

Justice for All?

By Rev1

The prison has seen a new surge in activity lately, with the recent imprisonment of FFF president Barcode, Archbishop Josh and Preston's child. While Preston has a history of spamming, the other two inmates have spotless records as citizens. As ever they didn't receive any information from the moderation team about why they were in prison, but given the timing it looks like it was related to the hacking of Danny Wallace's account. Preston broke news of the hacking on the message boards whilst Barcode, Josh and other FFF members discussed it at length on the FFF threads. Barcode even speculated that all three were in prison just for mentioning Danny's member name. If this is true then it shows a staggering level of hypocrisy on the part of the mods, given the list of the top 100 posters and their member names on the Citizens Required home page. It also shows another failing of the moderation team – for all Danny's talk of tracing the culprit it seems only 3 innocent citizens were punished.

After a few days Preston, Barcode and Josh were released and replaced with a new inmate – Baby Jesus. Presumably in for spamming, it looks like the mods caught two of his accounts – probably the accounts associated with the nicknames Baby Jesus and David Blunkett, although it's hard to tell since the mods appear to have reset his nicknames. Due to the mysterious nature of Baby Jesus it's difficult to tell if those accounts are still in prison at this time.

In breaking news the Riot Squad has been disbanded. Originally formed as a rebel police force to counter both the official police and the security organisations, in recent times it has started to become an accepted part of the national infrastructure. Which is why myself and other members of the Riot Squad feel it's time to end it. We had some good times, rampaging through the Land of Tramps, raiding the CTU headquarters, burning down mansions, churches, air/sea rescue bases, bars. But it's time to move on.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Election Explained

By Me_Ikjhgfdsa

February the 8th, a glorious day in the history of our nation, a triumphant step for democracy. Finally the people of Lovely have had the chance to savour the fact that electing in a legitimate democratic process a head of government who is more than some self appointed no-one (no offence intended to anyone) is really quite a good thing.

The first round was not without its critics - it had small electorate (only 67 of the entire population) and the ballot was not secret, multiple votes could have been a possibility but it appears that this did not happen. However the second round was widely regarded as superior. The election on the main board was secret and so infinitely superior to the initial one, however there were fears expressed that some people might be able to vote multiple times if they put their minds to it, which did mar. Please note now that no offence should be seen as being heaped at Rev's door as he did as well as possible given the restrictive nature of what can and cannot be done on a message board.

The result of the election was a narrow win for PsychoticMike who in his words ran a "positive" campaign based on "what Saz and I can do for the country" and pointing out "how long we've been making an impact" however it has yet to be seen if the partnership will be hindered by the failure to be supported by a clear majority of Lovelies. PsychoticMike certainly claims to have been less guilty of spamvertising during the election than others, however his opponent Barc0de claims to be unaware of FFF spamvertising on his behalf and frowned upon it when it occurred, whilst Rock4Babs' poor result has been seen by some to be a direct result of the perception of a Spamvertising campaign.

The two other candidates; Barc0de and Rock4babs, ran campaigns on very different areas. Barc0de offered the ideal of "the Lovely you always wanted" backed up by the rest of the publicity that the FFF has gained throughout its history. Rock4babs has been following the EPP line of simplified 'laissez faire' politics and allowing things to happen as they happen and just trying to make the ride as enjoyable for all those involved.

Regardless of the individuals involved and who won, the fact that there was a democratic election on something that actually matters (not trying to degrade the name thing but Home v. Lovely - hardly a vote that will help shape the future of the country) is widely perceived to be a great thing by many citizens. The foundation on which the future of Lovely's King-fearing democracy can be based will no doubt centre around the Prime Minister (as all candidates promised to make steps to increase the level of democracy in Lovely) who will no doubt take a large role in the construction of any future parliament (which hopefully will not die a death like the past - very noble but alas unsuccessful-attempts).

Ultimately the Prime Minister will provide a rallying point for citizens and help progress in Lovely. The king has said unreservedly that he will maintain power and so the presence of the Prime Minister brings once again to the forefront the discussions about the nature of democracy and the King's place in it. It must be hoped these discussions will take place with as many participants as possible so that a small number of people will not have too great an amount of power, in order to ensure that Lovely remains for the Lovelies.

The School of Law (A Kieran Collins Project)

By HM Bobness

Lovely's very own Minister for Foreign Affairs is once again at the forefront of Lovely life with his latest and intriguing project, the School of Law. The School of Law aims to give citizens of Lovely, the Micronations and indeed anyone interested a taste of the laws in the UK, Internationally and right here in Lovely itself.

The project has been active for about two weeks now and seems to have taken off with a fully functioning website and message boards. Kieran says: 'With the recent elections for PM being made official by HRH King Danny I, it is important that we build an institution that allows all to understand the law that little better.'

And that seems to be the aim of the School of law. Merely by reading the adverts placed around the Main Boards, you can get a better sense of the laws around us and why they are there. Yet the School of Law will help those interested to develop their understanding and fuel their interest for the study of Law and Legal Practice.

Anyone is able to join by e-mailing the Admissions Department through addresses given at the end of this article. Successful applicants have the opportunity to study a range of courses including Criminology, Criminal Law and Public Law in the UK and Lovely. If you don't fancy any of those then keep looking, within the near future a further eight courses will be appearing including Micronational Law, Civil Law and Trade Law.

Whilst the current courses are based mainly around Scottish law, there is still plenty for students to get involved in and enjoy learning about. Kieran has assembled a large variety of excellent teaching staff and lecturers. Some are old faces from Lovely, others are welcomed newcomers.

Whatever the outcome from this project, it looks very interesting and I recommend all GA readers take a look and decide for themselves. If I didn't have so much on at the moment, I can say for certain I would be joining up!

For those interested more information can be found at the following address:
<http://www.kierancollins.com/lawschool/>

All Admissions should be sent to: admissions@kierancollins.com

A wave of Hacking

By PsychoticMike

Last weekend, around the time my appointment as prime minister of Lovely was announced, a wave of "hacking" started on the boards. The initial concern was that the hacker was trying to log into other people's accounts, meaning that they could pretend to be the person.

Upon thinking this I created a thread with which to alert people to the problem,

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2226482>.

Soon it became clear that instead of trying to hack into and impersonate citizens, they were merely trying to disrupt any talk on the boards by using the BBCi security measures to cause accounts to be temporarily locked. This failed however, due to the use of 2nd, or in my case 6th, accounts, and just strengthened our determination to remain resolute and united against such adversity, as I commented in the statement I released to The Truth at the time.

After 2 days of these attacks, a confession to the attacks on me, and the impersonation of barcode (see one of my other articles in this edition) was made

here, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2249370>. The attacker claimed links to the tau alliance and Baby Jesus, both with history of spamming, and thus more likely to be distrusted by the majority of citizens. Baby Jesus, or David Blunkett as that account is named, showed clear resentment at being linked to the tau and these attacks, dispelling such accusations quickly, stating how he "hates the tau". Kael, who has experience of the online criminal underworld, had already stated that such accusations are merely "shifting the blame".

Soon after this announcement, my main account got blocked again, for one more, hopefully final, time. I was delighted by the response of citizens though, we showed how we can hold together as a community in the face of adversity, and hopefully we can continue to work together over the coming months to make Lovely even better, and stop any such attacks in future.

The King's Newsletter

In the unlikely event any of you don't receive the King's newsletters, we will publish them for you here.

10-02

Hello my Lovely Citizens,

This is a very big day for Lovely. The results from the recent prime ministerial elections are in - the votes have been counted and verified by Jon Bond, and if you tune in to the latest edition of Citizen TV you can hear me announce the result live...well almost live. To everyone who voted and took part in the election I thank you for helping make Lovely a better and more democratic place. Only I hope our new Prime Minister uses his position wisely and for the good of the country.

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

Meanwhile in other news ...Postmaster Razerbug has set up a Post Office. I was pleased to see that he has made contact with the UK Post Office about delivering Lovely's mail. This is exactly the kind of initiative we need in order to move our country forward. As Kennedy once said ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. In this spirit I hereby give the Post Office my royal assent. Arise the Royal Post Office of Lovely!

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=2103570>

And the truth shall set yee free...so ready the by-line of our latest newspaper "The Truth". Published by the Silent Presses, it makes for very interesting reading.. the latest issue is available at the following address

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=2163272>

Now there is nothing wrong with a good conspiracy theory and I should know, but I just want to remind all of my citizens that just because it appears on the messageboards doesn't mean it is true...here are a few examples of some of the more recent conspiratorial gems concerning the future of Lovely...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2170084>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2218429>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2218413>

A citizen of our country has been in prison for a number of months now. I decided to release him on Wednesday as I felt that he had finally learnt his lesson and he seemed to be getting a little lonely in there. However I was saddened to read that on his release he went on a rampage of the country causing havoc and mayhem. I've read various rumours that he is hiding out on one of the BBC sport message boards or that he is being detained in the Riot Squad Headquarters. If anyone knows of his whereabouts please email me at danny@citizensrequired.com. I shall be keeping an eye on him and if there is any more trouble I will have to put him back in prison! Below are the threads detailing his crime and his prison stay.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1761366>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2443598>

Finally I have decided to give the following citizens OEDs in recognition of their services to the country, Ambassador Smith and Revolutionary1.

Keep up the good work,

King Danny I of Lovely

14-02

Dear Citizens of Lovely,

It is with a bulging heart and a large dollop of pride that I write to you today with truly exciting, nay, extraordinary news! At approximately 9.41am today, we the people of Lovely achieved a landmark in the history of our great nation, because this very morning the one-millionth message was posted on our official message boards by citizen 'I-be-after-e'.

And what did this most prestigious message say? Well I won't ruin the surprise but you can read it by going to the following link and looking at message 990.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2229001&skip=980&show=20>

So it is with great pride and honour that I, King Danny of Lovely, declare that from this day forth the 14th of February will be known as Millionth Message Milestone Day! Pretty catchy don't you think. Call it fate, call it karma but the fact such an important day in our country's history falls on Valentine's Day also makes it nice and easy to remember. This, I think you will agree, is truly lovely! So lets raise our flags, put our hands on our hearts, ask the boss for the day off, and sing the national anthem.

http://www.citizensrequired.com/unit/sn_anthem/anthem.shtml

Thank you my fair citizens for all your great work, and I look forward to us breaking the next great historical landmark - overtaking the Marshal Islands, so that we shall become the biggest little country in the world!

