

# The Shape Of Things To Come

By Rev1

The ongoing deterioration of Lovely has reached new levels this week, as all Citizen's Required threads over 2,000 posts long were closed by the BBC moderators. While the threads are still there to view it's impossible to post on them, and presumably they will be removed altogether in time. Many of the threads closed down had played a key part in national development, while other threads were the last legacy of all the citizens who have left. This represents a serious if not mortal blow to Lovely's cultural heritage.

This thread shutdown is bad enough in itself but it also leads to serious questions about the BBC's dedication to the Citizens Required message boards. The fact that there was no warning from the moderators is alarming, and led many people to believe it was only a temporary glitch, similar to the Pre-Moderation wave a few months ago. It was only when a few concerned citizens sent emails to the BBC that the truth emerged – the threads had deliberately been shut down to improve server performance. While the BBC obviously want to maximise the performance of the message boards they could easily have warned us before hand, or possibly given us the choice of which threads to keep or dispose off.

There's also the question of BBC priorities. While the 2,000 thread limit applies to a few other BBCi message boards, H2G2 seems untouched. While I'm writing this the H2G2 thread "Any one fancy a chat" stands at 24,339 posts and is still active, while "What's just happened?" stands at 20,850 posts. The H2G2 miscellaneous message board is full of 2,000 plus threads, and given that the main purpose of H2G2 is to write articles for the guide, why have these massive threads been left untouched? Is H2G2 more important to the BBC than Citizens Required?

Many citizens have concluded that these events show that the BBC is downsizing the CR boards with a view to removing them altogether, and at the minute this, coupled with the dwindling population of CR, means the future looks bleak for all of us. There is one bright spark amongst all of this, the CR message boards created by citizens have remained untouched. The likes of the Log Cabin and the Desert Island threads have remained active over the 2,000 post limit, presumably because H2G2 was used to create them. Could Lovely live on, hidden in custom message boards on H2G2 long after the CR boards are shut down?

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

## **The Fate of the Prime Minister**

## By PirateAsTheArtist

Some time between midnight and 1.00 am in the early hours of Saturday morning, it was brought to my notice that the Prime Minister had decided to leave his post, and perhaps worse.

Message 96 in "The new and Improved Pyschopotato's Bar and Grill" (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2499958&skip=80&show=20#p28884067>) was the last thing heard from the Prime Minister. It simply stated, somewhat cryptically, "I need to go commit hara-kiri now. I've been compared to scrappy doo, and need to prove that I have some honour and aren't going to sink any lower, as if that were possible. You won't see me."

There has been some concern and debate as to what the PM meant by this, but at the very least it seems to be an indication that he has decided to step down from his post. I have just checked, and at the time of writing it seems that some 17 hours later he hasn't posted anything anywhere on the CR Message Board.

Thoughts immediately turned to the person who might be responsible for causing the PM to feel so insulted that he felt the need to go. And almost immediately came an admission from a Citizen known to most as Twist (or Michelle). Only two messages on from the PM's last post, she stated: "have I by default assassinated (sic) the prime minister?" Lady Dragon, to her credit, did her best to persuade the PM to reconsider, but apparently to no avail.

As a witness to these events, I felt that it was my duty to first of all set up an investigation, and duly instigated a new thread, "Prime Minister's Assassination" (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2506939>), on which to gather any evidence. I also took it upon myself to place Twist under Citizen's Arrest, although this was difficult as she was reluctant to comply.

I sent a message to the Deputy PM, although I have yet to receive a reply. This in itself is slightly odd, since it suggests that the DPM herself is not fully versed with the facts yet, or that there may be plans afoot behind the scenes to try to cover up the events, though for what reason remains unclear.

As far as I am aware, there has still been no further word from the PM, and we can only hope that he is safe and well and ready to return to office as soon as possible. Although I may have had my differences with him in the past, I would certainly not wish him to feel so hurt that he has to leave our Nation.

