it only got released yesterday and I have a deadline which hasn't allowed me to watch it, but other reviews have sung it's praises.

If there's no cinema in a distance that you can make in your area I suggest getting a couple of DVD's in before going to your holiday destination. Now something that is a little off the normal track and worth a look is Garden State; Zach Braff the guy who is J.D. in Scrubs makes his directorial debut and also acts in the lead role. It's a great little indie film about modern day crisis for the twenty-some-things in America with some great subtle, and obvious black humour. If you like a little action and adventure Batman Begins is a great film to watch it has loads of fights and visual brilliance. If you'd prefer something a little more in the seasonal spirit The Nightmare Before Christmas is a great-animated treat, in making, Tim Burton did himself proud. Now if you want a little musical treat, a couple of good unknown bands have turned up recently that are worth a listen to. Fall Out Boy; Under The Cork Tree if you want to listen to a track to see if they're for you try Dance, Dance. Another new little gem I heard and saw supporting Maximo Park are a band called Clor their debut self titled album should be worth a listen as their set was great at the gig I hope to get their CD myself this Christmas.

Now hopefully some of these recommendations should keep you from killing or maiming any of your relatives while you can't feed your Lovely addiction. So until next time people have a Lovely Christmas and Boozy New Year. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas!

The Lovely Tea Ceremony

By Amber Prophet

The people of Japan have their tea ceremonies, the people of China have theirs, and even the people of Britain have the ceremony of Afternoon Tea.

But what about the inhabitants of Lovely? Do we have a tea ceremony? You might not think that we do. But you'd be wrong.

As Chief Brewer of the TAS and Mistress of the Teapot, it has been my job, over the months to develop and hone the Lovely Tea Ceremony and I am now proud to reveal to you all that I have been successful, and soon the Lovely Tea Ceremony will take its place amongst the great tea ceremonies of the world!

We in the TAS sit at our computers, miles apart, brought together by the enduring power of tea. Merely by doing what we do best, we have shaped the Lovely Tea Ceremony.

First, the Master of the Whistling Kettle puts the kettle on. As people arrive, they greet one another in a friendly manner, with a hug (<hug>, <hu> or <hig>) or a wave. They are then presented with tea. The Mistress of the Teapot will usually pour, although this duty can be delegated when she is not present, (or not paying attention). The milk is provided by the Master of the Milk Churn and the Sugar by the Mistress of the Sugar-Tongs. As we savour the taste of the tea, the Mistress of Cakes and Biscuits provides us with sundry pastries which we can enjoy with our tea. The intricate moves and dances of the ceremony are shaped by our interactions, conversations and narrow escapes from the Confuddled Corner.

To a greater or lesser extent, this is what happens everyday in the tea room. Sometimes people have to fill in for other people but I think it is true to say that wherever two or more members of the TAS are gathered, together, the Lovely Tea Ceremony is performed.

Wonderful as this is, there is an enduring problem. Can a Lovely Tea Ceremony be performed by one person on their own? Unfortunately, the answer is, "Not really". As in Japan, the emphasis is on the ceremony, and in China, upon the tea and its taste, so the Lovely Tea Ceremony's emphasis lies on the company we keep when enjoying the tea and the friendships we make.

However, do not despair citizens of Lovely, for I have come up with a solution. Whilst the full ceremony cannot be performed alone, I have developed a lesser ceremony hereafter known as The Emergency Lovely Tea Ceremony. And for this I have provided you with an Emergency Tea Ceremony Pack. It is your responsibility to keep this pack well stocked in case of an emergency.

Contents:

Various tea bags

Milk

Sugar

Stirrers

Assorted biscuits

In case of emergency:

1. Open pack and select tea
2. Boil kettle
3. Put selected teabag in mug and pour on boiling water
4. Add choice of milk, sugar or nothing
5. Choose biscuit
6. Raise mug into the air and intone the following, "I, insert name here, drink this tea, in honour of my Lovely friends in the Tea Appreciation Society. May they always have hot water. May they be supplied with plentiful biscuits. May they escape the

- clutches of the Confuddled Corner. May I be drinking with them soon. Long Live the King”
7. Drink tea at leisure, spinning round on every third sip to ensure the Confuddled Corner doesn't creep up behind you.

Please use this pack whenever you need a Lovely fix and the rest of us are not around, and hopefully it will tie to over to when the next Lovely Tea Ceremony is performed.