King Danny 1

p.s. I'm now going to have to find a quiet corner to sit in and calm down, as you can tell I'm a bit over excited.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Micronational view

By Woodrow

Simulating cities is one thing, a nuclear explosion is another

Recently it seems the CIS had simulated a nuclear explosion within their borders and blamed it on an A-bomb explosion from another nation. At the time the blame was on Shireroth but at time of press, there are rumours that they are pinning the blame on me. My nation is secessionist from lovely fair enough but also has characteristics of a simulationist nation. However, simulating this and pinning the blame on an innocent nation both violates the trust of all the nations around Micras. I believe the lovely sector of micronationalism should embrace the ways of our micronation brothers and sisters as King Danny has quoted to have said. Now the CIS may be involved in a war soon thanks to its scapegoating of other nations

Micronational reactions to Psychoticmike's election victory

New Britannia

I think that Lovely will be better off with a PM because he will be able to run things on a personal level where as Danny won't. I am slightly concerned by the way Danny made sure to point out that he was still in charge though. He (mike) sounds nice enough and I think he will do a good job and I wish him luck

Grand Commonwealth

This is a vindication of the democratic process in Lovely and proves no doubt that it is indeed a very lovely community in any event. We are aware that lovely is very much more than just another Micronation so we shall wait and see what changes in policy and attitude the new administration brings with it.

And me (Woodstania)

For me Mike was the only candidate suitable for the job. His foreign policy was the better of the three and has a fresh clean start on the micronation's board. Mike should also prove more popular than Kieran if he keeps his nose clean. Mike also will bring prosperity to Lovely and give it a better image within Micras

POLITICS

State of a Nation

By Psychotic Mike

Friday the 10th February 2006 was one of the most significant days in the history of Lovely. It was the day that King Danny announced in an episode of Citizen TV that the first ever Prime Minister for the country had been elected. The votes had been counted and the final result was that I, Psychoticmike, had been chosen by the citizens for this role. I wish to thank everyone who voted, regardless which candidate you chose, for taking the time to be a part of Lovely's future. Politics is a subject that I realise many citizens are not overly eager to participate in. However I hope that in the following 6 months you will see changes in the way in which you, as citizens of Lovely, can be involved in the running of the country,

The contest was a close run thing, and the opposition proved a challenge. I would like to wish both Barcode and Babs the best of luck for the future, and hope that although technically opposition, that we will all be able to work together should the need arise.

Saz and I have spent a long time discussing the proposed format for our government of Lovely. In the end we both agreed that assigning portfolios for the government ministers would result in those being given the positions being left too restricted. We would rather have input from everyone in the cabinet on all government matters in order to gauge the reaction of a fair representation of the community, rather than task each person to have sole responsible for "organising" each area. This will also ensure that no part of the government is left unattended at any point.

For this reason we chose to invite eight people, from a variety of areas of the Lovely community to join our new government, and we can now announce that it includes the following members:

Dantzig, Bert, ID06, MooseAde, Night Flyer, Razerbug, VeerSoonForMarmalade and CoolMin.

Each of these people were carefully selected because of their past dedication and their ongoing determination to make Lovely brighter for its citizens. We feel confident that our government is now filled with not only hardworking, but also trustworthy members. Their abilities are already our strengths, and we both wish to thank them all for agreeing to take this step to work with us directly for their country.

The coming months will no doubt bring Lovely into a new dimension, with the formation of a new Government, the continued plans for taking the country forward, as well as the addition of more citizens from all around the world and from other forums. Both Saz and I will spend the next six months, and hopefully beyond, working for the good of the citizens and the country. Our decision to run in this election was in order to get a chance to help improve Lovely, and this is a promise that we are both determined to fulfil.

Although there has not seemed like any official word from us as of yet, please do not be disillusioned. In order to begin our role we have had to make contact with King Danny, and I am pleased to say that the response from his offices on Thursday means that we are now able to put our plans into action.

SKETCH

By Schaferlord

Lovely has its new Prime Minister, or should that be Prime Ministers as it now has two of them. The partnership of Saz and Mike (or S&M if you prefer, I know I like S&M) is thought of to be awfully exciting with Mike's kindness, warmth, sweetness and popularity proving the perfect foil for Saz's egotistical, power mad and slightly tyrannical personality. The Prime Ministers haven't been that Prime Ministerial as of yet, with Mike spending a large amount of his time in Psychocouchpotato's drinking and answering the odd question of the punters, and Saz has been all Saz like. That's right people we have elected a Drunk and a Saz. I can see it now, Lovely will make peace with the nations and micronations of the world by having its leader drunkenly go to their leaders hug them and tell them that they're "his best mate in the world". Problems the country faces will be solved with by prodding them with Biro's, Rusks and anything else that catches Saz's eye. Picture the scene at the Prime Minister's residences as Saz tries in vain to prod Mike into getting dressed for an official engagement. The government hot line gets redirected to the bar and world leaders and Lovely officials are greeted by cheery bar staff, which can't hear them over the music and thus never get put through to Mike. Six months now seems like an awfully long time doesn't it, still at least the King has made it clear that he's still in power. Oh wait this is the King that is not seen for long periods of time is often criticised for his lack of doing anything and still won't get back to the GA for an interview he's agreed to do, maybe we aren't safe after all. Still its early days, maybe Mike's drinking habit is purely him building Dutch courage to do the radical reform he thinks Lovely needs (no doubt involving reworking of the alcohol licensing laws) and Saz might be less Saz like eventually.

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

A Reaction to the Election

From the Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee

By HM Bobness

Morning all as you read this on a typically Lovely Sunday morning. I hope all of our readers are spiffingly well and suitably dressed. Thanks to the tremendous response to my last article, I shan't be calling everyone Baboons. Now, to business.

The Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee, Lovely's primary defence body, is dedicated to protecting our land from all threats, both internal and external. We are in the process of organising a series of meetings with our new Prime Minister to discuss the Security and Defence of Lovely both now and in the coming months. When these meetings are concluded, we will publish the results for all to see (probably through another of my droning articles).

We understand the citizens of Lovely have been concerned about the numerous account hacking incidents and we assure you we are doing all we can. We will be sharing what we have so far with the Prime Minister at the J-DIC meeting and hope to work with him to find a resolution to this problem. Both the Counter Terrorist Unit and the newly reformed Lovely Secret Service are working to get to the bottom of the hacking incidents and anything we find will be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

J-DIC see the appointment of Mike as a step in the right direction for Lovely and are confident that any power he has will not be misused or misinterpreted. The Chiefs of Staff look forward to working with him, and you, the public, to provide a brighter and safer future.

Yours, Ellie – Chief of Naval Staff (Acting) on behalf of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, J-DIC

Lovely, Democracy and the FFF

By Sub-Commandante, FFF Shadow Minister for Trade and Industry.

As an FFF Party Zealot I have been watching the electoral results with eager interest and no little consternation. However, whoever wins, it is imperative that the old order hands over legislative power to the new Prime Minister and their government. It would be a travesty should the new leadership be denied power of legislation, for the whole system would descend into farce. It is the right of the King to retain Executive power, however legislative and/or judicial power must be in the hands of the people and their elected representatives. The new government must be given the right to veto all decisions made by the King and to be able to change the constitution. The King cannot be allowed to declare an Official election and any votes thereof null and void without sufficient popular-backed grounds. The King must back all decisions made by Parliament and any Official Royal opposition to parliamentary decisions should constitute an infringement upon legislative power. However, if a Royal decision is approved by Parliament then it must be carried out by legislative Parliamentary rule. The King should retain Executive power, however legislative power and the right to veto should be essentially that of Parliament. I would like to make it known that if I am part of a new government and that government fails to be given it's inherent rights then I am prepared to resign from any possible position in the government and from my position within the FFF.

Justice for ALL!

By Psychotic Mike

Justice has always been one of the ideals of greatest importance to me. Long before running for Prime Minister I felt that the lack to even give a reason for imprisonment, let alone a trial, has resulted in the Lovely prison being one of the greatest causes of injustice in our otherwise fine country.

I was shocked to learn that almost immediately after my appointment was announced on CitizenTV, my leading opponent in the elections had been

incarcerated. As soon as I heard, I gave my immediate support and sympathy, echoing the feelings of the citizens of Lovely who began many campaigns for his release. My comments were extended to both Archbishop Josh and prestons_child who had also suffered the same fate, and who, like barcode had the same main concern: establishing why they had been put there, not how to get out. In barcode's case, the accepted reason for his imprisonment became that he had posted data about citizen usernames, although this has never been officially confirmed.

I am obviously delighted that they were all released on the following Monday, however historically (with the exception of Night Flyer) a typical sentence has been one weekend, leading to speculation that the campaigning and pressure applied from various groups within Lovely had no actual effect, other than providing the prisoners with the much needed support of their peers during bewildering times.

All of this strengthened my resolve to instigate major changes in the prison system, and to introduce a fair process whereby only the real criminals are subjected to incarceration, thus hopefully ensuring that there will be no cases of false imprisonment in the future.

OPINIONS PAGE

What your country can do for you! A return to Lovely

By Razerbug

Most of you know me as the nut that decided Lovely needed a Post Office, but some, don't know me – which is odd because I've been here since the beginning.

It's perhaps not surprising thought that my name isn't recognisable, for a long time during Lovely's growth I didn't even look at the message boards. My loss.

It was in fact the editor of the GA that persuaded me to go back and get involved. Now I am, in up to my neck, so she's asked me to write a little something.

I became a citizen after reading an article in the Daily Express (I think) that I picked up after a short stop at a little chefs restaurant. The paper announced that some strange writer from Bow was going to start this own country and was asking people to join him, there was going to be a TV show about it. But I took one look at the message boards and was, well, bored. There seemed to be lots of random word games being played and some tiresome individuals posting random Spam or telling us how sad we were for joining this great nation. Coupled with a message board system I was totally unfamiliar with and the fact that Citizens TV was a much easier way to see what was going on with the country, I just sat back and watched. Well not entirely, I suggested names, e-mailed pictures and voted on the website, but hearing nothing from our King I figured the whole thing had been a media stunt.