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# Disaster strikes

## By Orion

The most resent in a series of disasters, which have been plaguing our fair land and seriously hindering communication for some time, has besieged the land of Lovely this week. Far from being a mere annoyance this most resent catastrophe has destroyed many of Lovely's most well know and loved landmarks. People have lost their homes and businesses to this upheaval of the Lovely way of life; homes cafes and favourite "hang out" areas have all been lost. And why? Well many theories appear to have sprung up on the subject, from conspiracies to remove Lovely from all existence to simple technical faults.

Many new threads have been set up in an attempt to replace their former counterparts, but these are unlikely to ever become what these original threads once were. It is likely that the "locked" threads will never return to their functioning past and in time will vanish into the mists of Lovely history. It is also possible that this new disaster will continue with more threads closing down and more people being affected by this terrible injustice.

Though all may seem lost and it appears that the land of Lovely may never recover, we must have faith. We have survived many problems in the past; we stood firm though the great pre-moderation of '05. We stayed together though all the server problems and hackers attacking the country. So as Lovelies we are well versed in surviving such adversity, and we can do so once more, we can survive the loss of many threads, and create a new, maybe better set of landmarks and businesses. So perhaps instead of seeing this as an ending we should see it as a chance to improve our nation, a chance to form new friendships and strengthen old. And a chance to make sure that Lovely reaches, or maybe even exceeds, it's true potential.

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# GA offices sealed off In unexplained authority action

**By the editor**

'Guardian Angel' newspaper needs correspondents!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=780987>

On Friday the GA staff arrived to find our dear old office sealed off. Red tape over every opening, so to speak. Ironically, the last post was this:

*Message 8287 - posted by barc0de : FFF President : Shadow PM , 2 Days Ago  
The free press is still free.*

While I understand the reasons behind the shut down of our grotty little hive of industry, I do not want to lose our history. I very much hope the thread will not be deleted, although I probably hope in vain.

Of course this will not change the way we operate or the enthusiasm with which we produce the paper, but it does leave us a little disillusioned with the system. So to avoid anything like this happening again we will be operating out of our back up offices from now on. The back up office was set up during the great pre-mod of '05, and is H2G2 based. This makes it all but impervious to CR systems quirks. Much as I love CR, I will not have the office shut down every time we reach 2000 posts. Apart from anything more serious, like losing all the history, just think of the man-hours we'd lose lugging the furniture around all the time. So don't worry, while no longer CR based, the free press will remain free.

**The Guardian Angel back up Office**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2274465?thread=1430055>

Because the back up office is not CR based, you will not be able to find it through the message boards. This is going to be a blow to recruitment and accessibility, I realise, but I'm sure you'll understand why we've chosen this way. Come and bookmark the thread, help us spread the word, inform new citizens of our continued existence. Please, we're relying on you.

And if you lose us anyway, we will always be available in Media, Arts and Culture as before. You just won't be getting the full picture from that thread.

The Guardian Angel Thread type thing.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=2507239>

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

# The Lovely Citizen's Guide to Micronations

**By Separatist**

Hello citizens of Lovely, it's me that old renegade Separatist here to tell you all about the micronational world. I was informed that Lovely citizens wanted to know more about other micronations as they generally get kept in the dark over what's happening on the outside and so I was asked if I could take the time in providing a regular space in the Foreign Affairs section introducing one nation each fortnight for the benefit of the citizens of Lovely. The first of this series will introduce a micronational superpower, which neighbours and has relations with us in the CIS and also exclusively shares the entire Western continent on Micras with us, so it seems prudent I start with the Imperial Republic of Shireroth.

Micronational Profile:

The Imperial Republic of Shireroth

Shireroth was founded on the 24th of April, 2000, by Erik Metzler originally as a small democratic state, however after only a few weeks of existence this fledgeling nation was absorbed into the first of a short series of other entities, namely Audentior, Jasonia, and then the Union of Apollo States. Once the Union of Apollo states finally dissolved Shireroth was again an independent micronation, not only independent but fast growing as a micronational power as it absorbed the final remnants of the UoAS into one of its duchies. Shireroth no longer existed as a democracy however, and was now a monarchy under its original leader now crowned Kaiser Metzler I. It is a general fact that when you have a totalitarian regime rather than a fully functioning democracy the entire nation is affected by anything that effects its dictator and when personal issues took the time of the new Kaiser, his involvement in the nation ended together with the very existence of Shireroth.