Yours in tea

Amber Prophet
Chief Brewer of the TAS
Mistress of the Teapot

100 % Dan Facts

By McFarlmo

Got his first job at 13 as did, Auguste Renoir who became a porcelain painter's apprentice

Famous Dannies

Danny Glover

80's band Danny Wilson

John travolta's character in Grease

Danny Baker

Danny Kelly

The character name of Mark Wahlberg in the 1999 movie the Corrupter was Danny Wallace!

Danny shares his birthday with Mani from the Stone Roses, Waqar Younis, and Griff Rhys Jones. "If you leave me now" by Chicago was number one on the day he was born

King Danny – minus crown is 6'1" as are Warren Beatty, Robbie Williams and Brigitte Nielsen. Danny De Vito is 5' 0"

Anagram corner

By McFarlmo

I lack England, Yawn
Lazy? Nice, love it!

ADVERT:

Missed the party, but still want a Lovely Santa Hat? They're now available on eBay! The last few remaining Santa hats, as sold at the First Citizen Christmas party, are now available. Once they're gone, they're gone... so grab one now whilst they're still available. All funds going to the charity fund, over £550 was raised on the night and we're bumping up the total with these last few pounds. Real collectors items!

Short listing! Listed as "Buy It Now", so get them quick as we won't be getting another supply!

www.ebay.co.uk, search for the following listing numbers, or click the links:

- Hats with embroidered flag badges sewn on them, £3.50 each (either plain or sparkly red fur)
[5647534256](#) (Red fur with sparkly bits)
[5647534621](#) (Plain red fur)
- Sparkly hats, *without* flags on them, only £2
[5647536194](#)

Thank you, and have a Lovely Christmas!

Lovely Spot The Difference

By Veer-Soon-For-Marmalade

Can you spot the TEN differences between these two pictures of King Danny driving to a gingerbread house?





Answers next issue!

SPORT

LOVELYS FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH

MANGOTSFIELD FC 0-5 DANVERS ATHLETIC

By giddsey

Lovelys first ever football match took place a couple of weeks ago. This is the interview with Stu Joslin, captain of Danvers Athletic. More games are planned and anyone interested in playing should visit us on sports.

Hi giddsey, many thanks for your interest in the game, it was indeed a great day for all involved, and I am of course happy to answer your questions.

Stu can you tell us the name of your team, where you from and who you played?

We are called Danvers Athletic and we come from Corsham, in Wiltshire. We had to travel about 30 miles to play Mangotsfield FC who are based in Bristol.

How many of the players are citizens of Lovely?

About four of our players are at the moment (including me) but we're in the process of converting everyone!

Can you give us a quick match report?

Champions League here we come! A second half demolition job by Danvers Athletic let them romp to victory against Mangotsfield today at Page Park. The game started scrappily and slowly, but, once players were over those inevitable nerves, it got flowing. Both sides attacked well, but with solid defending at both ends too, the deadlock wasn't broken until midway through the first half when Alex Mitchell chipped Jon Cook in the Mangotsfield goal from the edge of the box to make it 1-0. That's the way it stayed until half time, and, with manager Ben Morris making four changes to the side at the break, the game really opened up.

The floodgates opened on 62 minutes when Chris Light crashed a shot from midway into the Mangotsfield half, over Cook who was in no mans land and off the underside of the bar into the net. Quite possibly the best goal in Danvers history!

Further goals were added by substitute Rob Price, Alex Cumming and Mitchell again as Danvers eased home to a first league victory. This sends them to the top of the table and in search of a European place, Mangotsfield go bottom.

Who would you like to say a big thanks to?

First of all we'd like to thank the players and officials of Mangotsfield for playing the game in such a sporting manner, with the slippy conditions there were we could have expected a couple of nasty injuries but they played it fair and we applaud them for that. Thanks must also go to Chris Morris the referee who had an excellent game, to the two linesmen who also did well and our driver, Ian Holden, for getting us there!

When's the next game?

Hopefully we're going to set up a friendly against a local Sunday League side sometime soon to keep us ticking over, we also hope to get a new kit in the next few weeks.

Thanks mate, well played.