It was this idea that ironically got me back into this whole thing in the first place – I wrote a piece for the GA and got talking with our illustrious editor,

she's a very persuasive woman and pointed out I wouldn't get anything out of Lovely if I didn't put anything in.

As a famous man once said "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country!"

Lovely, like life itself, is not a spectator sport. I've heard lots of people say: "I signed up but I don't post. Its not a real country, it's not on TV anymore" – well it's never going to be unless people do something about it. We are building this country. Get out there and build it! Embrace daft ideas and try and make them real. If you see something missing, be the one who fills the gap.

Perhaps at the moment we haven't quite got a country, but we have a community. Talk to each other, meet each other, I'll be a testament to the fact that the more you get involved with Lovely the more and more you'll enjoy it.

Can we really trust Trip?

By Prince Kael

Most recently more than ever I have noticed that Trip has been going for more power than ever... with him trying to reach power in the up-most corners of Lovely I begin to ponder if he even has our best interests at heart

Are we being protected by a good hearted saint, or a power hungry maniac, much like I believed Kieran was heading to.

Now there is much evidence to prove Trip is going for the power grab of lovely. One such was made obvious when I was hired to play as clandestine the 3rd in an attempt to disrupt the politics of lovely leaving it open for attack from outsiders and insiders whom I shall not name but I can say the parties aimed at mostly where the RVP, FFF, Glories, PRM and VIVA! , I Will now show you evidence I wrote up earlier in the CTU thread

Addressed To Trip: CTU seems to be in turmoil as usual Trip... I'm beginning to ponder your strength in today's Lovely... You sure seem to be trying to take a lot of it so now wouldn't possibly be the best time you're part in the clandestine operation and u had to settle 2nd best for half of Lovely back 2 lil old head of counter terrorist unit?! And how you and the Woodstanic hired me... and how u wanted half for me to bring down lovely... and the fact u decided to catch... me as u so calmly did without me putting up a fight... LIKE THAT WOULD HAPPEN!!!!!! And getting to stir it a bit more... what a lovely political leader you would become!!! I wonder if other politicians can trust you now...

He has made a grab for the police force as well as owning CTU.... he likes showing his power which makes me wonder his true intent... he believes he is untouchable from anyone including our fair prime minister Well I think this has proved he is far from untouchable from me.

Now you need to ask yourself

CAN WE REALLY TRUST TRIP?

(P.s. Nothing personal Trip buddy ol' pal, but business is business.)

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

As you may already be aware I am fond of my brisk strolls through the parks and public gardens of Lovely, wandering up hill and down dale, taking in my surroundings and generally enjoying the sights and sounds of our Great Nation. Just recently I have been concerned to see dwindling numbers of other Lovely Citizens to nod and say hello to, or doff my cap to if they are of the fairer sex. This is a most alarming situation, and I for one believe something MUST be done to halt this steady decline.

It is up to us, the fine upstanding Citizens of Lovely to get out there and drum up new members for our Glorious Motherland! We should all be doing our bit for King and Country, garnering support, gaining signatories to the pledge, bolstering membership for this once great land until it can once again claim to be the greatest little country on the planet.

I implore your readers, all of them, to get out there and recruit, recruit, recruit. To paraphrase a young chap who was once under my command We shall go on to the end, we shall find them in France, we shall find them on the seas and oceans, we shall find them with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall expand our Land, whatever the cost may be, we shall find them on the beaches, we shall find them on the landing grounds, we shall find them in the fields and in the streets, we shall find them in the hills!

So go forth, dear reader, and do your bit - Your Country needs YOU!

Yours Stirringly,

Colonel (Retd.) Oswald T. Disgusted of Onebridge Tells

CULTURE

Our first National Holiday

By the editor

Citizens rejoice! As of 9.41 am on the 14th Febuary 2006 we Lovelies have our first national holiday: Millionth Message Milestone Day. Just look at that abbreviation. The millionth message was posted by citizen 'I-be-after-e' and can be viewed here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2229001&skip=980&show=20> It is post 990.

So seeing the 'enthusiastic' reaction the whole Valentines celebration got round here, I think we can count ourselves very lucky we have such a beautifully abbreviated alternative. Well done to the whole lot of us. Pats on the back all round. And let us all remember we couldn't have got here so soon without the spammers. All that remains now is to craft some suitably ridiculous traditions we can mark the occasion with every year from now on. Suggestions to mailroom@thega.org please.

Citizen TV

Back in the Future

By Bear

Well if you didn't see the episode last week you missed a few things; the PM is Psychotic Mike, Monkey Feet does some good animation, fingers make great actors and we found out the Current run of Danny larking about on our computer screens is almost at a close. We only have one more Tea filled episode to look forward to. He's told us about tea a few times, shown us a mug of his, how to make it, and drink it too. Danny has been capturing our hearts and eyes with these short little broadcasts of Lovely filled fun.

We've had a Grand Prix, a Public Information Film and a ditty about the fate of the chariot coasters. But best of all we got to hear about the people of Lovely, what they've been doing, who they've been getting to be part of Lovely and how they think we should get more people involved.

Now I have definitely enjoyed seeing Citizen TV on-line quite regularly. It's got a great selection of e-mails and picture on the Web casts and loads of brilliant, if not quite up to date, news. Now I do love Lovely and Danny but I do think Cit TV is missing a little something that the live shows had, Interactivity. On the Live shows I saw there were people ringing in and talking to Danny and he did things on the spur of the moment such as stripping the then Foreign Minister of his job and giving it to Kieran.

Now I think that the broadcasts are brilliant and informative and after seeing a few I realised that one of the shortest was my favourite. The Christmas Episode was in my opinion the best one going. It wasn't for the fact that you got to see my arm and a bit of my face, no it was purely to do with seeing Danny at his best and thinking on his feet. He was there not 2 meters in front of me giving an excellent rousing speech and watching it back later gave me such joy. It's seeing Danny having to think fast and funny which is great. The fact that there are so many Lovelians in the film is also a major plus point and them talking to Danny and the Camera Crew.

Now what I'd love is if a bit of this spontaneous wit and enthusiasm which is rife in the Xmas Episode made it into a few more episodes. I think Danny should have a phone call or a brief interview or outside filmed piece in each episode, such as Danny at a meet or doing some Lovely acts with the public or some of his Ambassadors or members of his parliament, I think this would get the Danny we love on our screens even more. The Danny asking for a mere Million for the signed piece of paper he'd printed the national anthem on, the Danny drinking "Medicinal" Whiskey to help his Kingly flu go away. This was the Danny we all cheer, to see him in an outside shoot with real people. Which is what Citizen TV should be about really, the people; it is called Citizen TV after all. I really like the videos and animations that have been sent in and I think that some could be developed further. We could get a few citizens with their own camcorders to film meets and acts of Loveliness to make into short pieces for Danny to show. I just feel that interaction is the key to making Cit TV the best it can be and making sure it's around for a long time yet.

As one of the organisers of CHEaSTER am planning to film a piece at the event and show the races the fun and the community of Lovely and how much fun we have when we meet up and interact which is what I feel Danny should do a little more. He was on fire at the Christmas meet and it made a Great event even more fun.

So Danny if you're reading please get a bit more of other people in the Future Citizen TV programmes and watch out for a film from CHEaSTER hitting your door mat.

A Lovely State Visit

By CoolMin

The second meeting of Citizens from north of the border was a very special event indeed as it was also the first official state visit to Lovely from a head of state of another micronation. His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Ardashir Khan Osmani (or Ardy to his friends) from the proud nation of Babkha (www.Babkha.com) honoured us with a visit. Ardy had recently bestowed Babkhan knighthoods on some of the Radio Lovely team for services to broadcasting. Traditional Scottish / Lovely hospitality was extended to Ardy. Kieran had looked after him well with board and lodging at Kieran Towers in Edinburgh, a tour of both fine cities, introduced Ardy to many friends, offered encouragement to sample a few fine refreshments and made sure that Ardy was not accosted by wild haggis or rampaging Scotsmen.

The meet, while not big in quantity, was big in quality. Kieran had brought with him not only Ardy but also Courtney, officially Lovely's newest member (joining right there and then). Courtney is from Boston and is studying with Kieran at Edinburgh for a few months, an absolutely lovely lady whom Kieran is lucky enough to call his girlfriend. And I was there too, obviously, so that made four. The few others we had hoped for could not make it on the night but nevertheless plenty of fun was had in our small, but lovely, group.

Kieran and co. had blazed a trail to the bar in Central Station where I joined the happy gang. Introductions, drinks, hugs, photos and the ritual sticking off Lovely flags onto most objects / people ensued along with serious talk about micronations and not so serious talk about everything else. A vote led to an adjournment to another bar which offered a typical warm Glaswegian welcome and cheap drink with the added entertainment of watching some of Glasgow's finest hairing up and down the road outside, we assume that the police budget is too tight for squad cars just now. Greetings from the meeting messages and phone calls were exchanged with other citizens and meetings taking place elsewhere in Lovely. More drink, laughs and photos later it was time to make like a policeman and sprint to the railway station to catch the last train home to Edinburgh for Kieran and co. Final hugs and handshakes before the Edinburgh bound trio had to run after a departing train yelling to it to stop for Royalty... "don't you know who this is?", and even though I suspect the railway crew did not recognise royalty when they saw it, they did stop anyway allowing Kieran, Ardy and Courtney on board and safely bound for Kieran Towers.

Details of the next Scottish meet will be well advertised, both in CR and through the pages of this fine publication, and hopefully more citizens will be

able to make it along. If you are able to attend then you will be made most welcome and we can guarantee that you will have a Lovely time.

Music Review

Imogen Heap, Scala London, 7th Feb

By Citizen Mooseade

Having been introduced to Imogen Heap's rather unique brand of vocal contortions, multi-layered effects and sampled beats about a year ago, I was keen to see how well her music would translate to a live performance, so when I won a pair of tickets to see her in London my wishes came true. I have to say, I was pleasantly surprised to begin with, and ended up thoroughly impressed all round.