Metzler did return, and when he did, he entered Shireroth into the Benacian Commonwealth with Hyperborea and Machiavellia. This union soon merged to become the Hegemony of Alexandros and then later Tymaria. It was not until 2002 when Shireroth reappeared as an independent micronation again, in a process which was very similar to the previous event when the UoAS dissolved. Tymaria began to secede and once Shireroth gained its independence it managed to gobble up several smaller Tymarian states and gained the territories of Hyperborea, Yardistan, Jaris, and Akerbjorn, and many others.

As time passed by the now Imperial Republic of Shireroth managed to continue a process of expansion and internal development that made it the Micras superpower it is today. Due to the political situation that is forever prevalent on Micras, Shireroth has continued a constant policy of isolationism which has through time coined a few completely incorrect and negative views of this fine nation filled with many fine individuals. It is a testament to their collective intelligence and success that their skill at micronationalism is so good the

MCS has a rule that Shireroth can gain no more Micras land.

If you would like to visit Shireroth, their forums are here:

<http://shireroth.kuroshiro.net/forum2/>

If you would like to view a map of Shirerothian territory:

<http://www.micromaps.org/political.html>

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# Micronationalist view 19th March

**By Woodrow**

Which Parings proposition would I choose?

The Republic of Shireroth is in discussions to decide which one of four plans ([http://www.shireroth.org/wiki/index.php?title=Parings\\_Proposition](http://www.shireroth.org/wiki/index.php?title=Parings_Proposition)) it should undertake to cut their lands down. Shireroth right now is bloated and spread out across micras, which is why I support proposal B. This plan centralises Shireroth around the Straylight Sea and certainly creates unused land for newer nations to occupy. I would also say a 15% cut in land is reasonable though whether activity in Shireroth merits more or less is debatable.

War rumours are unfounded and wrong

The lovely sector seems to be on the brink of yet another war as rumours of war spread like the plague. Chi Nam was hacked for the third time and rumours of a confederate war between the CIS and CWOM begin to spread. Having spoken to the CWOM it is obvious they will be no war. Never the less operation jackhammer was a mistake on my part and it shows how fast the lovely sector can get into hot spots.

Article is propaganda? Why would I?

Learning from an anonymous source, the CIS are saying my article is propaganda for the woodstanic cause. Of course I would not know good propaganda if it happy slapped me around. I would not know how to make good propaganda yet the CIS continue to make their own propaganda. Let us call it fair and drop both our campaigns if mine did exist people.

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POLITICS

## Government Statement on Prime Ministers Absence

**By Deputy Prime Minister Saz**

We all get fed up with things. I took my time out. I came back. Mike is now "missing, presumed..." too. Will he return? Yes of course he will. I'm still in contact with him, he's doing the coursework he should be concentrating on now that deadlines loom (yes, priorities over Lovely, shocking scandal there). Lovely still exists for both of us. We've been disillusioned, we've been shown the good and the bad of the country, but we're still working hard to keep going, just like many other citizens have, only when Mike does it becomes public knowledge. What'll happen to the country without Mike on the boards?! Well, nothing different really, as he's still out there hidden in the shadows still fulfilling his

Government role when time allows, just you're not seeing him around. Work is being done apace just the other day I personally handed King Danny a three page letter from the Government, one of our regular catch ups, informing him of what we're doing, offering suggestions by fellow citizens. It will take time for the fruits of our labours to become apparent as we're having to juggle the King, the BBC and Leafstorm in order to do things, we're preparing things so we can keep you the citizens more informed but these things take time. So please stop worrying we're doing our work and hopefully you'll be able to see the end result in the near future.