Thank you. I've attached a squad photo if you would like to put that in the paper too :)



Danvers Athletic 2005-06 Back Row (L-R) - Alex Cumming, Chris Light, Chris Casey, Craig Mackrell, Max Goff, Stu Joslin, Rob Price, Michael Joyce, James Baker, Ben Morris (Player/Manager) Front Row: Ben Lynch, Lloyd Davies, Alex Mitchell, Jack Holden, Andrew Chaloner, Nathan Hand, Stu Joslin

OPINIONS

The Outsiders View

Guest column by president Woodrow of woodstania

Kieran Collins overstepping too far in and out of lovely

It appears to me the shockwaves felt by the Sullifree crisis still won't go away and the scars are taking a long time to heal particularly in Lovely. Kieran Collins, almost without proper consent of King Danny, nearly dragged lovely into a conflict in which it had no reason to be involved in. The first point is Sullifree and Natopia are a long way away from lovely. Kieran should have thought lovely did not need to be involved in the war in the first place. It was a simple conflict between the Grand Commonwealth led coalition and Sullifree- Natopia. Second point Kieran as foreign minister should not even be taking care of Lovelies defences. That is the defence departments job. Kieran Collins overstepped his position and authority and nearly torched Lovely's foreign affairs.

Swizzleland Idea good but real world can't don't and won't listen

I have learned though the micras boards that Kieran is undergoing another micronation. The nation of Swizzleland in which from what I can see seems to want to change the real world. By doing this they have supported the make poverty history campaign and other related projects and organisation. But most micronationalists don't give a fig about the real world let alone the problems of the real world. Yes I know people are starving in Africa and the second and third worlds but a micronation cannot undertake this sort of activity. And its news pages are crammed of news about the real world not the cyber world or Swizzleland itself. If I wanted to see this news I would go to the BBC news site not Swizzleland. I don't think it's a bad idea but a site and target review may be in order.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Editor's Comment

Dear everyone,

This is the last issue of the Guardian Angel this year. It sounds cliché, but it seems like only yesterday we were starting out. Most of the original team have long gone. Real life and its demands became too much competition. This is still a major problem. We are constantly losing staff to the real world. I can understand that. Sometimes there just aren't enough hours in the day. But I still feel that if I can do it the rest of you should at least try your hardest. For a country of 200+ (now universally accepted figure based on GA research) active citizens there is embarrassingly little input in the only newspaper. Come on. It's not that hard.

All right, enough recruitment, I have been told it is bad manners. I have seen this paper grow from a mere idea to a sparkly, informative and entertaining medium. Granted it has not always been 100% accurate, but we really do our best. The man-hours that go into this thing are unbelievable. If I got paid I'd be rich. We are going to make mistakes, and you are going to have to forgive us. If you want better service then come and help. There has been the infamous Citizen Numbers scandal, now long resolved, and more recently the mix up over Kieran's resignation. I apologise. We meant no harm. We are just trying to put together a paper we can all be proud of, and I will see that happen if it's the last thing I do. That's a promise. I am not going to run out when things get tough. I am in this for the long haul.

When I look at this paper and think of all that has happened to bring it from what it was in August to what it is now I am truly amazed. I'm sure you will all agree it has been a momentous achievement. But this is what people can do when they put their minds to it. Lovely is full of people who want to make the world a better place, to pull their weight and make a difference. And the GA is a testament to that. I feel extremely privileged to have had this experience and to have shared it with so many others. I want to thank you all for making it possible. So, like the Oscars, here come the names of all the people who have

helped make the GA what it is:

Suzkin, our dear founding Editor
Bowl, for his sense of fun
Newcitizen, for keeping everyone on their toes
The Fool, for giving us our first real structure
TheArtist, who is always there supporting us
Rocking, for putting us on the Lovely map
Rev, for the alternative viewpoint
Mike, for the sheer quantity of reporting and his love of truth
Saz, for the astronomical amount of IT help
Pixie, for keeping us all together

(Sorry if I'm missing anyone. It's late.)

I've come to think of you all as friends. I hope the GA can continue into the New Year, and many more after that. And may it get better and better every time. I will certainly be doing my best to see that it does.

And to all you Lovelies out there, thank you too. Just for existing. Just for being lovely. For confirming my belief that the world is a truly wonderful place, and that it will all be all right in the end if only we try. After so many months Lovely may seem just an escape, an interesting game, but we can make a difference. We can change the world. Talk to your neighbours. Be Nice. We will make the world a better place a little at a time. I believe that. And maybe it's naïve, maybe it's deluded, but I believe it's true and I am determined to see it happen. Just watch this space. 2006 will be fantastic!

And now, on behalf of the whole the team, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year to Date.

With all my love

Nathalie van Dantzig

Editor

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