Imogen uses an array of technology and trickery to recreate the many-layered recorded sounds of her Solo albums, and her work as part of Frou Frou, but the gadgets and gizmos don't get in the way of the music or her singing. She's just as happy sat at the piano with the minimum of fuss for the quieter numbers as she is bouncing (literally) around between her sampler, vocoder and mbira (look it up ;-), all the time maintaining her high octave and high octane vocals. While she does use some pre-sampled loops she "plays" each section live, mixing in different short sections as backing as she switches between singing cleanly to layering her voice using a chorus unit, then sampling herself and looping her own vocals as she adds more layers and variations. On the quieter tracks the effect is mesmerising, on the full-on numbers the sheer energy produced is overwhelming. The audience had been very restless during the support acts and first song, but by the end of the second song they were in the palm of her hand and ready to lap up everything thrown at them, even the sappy rubbish of "Can't take it in" written for the Narnia film.

I'm a bit smitten, can you tell? She's on a full UK tour in March and April, so catch her if you can. In the meantime, go and find copies of Speak For Yourself or I, Megaphone.

It's worth mentioning the support acts in brief. The first, Zoe Keating, is a cellist who joins Imogen on some of the songs later in the evening. For her own stint she plays her cello through a sampler, building up each tune by looping short segments of music until there are 4,5,6 cello parts all playing at once to give the tunes a bit of structure. It's all very clever, but ultimately limited and lifeless and the crowd became very restless and talkative as her set went on.

The second act got their attention, and again is someone worth seeking out, although only in small doses and only live. His name is Duracell, and he's a drummer, of sorts. He plays a basic set, two snares, kick-drum, hi-hat, but has attached Midi-triggers to each of them, and "plays" music from old Arcade games, such as Space Harrier, by triggering each note at a time with each hit. The result is a combination of incredibly frenzied drumming, with incredibly

complex patterns and timing, over which come the strains of late 80's Japanese Synth pop. It's all highly entertaining for two or three songs, which is luckily all he could manage before exhaustion set in. Any more tunes and I think the audience would have had enough.

www.imogenheap.com,
<http://monkeyfilter.com/link.php/8733>

www.zoekeating.com,

An Announcement for all you doubters...
CHEaSTER IS ON



to get details as they happen sign up at:
get-me.to/lovelycheaster

[<http://get-me.to/lovelycheaster>]

SOCIETY

Millionaire Marries Queen

By Citizen Saz

Less than two months into the year and Lovely held what must be the society wedding of 2006. Our very own millionaire Identitycard06 made QueenOfTheNanobots his wife in a stunning – albeit alternative and very very random – service, which featured a host of Lovely's own celebrity community.

The randomly selected bride looked radiant as she said her vows, and ID06 looked every inch the millionaire dressed in a brand new gold suit with matching top hat and tie. After an unconventional beginning in which neither the bride nor groom recalled who had been asked to officiate the proceedings (infact, the whole randomness of the day meant it was a surprise either

remembered where the wedding was to take place!), Rock4babs stepped in to save the day.

What followed was a moving ceremony in which BJC was best "man", PAsTA the "bridesmaid" (well, I did say it was an alternative service) and hula hoops were used as the rings with which the couple sealed their vows. There was a dramatic moment when the best "man" almost choked on one of the rings, but the first aid services of PAsTA and the organist McMo (who incidentally spoke only words of four letters) meant that there was no delay and the entire event continued without a hitch. Well, I say "without a hitch", but this is Lovely... nothing is ever clear-cut here.

Although it never really posed a threat to the wedding there was some concern over a platypus that broke free and ran amok amongst the guests. It was eventually bravely captured after biting the vicar by one of the guests, PsychoticMike, who attended his first public event since being elected Prime Minister of Lovely. Holding the animal firmly the Prime Minister (who also runs a chain of successful bar & grill franchises specialising in meat products) calmly took the creature away allowing the service to conclude before the new Mr & Mrs ID06 invited their guests to the reception where champagne from Isabelle's cafe flowed freely and the seven-tier stilton cake was cut.

During the speeches, not much notice was given to the apprehension of known pyromaniac Nunzilla who had been spotted dangerously close to the gin supply. Nunzilla later denied all allegations involving the theft of several wedding gifts, and although witness statements are unclear, officials would like to speak with a blonde lady who was seen near the scene during the service.

The happy couple then left the guests for their honeymoon – the exact location a closely guarded secret for security reasons.

The GA would like to wish both ID06 and QotN all the best for the future and would like to thank them both for allowing us to report exclusively on this event.

To see the wedding thread click here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307712?thread=1770804&skip=40&show=20#p25989640>

The reception was held here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307505?thread=888148&skip=1900&show=20#p25992593>

Lovely Refugees

ID06 interviews IB, cricket fan and Millionth-Post citizen

By ID06

As some of you may know, I have been maintaining a regularly updated list of the top 100 Longest Threads on our message boards. There has been a long climb over several months by Psychopotatoes Bar and Grill to reach the coveted Number One spot, currently over 36,000 posts. But a recent new thread looks like overtaking and far exceeding that total before much longer. "12000 reasons we love a day at the cricket" has in less than a month grown

from nothing to over 13,000 posts and reached eleventh position on the Longest Threads list.

Our Millionth-Post Citizen, IB, is one of the Lovely cricket fans and kindly offered to answer a few questions.

ID: I hear the cricketers have some threads on TMS with 100,000 posts, is that true? And how long did they take to reach that size?

IB: there was one thread on the TMS board with more than 112,000 posts on it. Was started early August last year during the England/Australia ashes series. Named something like 12,000 things you like about England it was started in response to a similar thread entitled 12,000 things you like about New Zealand which got to some 66,000 posts until both were culled and removed from the TMS board at the end of January. The 12K NZ thread was started by Big Bird Kiwi who is now posting in Lovely.

ID: Have the cricketers noticed that their threads here are well on the way to being the biggest threads in Lovely?

IB: Some have noticed that they are rapidly growing but that is not important. The most important thing is that people enjoy them and the cricketers are very pleased indeed that so many Lovely people have joined in with them and made them so welcome.

ID: How many full stops are there in the Ginormous Sentence thread?

IB: Really the Ginormous sentence should not have any but some posters probably don't realise that. The best way of running such a thread is to ask postyers to restrict each post to no more than 3 or 4 words.

ID: Will the cricketers stay with us forever or is this just a temporary stay?

IB: The cricketers have no intention of moving away from their new found home although from time to time forays may be made back to the old TMS boards but only for serious cricket conversation.

ID: Should cricket be made our National Sport by King Danny?

IB: I do feel that King Danny should consider cricket as the national sport of Lovely. There is obviously much interest in the game being shown by his citizens that he could even consider organising Lovely's own ashes series.

ID: How many regular posters from the TMS boards have come to the Lovely boards?

IB: Difficult to say how many regular posters moved over. There must be at least 20 or so that are posting daily now and perhaps another 10 or so that come on occasionally. These figures are growing day by day as far as I can see.

ID: Thanks, that's brilliant

IB: No probs

So if you see any cricket fans, say hello, give them a smile, make them feel welcome, and don't argue with them about football being better.

12000 reasons we love a day at the cricket

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=2117776>

The Orphanage - Please help us to help them.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2135600>

The Ginormous Sentence returns (in exile)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2137453>

Care and Support in Lovely

By PAsTA

Over the last six months of Lovely's existence, a very strong feeling of community has developed. I have seen countless examples of Citizens helping out those who are feeling down; it is very uplifting to see this happen, and often from what may appear to be unlikely quarters. We don't all get along, no group of people exists without some differences of opinion, but I have been surprised that even long-standing arguments have been put aside in the interests of helping someone else feel better.

Some Citizens seem to be incessantly cheerful (almost annoyingly so!), always in a buoyant and happy mood; others appear to be on a real downer most of the time (although that can be deceptive too – it is often just their ironic humour that gives this impression). The vast majority, of course, fall between the two extremes. But things happen in our lives, both online and off, that sometimes make us profoundly unhappy, and it is at times like this that we are lucky to be able to count on the support of our fellow Citizens, and rarely have I seen this lacking when it really matters. It may not always work, there are times when we can't find adequate words to say, when it seems that nothing we can say will make things better – but people are remarkably persistent and tenacious, determined to help lift the mood or provide some glimmer of hope to the downhearted amongst us.

I applaud all who act in this way, unselfishly helping others, it seems to me to be one of the greatest achievements of our country that there can be such a sympathetic response to those in need of help. The recent influx of Cricket fans from the Test Match Special message board is a typical example – many were apparently subjected to torrents of the most vile abuse in their previous home, for no real reason, but they have been universally welcomed, often extremely warmly, and are already established as an integral part of Lovely.

We may have our ups and downs, but Lovely as a whole is proving to be a very worthwhile place, a place that has the capacity to improve the quality of life of its Citizens. It is an important foundation upon which to build, and I hope it continues to do so.

© King PAsTA of Beaugium, 18th February 2006

An Evil Penguin – Profile

By Rogue

Name: An Evil Penguin

Age: Unknown

Sex: Male

Last known residence: Secret Command Igloo

Weaponry of choice: Crossbow (semi-auto), 30cm ruler (used like sword), fire in general

Allies: Ye meece, Kael CGC, Evil Ninja Henchpenguin, Mounted Riot squad (ish)

Associates: Isabelle, Fiery bad girl, Saz, Mike (ish), Penguin Overlord (ish), Barcode (ish), TAS in general

Nemeses: Trip, CTU in general, I-Be-After-E, Pink Penguin (surprisingly), Nanook of the North, Preston's Child [Cease fire]

Favourite DVDs: Wallace + Grommit (the wrong trousers), Jay + Silent Bob strike back

Favourite pastimes: Curling, Engineering, Pyromania, Astronomy, Espionage, Civil Engineering, Mischief, Mayhem, Liberation, Petty theft, Theft

Favourite foods: Fish pie, Fresh trout, Tea, Milk, Sardine sandwiches, Fish in general (even burnt!), pizza (bizarrely)

Favourite Olympic sports (winter): Skeleton bob, Curling, Bobsled, and Snowboarding

Favourite Hang outs: Chez Isabelle, Secret command Igloo, TAS, CTU/Police station (mischief making), Psychopotatoes

Dislikes: Authority in general, Animal containment (zoos, pet shops, etc.), The Truth, Phone taps (no matter how bodged), People who don't know the difference between a Nuclear reactor and a Nuclear Missile.