Our new Government members (due soon, interviews begin this week) will have allot hard work ahead of them. Lovely isn't a joke to us. This isn't just a game. It may not be "real" in the traditional sense of the word, but we believe in it, and will continue to do so.

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# Parliamentary Elections

**By HS**

Lovely ' s first parliamentary elections are now under way on the following thread:<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2499949>

This is an opportunity for you, a citizen of Lovely, to elect representatives into Lovely ' s new Parliament opening in April. You are allowed to vote for up to 5 candidates from the list below, enabling you to elect either a range of candidates with different interests or a group of candidates with common interests. It is entirely up to you.

A total of 51 candidates have chosen to stand in these elections, testament to the desire of the people to make our new Parliament a success. On 31st March the 20 candidates with the highest number of votes will become Members of Parliament and two further seats will be offered to the Prime Minister.

Unsurprisingly there are critics who don ' t value these elections. What is even less surprising is the fact that those critics are the same people who want us all to spend months debating democracy on the Democracy is Lovely forums. This may be what happens in a university debating society, but not in practice.

The candidates are:

1. Leileeee
2. An Evil Penguin (Farking Party)
3. David Blunkett (Veritas)
4. Evil Penguin Overlord (Veritas)
5. Lord Cog (RV Party)
6. Lord Irvine (EPP)
7. Bora\_Horza\_Gobuchul (EPP)
8. Prestonschild (Farking Party)
9. Little Miss Carrie
10. Sam (RV Party)
11. I\_m\_o\_b (RV Party)
12. WellingtonNZ
13. Reserved
14. Blankthort
15. Lord Donut
16. Sir Peter Drinksalot
17. J\_looney\_toilet
18. Sithlemur (Pioneer Party)
19. Barcode (FFF)

20. FFF Minister of Foreign Affairs (FFF)
21. Citizen Green (Glories)
22. Matt (FFF)
23. Ricardo La Stokey (Glories)
24. Dr Penguin (Veritas)
25. Sir Righteous Humphrey
26. Sub-Commandante (FFF)
27. RogueODST (FFF)
28. Kieran Collins
29. D\_fy\_999
30. JLSlygo9 (Tryer Party)
31. Fuhrer Florence (FFF)
32. Notclive (EPP)
33. Pickled\_Gherkin
34. Sis\_uk
35. Deputy Leader (RV Party)
36. Archbishop Josh (FFF)
37. Arxrobear
38. Evil Ninja HENCHPENGUIN
39. RV\_party\_spokesman (RV Party)
40. Jamie TAGG (RV Party)
41. Rock4babs (EPP)
42. Lady Londoner (EPP/Farking Party)
43. PirateAsTheArtist (Farking Party)
44. Matt\_Aus
45. Me and asdfghjkl backwards
46. BobBamber14
47. Adam2185
48. HS
49. Lord Montague (FFF)
50. Random101
51. Andy2k

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# Too Many Cooks?

**Another project strives to add to Lovely's democracy**

**By Schaferlord**

To the joy of many citizens Lovely recently held an official election sanctioned by the King to have a Prime Minister who'd form a government and thus let the Lovelies make Lovely ever more Lovely. Yet despite the promise of further development of democracy by all the candidates, not all were happy, Home Secretary (currently going by the nickname HS on the boards) was one of the loudest critical voices claiming that electing just one person was the wrong way and a parliament type structure would be better. Not that it mattered, the king went with the idea that a quick simple election to begin with would be for the best to have a government in place quickly and simply and one able to make decisions and make the progress needed so that future governments can govern efficiently.

Thus HS is holding elections for a parliament of his own devising (regular readers will remember his piece on it last issue) a parliament where 20 MPs will do something (no clear purpose or task to do has been appointed to this parliament). The elections are on until the 30 th of March and you can cast your votes here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2499949>.

There are concerns about how productive and beneficial this new parliament will be in light of the fact we have a centralised elected government in place already. Without any clear role the parliament stands a chance of being a hindrance rather than a help to governing the country. HS a critic of schemes to spend time developing further democracy has had this very argument thrown in his face by those who believe that by rushing in with a poorly defined and thought out scheme will waste more time than working out a system that has been designed to work in a certain way and everyone knows what its meant to do.