Personality Type: Extreme Introvert

Mental Stability: 13



ROLE PLAY

A Prisoner on the Rampage

By Lady Marie

Hi it's me Marie again with another of my hopefully not so boring articles.

Well it all started on a Wednesday night when Night Flyer, who I am sure you have all heard of, was released from jail after his many weeks of incarceration. Now personally I would like to think that the events involving Night Flyer after his release were an after effect of the insanity the solitary confinement caused, but let's not make excuses for this person. I am here to report the facts.

The first place Night Flyer ran to was the Country Manor, and really the only reason why I can see they went there was to cause mayhem and destruction. After an initial struggle in which Night Flyer tried to smother some unsuspecting victim with a pillow he jumped out of the window and ran off into the night, closely followed by none other than me.

His next stop was the R.S.L.P.C.A. where, when I ran in after him, he was doing something so unimaginable to a sheep I can't repeat it. Needless to say when I approached Night Flyer he threw the sheep at me and ran off into the night again, tailed by me of course.

Night Flyer's next stop was the Lovely Fire Station, where he proceeded to steal the fire engine and head over to Toaster's General Store. He drove the fire engine through the front of the store (tsk tsk!!!!) and started stealing the alcohol. But there was I still on the case and after a lengthy battle scene Hollywood would have been proud of (hehe) and me getting shot, and throwing a tin of beans at Night Flyer's head (and I will admit he nearly had me for a while there when he tried to strangle me) But I dealt with him once again, cuffed him and dragged him back to the Riot Squad HQ where he

remained until he very cleverly created a voodoo doll of the cell bars and broke out (don't ask me I just report the facts) Anyways, to finish this one quickly, at this moment in time Night Flyer appears to be behaving so I have decided to leave him be FOR NOW. But be warned Night Flyer, any more of your past behavior and it's the slammer for you.

Well that's about it for now. Thanks yet again if you got this far, hope you enjoyed it and will hopefully see you all soon.

Marie

An Evil Penguin

By Lady Marie

As I am sure many of you have read in The Truth, and are now aware, the Evil Penguin has alleged plans to rob the Lovely Museum of it's biggest diamond. Now I am wondering if finding out that the museum has a diamond was as much of an eye opener to you lot as it was to me. I had no idea the museum contained such a jewel.

Well what do we know about this penguin? Not a great deal I am afraid other than that he has a secret command igloo (oooh scary) where I am guessing he uses his planning room to make plans!!!! 'What are these plans?' I hear you ask. And the truth is, who knows what runs through the mind of an Evil penguin, and are we brave enough to want to know?.

Well the Penguin in question has spent a lot of time measuring threads and sending emails from his/her bunker, and the content of the emails is still a mystery for now. As for the measurements and plans, The Truth already exposed what were thought to be the penguins plans, but I have since found out that Evil Pengiun claims these plans to be forged and nothing to do with him/her. Now this may come as a shock to some, but when the Peguin was questioned by Prestons_Child he/she seemed confused that they had been thought of as a thief. So what does this mean? Hopefully we will have more to report soon. But until then I think that's all I have to say. Hopefully I will be back with more details as and when they are found out.

Thanks once again if you have read this far and take care

Marie.

Prince Kael's Crime Spree

By Lady Marie

Hi it's me again Marie, and I'm pretty sure your all getting sick of me by now, but tough here I am (only joking) with another article on the role play that goes on in Lovely.

From the title you have pretty much gathered what this one is about so I will get right to it and tell you it started in CTU, which seems to have been an easy target given the fact he just walked right in there and back out with the

money. Then he headed on over to FFF Treasury which was just the same as CTU; he walked in and out with the money and no one or anything to stop him.

Kael then targeted the Beau House, where he robbed the safe and came up against a stronger opposition with the Beau security but gain made off into the night with his spoils, and if I don't skip a few of the places he went to I will be here all night so I will skip to part where he tried to rob Psychopotato's Bar and Grill.

It all started when Kael burst into the bar and decided he would take a customer of the bar hostage by placing a gun to his head and demanding Mike hand over the money. At this point Mike proceeded to ask Kael "what money?" apparently Kael either thought We (the owners of the bar) owed him money or just clearly wanted to take what we had on the premises. Needless to say with the brave efforts of the customers and the security system Mike had installed the robbery was not one of Kaels most successful crimes, but was definitely a brave attempt and made very good reading so thanks for that Kael. Moving on, and this one of Kael's crimes is happening as I type so here goes with my on the spot reporting hehe.

Well this one started with Kael bursting into the The Orphanage with his guns fully loaded Tsk Tsk!!!! Kael hehe. Well apparently the reason behind this one was Kael wanted Isa (owner of Chez Isabelle) to get Trip to admit to hiring him for something. I'm sure we will find out soon enough but for now it is a mystery. Well a lengthy battle ensued between Kael and Preston and plenty of shots were fired, innocent people got injured and even killed 🤯 Well anyways I am not really sure how this one ended it just kinda fizzled out but knowing Kael we will surely find out one day.

Well that's it another one done thanks for reading and hope to see you all soon.

Marie

ENTERTAINMENT

WORD WITH FOUR GAME

Here word grid with only four words. Same like folk post here.

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

Hybrid Words

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307886?thread=855361>

Hybrid Clothes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=862868>

Hybrid Sports

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=864942>

Hybrid Animals

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307508?thread=865502>

Sadly these haven't been a huge success but in the early days they produced some wonderful combinations I shall recreate a few special moments for you here

HYBRID FOODS

There is nothing more i can say really, except have the number of your local casualty dept. handy!

Ginger Tommy, Aug 16, 2005:

The ultimate hybrid food is floast...we are campaigning for floast to be our national dish...please visit www.floast.tk for all floast info...it's brilliant...ENJOY!

Other hybrids posted by many creative citizens:

churry varients, (curry and cheese or chips mixed into it)
marshmallow teacakes, choco hula hoops, and the nation needs to decide on vinegar cornflakes ,and alternative preparations such as deepfried mars bar, cheese in burger, A chocolate mini-roll held over the BBQ so the chocolate gets a bit runny. Wrap it in a slice of processed cheese then slap it on a roll and smother the inside of the roll with BBQ sauce. It's strange, but surprisingly good...jiffy cakes(lemon jaffas), joffy cakes (toffee jaffas), Omlette? An omlette shaped salad vegetable, Sole-aero....not the famous ice lolly but a fish filled aero, corn-etto....an ice cream cone filled with corn. Yorkie-shire pudding...a chocolate Sunday dinner treat...Q.C-cumber....sherry flavoured cucumber, Black forest chateau...a wine made from cake, mashed pototoblerone....chocolatey nutty mash, Ham Spamwich....ham stuffed inbetween slices of spam,

Doctor cyberpoodle says; Evening all...been creating hybrid foods all afternoon. I must say that my scotch creme egg wasn't too successful...the breadcrumbs wouldn't stick to the chocolate...

Anyone for a nice mug of hot rockolate? A delicious beverage made from sticks of seaside rock....,champagne jaffas and champagne youghurt, ricecakes spread with butter, sprinkled with sugar, then microwaved for about 20-30 seconds. delicious. try it it'll blow your mind
curry pie...i made it tonight thru sheer laziness....make curry...cook rice..put rice onto curry..heat thru.

ID05 invented the apple burger... slice apple in half, serve burger in between. cheddar salami turkey ham and chicken with ready salted crisps (this is called a Peter Kay)

Humble Pie & a taste of one's own medicine - surely a potentially lethal concoction. ,stick some raisins and a splodge of marmite into spag bol, trust

me, it's yummy!

Jelly Babies with Ketchup!!! salt + vinegar french fries dipped in melted milk chocolate

- 1)Take of a section of a banana skin
- 2)Scoop out a little hole in the banana
- 3)Put Smarties/Mars bars chunks etc inside
- 4)Microwave for a minute
- 5)Eat
- 6)Collapse with cardiac arrest
- 7)Get someone to call an ambulance
- 8)After recovering in Intensive Care, vow to change to a healthier diet
...make a biscuit mixture, cut out shapes then cut out a small hole in middle, place a wine gum in hole, bake. Makes stained glass biscuits

Yes, you know what's coming. By popular demand, I present to you, citizens of Lovely, THE Cocktail To End All Cocktails™.

(Actually made and drunk at the Lovely Christmas party in 2005 by Richard the Stokey, a brave lad with a cast iron stomach, now seriously corroded)

Can be used to scare small children and animals, put windows through, blow up tanks or just disgust your friends, family, work colleagues.

Before you read the recipe, a disclaimer.

I take no responsibility for any harm that may come to anyone that actually tries to drink this thing. It happened once, and should probably never ever happen ever again. But hey, its your liver/brain/any other part of your anatomy that may be affected in some way by this thing.

Right then.

Step 1/ Get about 7 or 8 pints down yer (Strongbow seems to work well). In quick succession. You'll need it.

Step 2/ You may need to use the loo after all that, remember to wash your hands.

Step 3/ Only drink about 1/4 of the 9th pint [NB: This MUST be cider!]. When its 3/4 of the way full, drop a couple of these weird poisonous liquorice things in that Citizen Love was offering around. Stand back a bit, your pint *will* begin to foam up.

Step 4/ Drink a bit more so it's about 1/2 full/empty, depending on your outlook on life.

Step 5/ Wander around aimlessly whilst people throw Haribo sweeties into it. You'll need one of every kind. Including the sour.

Step 6/ Fill the rest of your pint up with whatever it was Citizen Love was drinking, well it was her beer. You should now have 1 pint glass, 3/4 full, with roughly 1/2 cider, 1/4 being beer.

Step 7/ Offer around cake, muffins, chocolates, Jaffa Cakes, Baby Jaffa Cakes, liquorice Allsorts, and Celebrations, telling people "its for the autistic donkeys/goats/bogs", etc, etc.