HS responds to these criticisms by saying “ These elections may not be perfect and they may not be sort of thing university intellectuals would come up with, but at this moment in time they represent a great chance to bring democracy to Lovely.” However his critics are not abated and state that the scheme not being perfect suggests it will need replacing which will be a time consuming process that could be avoided if the time was taken now whilst we have a democratically elected central government that can make executive decisions for the moment.

The rules for the election have also been many contentious points over some of the rules of the election (the full set to be found on the link above) notably the decision that citizens with user ID's over U3500000 will not have their vote counted. While stopping the prospect of people creating accounts anew to swing the result with “How To Start Your Own Country” recently airing in foreign shores beyond the UK it rules out legitimate new citizens from participating for no real reason, especially as the last rule being “Incidents of citizens voting under multiple User IDs and other irregularities will be investigated and if necessary votes will be nullified.” Truly the ruling out of citizens on account of their user ID is against the spirit of democracy which is so important and why the parliament attempt is taking place. A dependency for the Prime Minister to recognise the parliament is highlighted by the fact that in the event of a draw for one or more of the 20 seats the Prime Ministers will have the deciding vote which also muddies the waters over if the parliament is seeking to be trying to hold the Prime Minister into account or do something else once it exists.

Ultimately time will tell how this attempt will progress as it hasn't had any official recognition as of yet nor any real role for it to fulfil carved out to increase the chances of it being recognised. That said it is an exciting prospect for the country and shouldn't be boycotted at the moment because it has yet to become “official”.

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# Government Applications

**By Saz, Deputy Prime Minister**

Following on the recent tragic news of the Prime Minister's disappearance, and suspicions of hara-kari, it falls upon me as Deputy Prime Minister to step more in to the roll to continue the work of the Lovely Government.

My brief time away at the merciless hands of a kidnapper (see other articles within this issue for more information) has not stopped any of us from working behind the scenes for the Country. A lot of progress has been made.

We would like to thank all those that applied for positions within the Lovely Government. Those who did not make it through the first stage please do not be disheartened. Further Government positions will no doubt come up soon, and as always, everyone is welcome to apply. This will mean that those who are sparked into politics by the upcoming appointments will also have a chance to get their applications in the next round. Lovely is ongoing, it doesn't cease at the first hurdle. By working hard for it, and continuing to do so,

we will move forward. Lovely grows from the efforts of all of us. If Lovely Politics doesn't work out for you now, it doesn't mean it never will, and there are plenty of other projects to get your teeth into which will aid the country!

For the finalists who made it through, an announcement was made on the "Government Applications" thread, stating that the interviews will continue as planned, and have been arranged for this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307506?thread=2386478&skip=600&show=20#p28999997>

These finalists (rock4babs, barcode, pasta, archbishop josh, lord irvine , Lady Londoner) have all been invited to pick one of the interview times available. Starting at 7.30pm , and lasting approx 20 minutes each, we will hopefully find out more about the candidates and work out which will be most suitable for the positions. Interviews will primarily be held on MSN, it seems to be a popular messenger service for citizens, however those who do not use this will not be excluded, and alternative arrangements will be made if necessary.

Contact details for both Mike and me are on the link above.

We would like to wish all candidates the best of luck, and look forward to speaking with them individually on the Wednesday.

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**\*GA EXCLUSIVE\***

## Deputy Prime Minister Diaries Part 2

**By Deputy Prime Minister Saz**

Oh My Gosh You'll Never Guess What Happened?!

I got kidnapped!!!

There I was, sitting at my desk, screwing up memos into paper balls and using them as target practise by throwing them into the wastepaper basket... wondering still if my assistant will ever turn up with that coffee I asked for. Shut my eyes, just for a second (being DPM is tiring work), and next thing I know there's a shadowy figure that's grabbed me, drugged me, and next thing I know I come round in a strange flat.

Oh dear.