Step 8/ At least 1 of each of the things you've been offering around will end up in your drink. With at least 3 muffins, 1 Jaffa, 2 baby Jaffas and a piece of Lovely cake.

Step 9/ Top the drink up with a mate's double vodka and cranberry.

Step 10/ Silent Pete will shove a "Hobo" brand dog biscuit in the top. This is the crowing glory. Although an inferior "Bonio" brand dog biscuit may be used

if you can't get your hands on a Hobo.

Step 11/ Drink up.

Step 12/ You can try and eat some of the mixture that will inevitably be in the bottom of the drink. Well, when I say in the bottom, about 1/2 of the pint will now be solid. I wouldn't recommend you try this, but, well, whatever floats yer boat. If you're even considering trying this, you may as well.

HYBRID WORDS

There is also a dictionary thread running along similar lines, but this one goes with the set. Several of these words can now be seen in regular use across the threads. Here is a selection of hybrids for your viewing.

nighty bless...by Richard, Squitzens? Is that citizens that have the runs??

mornevening everybondy

Bonmornig. (Hybrid languages there - French & German.

Howzat?!)eveningday, Greetings and Goodmorning is just Greeting gorning or greenings,yawning...a tired good morning or a variation. gooyawning

,grafternoon.....also meaning a working afternoon,Greorning.

That's greetings+morning into one.

slove...drunken love, foolf a game,,fruitgitive...fruit on the

run,inyognito....yoghourt hiding,

Combining the worlds two most widely known languages (german and english) and come up with germish or engman or erlish or anyother someone could think of or once we think of name we could derrive the language from the name dannanese anyone?

Routine: a teenage kangaroo.

Philharmonic: to feed our King , pladge...a badge pledging support..ie for floast, happyful ,excisely....precisely and exactly, pinglish.....someone elses..pigeon english

threinds...friends made on the threads, confuzzled, thrystem ..thread .public

transport system, twangled...courtesy of veersooformarmalade,

varients..intertwangled

thousandairre, spork...spoon fork...courtesy of saz, foon (fork / spoon), knork (knife/fork) spife (spoon/knife) hybord (hybrid word)

HYBRID CLOTHES

Wetsuits made from rubber bathmats or clingfilm,

consock...Condom with a sock, hatpants, pants worn on the head , bra

pants..Bra worn as pants , wee shirt...a nappy and shirt combo

yoghourt dress , newspaper dress .

dirty mac

A burger in which they are honest about the ingredients

neck-lace hold-ups? They are like lacey hold-up stockings except you wear them like a necklace

flip flop wellies...for any eventuality, waterproof sunhat

socks with no toes. like fingerless gloves but for your feet. so you can still wear

flip flops. a spce suit from a colinder and a tin foil poncho.

fingerless gloves that turn into mittens . waterproof rain trousers..jeans

coloured in wax crayon shocks....sock shoes, smirts...shirts with smileys on

chews, edible shoes. pyjities

i love putting jiffy bags on my feet when the bags have been in the fridge and

my feet are hot, drardies..dress with built in cardigan
ID's flashy gold suit from the meet pics - a cross between a regular suit, and
the sun!

HYBRID SPORTS

maybe this one will pick up with our influx of sport forum refugees.....

canooodling...canoeing and cuddling, kayuking...kayaking in the channel
worm drowning and fishticklingknown as fishing...kind of hybrid depending on your
viewpoint

crigby, a hybrid of cricket and rugby.

The rules are the same as in cricket, but the team that is batting has has it's non-
batting players in the field. If they get hold of the ball before the fielding team, their
batsmen can keep running until the fielding team retrieves the ball. This will be done
by tackling and using the rucking and mauling rules of rugby.

a great spectator sport.

octopush. a real hybrid sport. hockey and swimming

skateboarding with the aid of a zimmer frame. ice roller skating,

Extreme dwarf tossing==All the participants are in National Dress (nude see relevant
thread)and the dwarfs are thrown into custard as a safety measure.

How about Polo? Golf on horses. And Crazy Golf. Crazy!

And Ice Hockey... a popular (in the ole US of A) mixture ice skating and field
hockey.,moto-crosse - lacrosse on motor bikes ,surfffering...surfing in the dirty dirty
channel

pro cross dressing , yachtswing....swinging from a mast,pogo

polo,hockit..hockey/cricket ,slow running, hedge-hopping

HYBRID ANIMALS

Please dont try this cross breeding at home.....and i quote...

blade666, Sep 5, 2005:

I tried making my own new animal hybrid, I used proper super glue and stanley knife,
but alas it just ended up a bloody mess with a lot of squealing! So citizens be warned
you can't make a 'cabbit' (half cat, half rabbit) it just doesn't work, you ask my kids,
they are still in therapy to this day!!

Labra-doodle (labrador & poodle),

Liger (lion & tiger) Geep? It's a goat crossed with a sheep,

Zonkey (zebra & donkey) 'Retard'. A Retriever crossed with a Briard.flamingphant,
rhinant, oystyena, parrotilla, gnuzard and humanzee?

Ferrotter, Half Ferret, Half Sea-otter , dober-sation the perfect guard dog,

ostramel....it's an ostrich mixed with a camel

Oskey. Ostrich + Turkey = Oskey. Or a Turstrich. Actually, tat sounds better.

Turken - A chicken & turkey hybrid.Squnkey half squirrel half monkey, Sqonky. Part
squirrel, part donkey

girraphelant bottom elephant top girrafe, a ferocious boarbit half rabbit half boar

llunkey, half llama half monkey, half lemur half turtle the TURTMUR, llurta, half llama
half turtle half turtle half shark, the shartlellarka, half llama half shark

lleople, llama people, llamastein...rammstein crossed wit a llama ,lleflada, half you
half llama :half llama half tiger half llama half duck...llucka

llamger, half llama half chicken ..llamcken ,half llama and half zebra..llambra,log (lama
and dog)

crow crossed with an ass = crass

bull dog and a shitzu

Cap'n Floast Beard the Mallevolent! Sep 12, 2005

Not many people know this but some of our more common animals these days started

off as hybrids, for example the goat which was originally a cross between a gorilla and a boat and the common cat which was a cross-breed of a bat and a crocodile. The other one which may come as a shock is man's besty friend, the dog, which, as many of you won't know was a cross between a duck and a hog!

Anaconda with a Tarantula..A Taraconda,Rhamster rhino/hamster,Pelamingo

penguin/flamingo,how about a spider with a dog..a spog

house sounds like something you live in but is actually a horse crossed with a mouse.

Querble, The cross between the Queen and a Gerbil,Duck billed platypus- cross between a duck an a platypus

how about a rabbit and a moose..moobbit,A goose and a rabitt..Gabbitt

Squirrel and a Degu..Squeguold_pete, Check I.O.U. balance, Oct 13, 2005

My friend has a Degit - from a degu and a rabbit. I chose to call it a Degit despite the confusion that could be caused when talking about its ID card. On mention of its degit card people may think you're talking about a Visa or Switch card, but we all know a switch card is a passport for a swan-female dog hybrid. The other alternative is to call it a Ragu, but i that may end up with them all being eaten.

I need a lie down in a dark room.....check out the hybrid threads, let your imagination, sewing kits, laboratories, kitchens etc run wild!!

Who Wants To Be A Lovely Millionaire?

By PAsTA

I have been asked to do a quiz – I'm not sure why they wanted me to do it, I'm sure there are plenty of people more knowledgeable than I am about Lovely, but I shall have a go anyway! Sorry, but this Millionaire game is a little different – you don't get multiple choice answers, but feel free to phone as many friends, ask whichever audiences you like, and you can always go 50-50 with them if you win!

1. For 100 IOUs: Who is Lovely's first Millionaire?
2. For 200 IOUs: What is the name of the King's wife?
3. For 500 IOUs: Who is the official Prime Minister of Lovely?
4. For 1,000 IOUs: Where is the next big Lovely event to be held, near the end of April?
5. For 2,000 IOUs: What Lovely landmark did I-Be-After-E recently achieve?
6. For 4,000 IOUs: What was auctioned at the Lovely Christmas Party, and went to Citizen Jesus for £100?
7. For 8,000 IOUs: Which Citizen featured in Lovely's first ever Stamp?
8. For 16,000 IOUs: In which part of London is Danny's flat situated?
9. For 32,000 IOUs: What is the French for Lovely?
10. For 64,000 IOUs: From what Message Board did Lovely recently receive a large influx of Citizens?
11. For 125,000 IOUs: What is the Latin name popularly given to the Lovely Flag?
12. For 250,00 IOUs: What does PAsTA stand for?

13. For 500,000 IOUs: For what purpose did ID and MadameOfMercury lie down in Oxford Street?

14. For 1,000,000 IOUs: What was the terrible joke that I told King Danny after the Jesus incident?

DISCLAIMER: I am sorry, but unless King Danny himself sanctions it, I am not in a position to actually award the winner(s) a million IOUs, or indeed any other amount, although if you are reading this, King Danny, I know that our current Millionaire would like others to be given the opportunity of joining him...

My decision shall be final in judging the accuracy of the answers.

If you want to enter this quiz, please e-mail your answers to lovelymillionaire@hotmail.co.uk - Good luck!

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Robin Hood Goes Fourth

By | ^ ^ ^ | Princess_Nic

Hi there, my name is Nicola (aka | ^ ^ ^ | Princess_Nic) and I have worked very hard to write this story using only four letter words!! It is driving those who post on this board mental but we are all enjoying it too, if you wish to visit it and have a go at joining in the madness then please head to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307886?thread=2038415&skip=0&show=20>

Warning: you will find that four word only make head goes boom! Must only go when feel glee!!

Four word Only Tale bout Robn Hood from Nott Hams City

Once upon time ther live dude name Robn Hood!! Many many year Robn Hood help King fite peep what live Arab Land bout Lord. Afta many, many week, Robn Hood gets trap byda many Arab dude!! Robn Hood gets away from Arab dude, runs away then jump onto ship, come home.