I started kicking up a big fuss, demanding to be back in Lovely, etc. This was a bad move; I was quickly handcuffed to the chair by my kidnapper, who made small talk to pass the time. As kidnappers go, mine was very nice. Offered me tea (King's Cocktail, hurrah) and we chatted away for a while. I was even freed from the restraints as it made drinking the tea very difficult. Even got choc-o-late hobnobs to devour. Turns out the kidnapper is just doing it for charity, which one I don't know, possibly Autistic Donkeys. I hear they're very popular.

After building up a bit of a rapport, my kidnapper asked me to fill in a questionnaire based on my incarceration experiences so far:

Q1. Rate your initial kidnapping from 1-10, with 1 = cruel and harsh, 10 = not that bad... hmmm... \*chews end of pencil\*.... 8

Q2. Is your kidnapper: a) polite and courteous, b) polite but a bit strict c) very strict, and somewhat mean d) a tyrant, they're beating me, arrrghhh

\*chews pencil a bit more\* hmm...

\*scribbles down a C\*

\*erases it\*

\*scribbles in a B\*

\*chews pencil some more\*

\*erases it\*

\*ponders putting D\*

\*looks up at kidnapper's expectant face\*

\*takes a sip of the warm milk with cinnamon and brandy that I'd been given to sooth my nerves\*

\*uses bestest handwriting to write a nice A\*

Q3. Were you offered any refreshments? a) Yes! A feast of goodies! b) Ohhh, yes lots of tea and biccies and such c) a maccy dee's meal d) some stale bread and half a cup of stagnant pond water

\*answers B\*

Q4. Would you recommend your kidnapper to others? a) Most certainly, they were the perfect host. b) Possibly, if they stopped with the cattle prod so much \*twitch\* c) never! NEVER! Help meeeee d) my kidnapper doesn't intend to let me live to recommend to others

\*chews pencil\*

\*looks around room for cattle prod\*

\*sees none, so writes A\*

*\*adds to "any final comments" box\* ". ..I'd just like to say that my kidnapper was the bestest one ever! The tea was lovely, and that warm milk DEVINE! Yum yum, I shall look to be kidnapped more often"*

Ahhh... wonderful. Kidnapper looked pleased, and I certainly was. I could smell there was a lasagne in the oven somewhere, and the hunger pangs were infuriating... turns out the dinner was for me! Kidnapper even asked if I wanted anything else with it, so asked about garlic bread. Wahey! I'm getting better service than at the posh hotels I go to on Lovely business trips. Immediately bumped up the 8 from question one to a 9! Felt like a proper guest, it was a very professional kidnapping service. The table was candlelit and everything. For dessert was a home made apple pie with thick custard... with which I was offered hot chocolate, topped with cream and marshmallows.

Bhuh-limey! This kidnapping deal is SWEET!

Once I'd finished my meal, I was offered the best chair in the house, and given a book to read. Added another 0.5 to the 9 from question one. I was even given my own room, huuuuge one. Complete with plenty of books (I was obviously in for a long while), comfy bed with mound of around 12 pillows, and even a really really REALLY cool set of small lights set into the ceiling, marking out the constellations, twinkling slightly into the darkness. Really must find out where to get one of those, and have it installed in my Government office... if I'm ever released of course. The soothing sounds of the ocean lapping up against a beach were then played softly from an unseen sound system, all in all, being kidnapped is the most relaxed I've been for a long while.

Once I was left alone, I leapt into the pile of cuddly toys in the corner. Literally. Introduced myself to them all *"hewwo giraffe, I'm Saz... hewwo teddy bear...I'm Saz... hewwo kitty cat... I'm Saz..."* etc.

A bit of an unfortunate incident afterwards, Kevin the toy giraffe assured me my kidnapper

was an ace river dancer. Kevin the toy giraffe turned out to be a compulsive liar. Most embarrassing. Kevin was swiftly replaced by Fred the bunny rabbit toy as my new best friend.