When Robn Hood gets home find Papa dead! Robn Hood Papa been kill dead byda evil mean Lord Nott Hams. Robn Hood find peep that live Robn Hood home very down plus very, very poor. Lord Nott Hams take evry peep coin! None food! None home! Many fire! Lots Papa plus Mama dies! Tiny kids gets none Papa! Evry body very down! Robn Hood vows gets Lord Nott Hams! Robn Hood says "Will gets Lord Nott Hams real good! Make Lord Nott Hams lose very much coin! Take from rich, give back poor! Make peep from town glad nots down!" Peep what live town says! "Yeah Robn Hood!!! Gets Lord Nott Hams!! Gets Lord Nott Hams good!!"

Robn Hood lead peep from town down lane find many tree! Make city inda many tree land. Show peep hows fite with bows plus arow! Peeps gets real good! Robn Hood make very good mate with mens name Tiny John (Tiny John very huge real, Tiny John joke with tree city peep bcoz Tiny John very, very huge) plus Fryr Tuck. Tree City folk hide inda tree, wait when rich folk ride pony thru tree land, then jump outa tree with bows plus arow, says "give coin,

else gets shot with arrow rich peep!" Rich peep very fear, hand over coin!! Runs outa tree land tell Lord Nott Hams what Robn Hood doin toda rich folk inda tree land. Lord Nott Hams very rage! Tell alls mens "Must kill Robn Hood! Will give many coin toda dude what give Robn Hood many arrow inda body!" Many Lord Nott Hams dude trys kill Robn Hood but Robn Hood keep send dude back with nope kill Robn Hood! This make Robn Hood much glad but make Lord Nott Hams very rage!! "Gaah!! Must kill Robn Hood!!!" Lord Nott Hams goes tree city trys kill Robn Hood, but cant!! This make Lord Nott Hams more rage! Lord Nott Hams yell "Robn Hood! Come City Nott Hams, fite with Lord Nott Hams, Robn Hood wins take city, Lord Nott Hams wins Robn Hood goes very away!"

Late that week Robn Hood take peep into City Nott Hams. That week Lord Nott Hams have parT, evry rich lord plus lady bees ther, also real nice, kind lady name Maid Mary Anne. Maid Mary Anne made live with Evil Lord Nott Hams else Lord Nott Hams kill evry body what live Maid Mary Anne town! This make Maid Mary Anne very glum but Maid Mary Anne must save peep what live Maid Mary Anne town.

Robn Hood, Tiny John, Fryr Tuck plus many more tree city dude goes Nott City, want fite Lord Nott Hams, free tree city peep, make evry body glee full! Gets ther, goes into parT, Robn Hood spys Maid Mary Anne. Fall deep with love with Maid Mary Anne. Maid Mary Anne spys Robn Hood. Falls deep with love with Robn Hood. Lord Nott Hams spys Robn Hood plus Mary Anne love with each otha. Make plan trap Maid Mary Anne make Maid Mary Anne weds Lord Nott Hams, make Robn Hood very glum, make Robn Hood head nots work rite bcoz very glum bout weds then Lord Nott Hams cans trys kill Robn Hood bcoz Robn Hood head alls over shop. Lord Nott Hams tell evry body what bees atda parT bout weds!! This make Robn Hood rage! Trys fite Lord Nott Hams but lose bcoz head fill with Maid Mary Anne. Maid Mary Anne tell "Robn Hood, don't fite rite nows!!! Hare back toda tree city!! Goes tomy town, gets more folk, make army!! Then come back, fite Lord Nott Hams. Yous then will wins!! Maid Mary Anne wait here, make Lord Nott Hams fink love hims. Evry thin will bees fine! Hare Robn Hood! Hare! Stay safe. Maid Mary Anne will wait!!" Robn Hood does what told from Maid Mary Anne. Gets many more folk from Maid Mary Anne town. Make huge Army. Take weeks make them redy! But redy they bees!!

They head back Nott City! Time four huge fite with Lord Nott Hams! Save Robn Hood love Maid Mary Anne.

Huge fite goes head! Robn Hood many dude wins fite with Lord Nott Hams dude. Time four huge fite with Robn Hood plus Lord Nott Hams!! Robn Hood take sord, wave near Lord Nott Hams! Lord Nott Hams take sord, wave back near Robn Hood! Robn Hood stab Lord Nott Hams! Lord Nott Hams dies!!! Robn Hood wins!!! Robn Hood save city!!!! Evry body glee!!! Huge parT!!! Evry body free!! Robn Hood plus Maid Mary Anne gets weds!! King come back home!! Save Enga Land!! King come Robn Hood plus Maid Mary Anne weds! Robn Hood plus Mary Anne jigs!! Band sing song goes "look inda eyes, yous will sees, what yous mean tome, look inmy hart, look inmy soul, when yous find band ther, yous look none more! Don't tell band none worf dyin four, cant tell band, ther nowt band want more, yous know what true, evry thin band doos, band doos alls four yous! "

Evry body many glee! Evry body live glee ever afta!!

Sudoku - The solution

By Cpeachok

2	9	3	5	4	8	6	1	7
7	5	4	9	1	6	3	8	2
1	8	6	3	2	7	5	4	9
5	3	2	6	9	4	1	7	8
4	7	9	1	8	5	2	3	6
8	6	1	7	3	2	4	9	5
9	4	7	2	6	3	8	5	1
3	2	5	8	7	1	9	6	4
6	1	8	4	5	9	7	2	3

Solution to puzzle 0001

The Lovely Factor

By Shadow the Hedgehog

The Lovely Factor has started and has 3 entries they are as follows...

Dan England - Downtown

Daniel Dyer – Here without You

Verity Gordon – Unknown at Present

The contest will take place over 2 weeks and you will be able to listen and vote for the entrants at TheLovelyFactor.podomatic.com from the 13th of February 2006

Good Luck to all the entrants.

Shadow

Update

The Lovely Factor has a winner!

By Shadow the Hedgehog

The Lovely Factor has finished and had 2 entries sent in. They were as follows...

Dan England - Downtown

Daniel Dyer – That's My Goal

The contest was supposed to take place over 2 weeks but another entrant didn't get their entry in by the end of the 1st round so I had to DQ them so it was final that everyone voted for. You will still be able to listen to the entries at <http://TheLovelyFactor.podomatic.com>

And The Winner was Daniel Dyer with that's My Goal! Well done and You Have won your winning single to be in the Lovely Music Chart. It is Available to download from <http://danieldyer.podomatic.com> and is available now! Please download it to make our 1st lovely Pop star get a lovely number 1 hit!

I have heard that he will be bringing out an album of covers of different songs.

Well Done To All Entrants

Shadow

SPORT

BACK PAGE NEWS

TAGG SHOOT DOWN THE GUNNERS

By Giddsey

Arsenal 2-3 Tagg

The game at Highbury was riddled with controversy.

Tagg had taken an unexpected lead when Lady Lampard took a page out of Rooney's book and walloped a 35yrd screamer passed a bemused Lehman. The Arsenal keeper was so incensed that he ran 40yds to Head Butt Lampard just because of the cut of her gib. After getting butted, Lampard calmly turned around and said, " I think you'll find that the goal was Sol Campbell's fault fella, he winked at me and shouted shoot!. So i did."

Lehmann was heard saying to Campbell "Idiot, you're mum's a better defender than you" Tagg got a second after Ray of the Tagg skinned half the Arsenal team and looped a self-made header passed Lehman who was caught sharpening the studs on his boots. 2-0 Tagg.

Arsenal got back into the game after Ljungberg dribbled half the length of the pitch and slotted one home passed keeper Lars, who was sat down, facing the wrong way in the goal, filling out betting slips. 2-1 Tagg

Ljungberg then got an equalizer exactly the same as the last one. Turns out that Rubble who was marking Freddy was actually running hand in hand down the pitch with him! Reports after the match said Rubble was seen still running hand in hand with Freddy somewhere in North London. 2-2

A half time team talk from coach Giddsey shook the team up, and the second half saw Tagg take the lead. Jamie, quiet all game, decided to take advantage of Campbell's emotional state. Sol was just about to come out for the second half when Jamie went and said something to Campbell to wind him up. Sol burst into tears and ran out of the stadium, saying something about having to see his mum. What did you say Jamie?

Anyway Jamie took advantage by knocking the ball high into the air and then running onto his own pass and volleying home the winner.

3-2 Tagg.

We beat Arsenal!

Well played lads, see ya in the bar.
coach giddsey

BACK PAGE NEWS TAGG MUG THE MACKAMS

Tagg 2-0 Sunderland

Tagg ran this game with the kind of confident controlled play usually reserved for the likes of Brazil.

Although tired from the weekend's efforts, Tagg made it look easy. Tagg's first goal was placed bottom corner by Lampard, who celebrated with a crazy dance with the corner flag. Turns out she was posing for Hello magazine! Whatever happened to posing for Shoot and Match?

1-0 Tagg.

Ray of the Tagg got his 5th goal of the season to put the game beyond McCarthys sorry excuse for a side. It was a long ball from the boot of Lars that found Jamie's head. Jamie headed on to Ray, who in one movement chested the ball spun on a sixpence and scored with a belter.

2-0 Tagg

Well played lads, see ya in the bar.
coach giddsey

Team talk pre Birmingham

OK lads, Rubble Huddle please.

Jamie, leave Lampard alone, you've already got her autograph.

So as you know it's Birmingham on Mon. Sky Sports are back and Ray, Andy Gray's looking for an interview.

Lars your dropped, sorry son, but i can't risk it. I know you are committed to Tagg Fc, but i also know your heart belongs to Brum. Did you know Bruce made a bid for you not long after we secured your services? I told him my car already had a valid MOT and i didn't need the Panini sticker album from Espana 82 weather it was complete or not. You may get a run out 2nd half.

Jamie as Lampost seems to have gone AWOL, you're in between the sticks son. Just remember what we practiced in training and you'll be fine.

Rubble and Lampard, at least one each please.

After match drinks at the ground, Andy Gray is buying.
coach giddsey

BACK PAGE NEWS TAGG GIVE BRUM THE BLUES

Tagg 3-0 BirminghamWow, what a game. Tagg ran the show with a showcase of football the world would find hard to ignore.

Controversially, coach giddsey had put youngster Jamie in goal after he dropped Brum supporter Lars. Jamie, an outfield player managed to injure himself in the warm-up by landing on a sign in the goal mouth saying "Do Not Practice Here, Idiot". Idiot.

Coach giddsey had no choice, but to let Lars go in goal. Tagg's keeper had a crafty glint in his eye as he said "don't worry boss, I've got us to win 3-0 at 25-1, cause I didn't think I was playing"

So with Lars in goal the game kicked off. Turns out there was no need to worry as Birmingham were awful. Taggs first came from Honor Rubble. A corner from Lampard spun towards HR and Maik in the Brum goal. Rubble quickly grabbed the opportunity to give Maik a kiss, to which he responded to by fondling the Tagg players ar5e. At this point Rubble pulled away, headed the ball in the net and winked at Maik and whispered "later" . 1-0 Tagg

The second came from a lazy dribble from ray of the Tagg. With nonchalant ease Ray scored his 7th of the season and Tagg were 2-0 up.

Birmingham were nowhere to be seen, and it was no surprise when Keeper Lars started playing for Brum. Coach giddsey was worried about just this, and the final straw was when Lars took a back pass from Mrs Mop(back on loan) and tried to let it go in. Luckily Lampard was back defending. Injured Jamie was the coach's only choice.

So Jamie went in goal heavily strapped and produced one of the finest goals ever seen. Lars was last seen talking to Steve Bruce in the bookies.

Anyhow Jamies goal started as a harmless punt up the field. It somehow managed to bounce over the Brum defence and then over the hapless Maik.
3-0 Tagg

Tagg march on, we are now 6th in the premiership.

Well played lads, see ya in the bar.
coach giddsey

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=938883>

Have a trial with T.a.g.g F.C. if you think you're good enough.

Andy Gray's post match interview with Ray of the t.a.g.g.:

**Camera switches to Ray as the camera man reminds him not to swear, as he's about to be live on sky

Congratulations Ray of the t.a.g.g., another important win for t.a.g.g. f.c.
Yes another 3 points in the bag, we're on a serious roll now.

Confidence must be sky high now in the dressing room
Yeah we're playing some cracking football and scoring lots of goals. Most importantly we keep winning.

But what about you? You can't stop scoring and that goal tonight was a bit special wasn't it?

Yeah I've scored one or two goals since I've come here, but as long as the team's winning that's all that matters. As for the goal, it wasn't anything special. Only dribbled past half the Birmingham team, I've scored much better before.

Really? Well the goal celebration was quite extravagant? I mean taking off your shirt before doing 5 backflips, then jumping head-first into the crowd? It's not as if it was a winner in a cup final or anything.

Well what's wrong with celebrating a goal? I think players should be able to express their joy and the crowd were happy anyway, so much so they nicked my boots.

**Strains of there's only one Lady Lampard can be heard in the background

A lot of people have accused your team of being cheats. What would you say to that, especially after Honor Rubble's antics with Birmingham's 'keeper?

Sorry I don't know what you mean, we don't cheat and I don't like people that insinuate that we do cheat.

But she was spotted going into the Birmingham dressing room as well. Anyway what about your goalkeeper Lars, he's been seen in a lot of bookies recently and was dropped in favour of Jamie tonight.

Yeah well Lars picked up a sudden illness, but then miraculously recovered when Jamie had a freak accident. And Lars only goes to the bookies because one of his mates works there, its completely innocent. Honestly.

**A shout of "Oi Lars how much did you win?" is heard in the background

I think you show this club no respect Andy Gray. We play fair and are doing well because we are a good team. People don't like us because we're a small unfashionable team. I'm not sure why I'm even talking to you. Goodbye

**Ray drops the microphone and walks off. Camera goes back to the studio and a bemused Andy Gray*

Does anyone like F1?

By Ray

Motorsport fans will have the 12th of March added to their diaries, as Formula 1 returns for a new season, starting in Bahrain. But isn't F1 the sport where Michael Schumacher just wins in a procession of cars I hear you say? Well not anymore. Many people were put off from watching F1, including myself, as it became dull and predictable. However last season things changed, as Kimi Raikkonen and Fernando Alonso battled it out, with Alonso emerging victorious and Schumacher finishing well off the pace for first time in ages. Alonso also became the youngest ever champion of formula 1.

So why is this season going to be good? Well firstly Michael Schumacher and Ferrari's stranglehold has been broken. Teams and drivers have a genuine belief that they can win races now, rather than hoping they can win. Also Raikkonen must feel that he has a point to prove after having so much unreliability problems when he could have won so many more races. British fans also must hope that Jenson Button can attain his first win, with in the ever improving BAR.

Three new teams also enter the fray this year. Midland take over the ailing Jordan team, while the Scuderia Toro Rosso team takes over the Minardi's. This team is owned by Red Bull (Toro Rosso meaning Red Bull in Italian) and will be used as a second team to develop new drivers. 2006 will be the also be the first time there will be 11 teams competing since the collapse of Arrows, with the Super Aguri team to join F1 sometime around April/May. How competitive these three teams will be remains to be seen, though they must take hope from Red Bull's superb debut season.

Despite the recent announcement that the fan's favourite race, the Belgian grand prix has been axed from this years race list and concerns over how exciting some of the newer tracks are, this should be a very interesting and hopefully very exciting season.

The start of the season also signals the start of the new season for the Lovely Grand Prix. Here each person is randomly allocated a driver before each race and points are scored depending on how well that driver does. Places are still available for anyone that wants to join, but hurry! Also starting soon will be the new prediction game where people will be asked to predict the top 5 finishers in order.

If you want to play any of these games, or talk about F1, or just want to ask questions about the sport to Lovely's resident F1 guru Laura, you can do so at:

Editors Comments

I'm sorry. I lied to you last issue. I promised you an editor's comment and none materialised. It's been a busy two weeks and I've spent a lot of them in the real world. Lovely has been losing out. It does have to be said that I started to write it several times, but so much has been happening in our fair nation of late I've had trouble keeping up, let alone forming a publishable opinion on it all. Not that any of this stands up as an excuse. I've been slacking and I apologise.

Even so, just as well perhaps I didn't subject you to 600 words worth of my opinion two weeks ago. My opinions haven't been too reliable of late. I've lost sight of the bigger picture. I am afraid most of us lose sight of the bigger picture much too often. So here is a little reminder, just in case.

However idealistic we all get, however many elections we hold and holidays we accumulate, however hard I work for the GA, we are not a country. We probably never will be. It just isn't achievable. This is a project, and like all projects it will, eventually, die. Not before the second TV series of course. Not before it has been exploited to the limit. Maybe not for a few years. But it's not going to last. Not really. And that's all right. However much I like the idea of starting your own country, that isn't what life is about. I may be failing my exams because I am editing a virtual paper for a virtual country, but I am not going to fail my life. Soon this will have to stop. Soon I will have to find a way to earn some money and hurry the next generation into the world. Cliché but true. I am not going to spend the next forty years doing this. There is more out there. I do not expect to one day walk the streets of Lovely. So what do I expect? How long have you got?

I expect something wonderful. In fact I already have something wonderful. We all do.

I am what you might call a misfit. I do not make friends. I do not go to parties. I have a family life so bizarre you could base a fairly short soap opera on it. I was miserable when I came here. That was in August. Now I'm not claiming miracles. Sometimes I am still miserable, as many will testify. But at least there are people who will testify. I have learnt to use the internet, to type at a reasonable speed, to say yes more, apparently. I have learnt to walk into a room full of strangers and fully expect to like them. But most importantly, I have made friends. Friends I intend to hang on to for the next fifty years at least. Sorry guys, you're stuck with me.

Now I wouldn't dare suggest you all follow this pattern. Not all of you are simply self-made misfits, some of you have excuses. Some of you are completely barmy, some of you just come here for the virtual football. Some of you are the hard-core idealists that fight each other pedantically over the details of 'how we are going to make it work'. But I do think we can safely say we all have an awful lot in common. For example, I have yet to meet someone here who is not a Pratchett fan. Who cannot quote Adams. I've not yet come across anyone who is not genuinely concerned for other people's happiness. All

of you are idealists, most of you are hopeless romantics. Even the ones that bury it under a whole load of cynicism. You are all nice people. It's not some strange coincidence. The same thing appealed to us, we all joined up, we all liked it enough to still be a part of it today. There is some common denominator that means we are all incredibly likely to get on. And we do. Except...

Except when we don't of course. I have noticed that the don't is usually as a result of some Role Play game gone critical. Power being assigned and disputed and generally squabbled over. But what power? Power over people's conversations, their ideas, their dreams? Who should have such power? Who can we trust with it? The answer is no one. The only available power in an online community is that of censure, and we none of us want that. Yes, there are decisions to be made. About the website, about constructing the system for passing the buck, about where we go from here. They are small decisions, capable of being made by ordinary people. People without fancy titles. People discussing it as equals and coming to a consensus. It really can't be that hard. There are not so many of us. It's not as if we don't all want more or less the same thing. The problem is that we get stuck on the 'more or less' and lose sight of the 'same thing'. Which is stupid, and counterproductive, because it's the 'same thing' which matters ultimately, and who really cares about the 'more or less'. We can work it out.

And please, please let's stop hanging on the king. I realise royal approval is important at the moment because it's the only way to influence the Home page, but really, he's just a person like the rest of us. From what I've read and seen and heard he fits very nicely into the little clan we have going here, but he isn't any more special than anyone else. He needs to be king till the end of the TV series. Fine. But a king is also just a citizen. Don't forget that.

The Role Play is fun. The nation building is intriguing. The arguing is part of the game. But I think, at the end of the day, what I really expect to get out of this is not a country. It's not a revolutionary new form of democracy in action, however attractive that sounds. It's 200 people brought closer together. Made that little bit happier. Confirmed in their belief that you can change the world, starting right next door and building up. You are all such wonderful people. I would hate to lose any of you. I don't expect to. I expect to be going to the CR Easter meet with my children. And maybe my grandchildren. And perhaps by then we will have grown and spread and made many more people happy. I certainly hope so.

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