Ahhh... so that's what kidnapping is like in Lovely. Or out of Lovely. Whichever. I'm not sure where I was held, so it's hard to judge. Spent the next few days pottering about, watching telly, reading books, and helping myself to food in the kitchen. The kidnapper was out most of the time, left me to my own devices. Would've been lonely if it wasn't for Fred and the other cuddly toys.

One of the days, Saturday I think it must have been (hard to tell what day it is), the kidnapper had left the door open, and so I wandered out. Couldn't find Lovely... but instead stumbled upon the Eel Pie Invasion crew all ready to attack! Joined them, armed with lollipops and cookies and a digital camera (oh dear...)

Much fun was had! Post-invasion pubbage, as with most CR things. Ahhh... bootiful. We had the greatest army :-D Love 'em all.

Headed home afterwards, very tired... so tired in fact that I took a wrong turning and ended up back at my kidnapper's hideout!

D'oh! Looks like I'm away from Lovely a while longer still...

Don't think my kidnapper even noticed I'd gone. At least I wasn't punished for what was an attempted escape. Still got the same great treatment, 5 star service, wonderful place to stay etc. Didn't even pine for the ol' place so much.

Sure hoped everyone was okay though. One day I'd have to find a way to get back...maybe... perhaps... in a few days... 8 months... a year...

Woke up one morning, wandered over to the living room, picked up the range of newspapers from around the world. Usual drivel in all of them, EXCEPT... oh my gosh! What is this I see... the BBC in-house newsletter, "Servers Weekly". Seems they're changing the system with servers, and threads on forums will now be locked. Oh dear... moments of officialdom started, had anyone warned the country? No doubt they were all panicking, yelling about conspiracies, the end of the world is nigh... etc etc... Hoped that someone else in Government would stumble across this news, seeing as I was kidnapped there wouldn't be any chance of me telling them. Never mind.

Picked up the next publication, "The Truth". Interesting read.... HANG ON?! Satellite pictures of me on vacation!? My fingerprints on the ransom note?!?! Thought back long and hard...vague recollection that I might've grabbed a piece of paper during the struggle before I was knocked out by the chloroform. Mike's not even fussed about my disappearance!! Gahh... I'll have to have words with him when I return. Return. YES! Armed with the needs of the country to be told about the BBC plans, and fuelled by the outrageous allegations in this so-called Truth paper, I plotted and hatched a plan to escape.

Needn't have bothered, the front door was left open as usual, so off I stormed back to Lovely...

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# Sketch:

By Schaferlord

Remember “Democracy is Lovely” (DiL) the project to help design a democracy for Lovely that got put on hold for the election but was supported by all the candidates to help make a proper democratic structure to be put in place once the first 6 months of democratic governance are over. They had this big launch in the Guardian Angel a while back and a big party. Ever wondered what happened to them?

Well it turns out Schaferlord the head honcho of the project is a lazy bugger. He sits in the fancy DiL offices surfing the internet ordering take out and gets phoned every now and then to be asked how the democracy building is going. He has an extensive list of three statements to buy more time for him to enjoy life as the government payrolls the project which we at the Guardian Angel can share with the world.

1. “Well it's been going fine but just ten minutes ago something came up which is going to hinder things ever so slightly. I'd love to talk about it but I have to sort this quickly before it all goes to pot.”
2. “Well we're talking about designing a system in which we assure that everyone can state their opinion and that their opinions have some sort of effect on the actions of government. Have you got any idea how many opinions the different people have? Well its allot, an awful lot, and you get more the more people involved and Lovely is a pretty big small country, lots of citizens and you know how crazy some of them are, it makes it difficult.”
3. “It would be done by now but I keep getting phone calls asking how I'm progressing which is really eating into my time, not to mention disturbing, my train of thought, I've completely forgotten what voting system should be implemented because the phone ran, its going to take me ages to work out which is the best one now.”

Its obvious Schaferlord is taking everyone for a ride. Will he ever make any more moves towards helping design the future democracy of Lovely? It's looking unlikely, he's onto a good thing at the moment and I know if I were him I'd not be working when I don't have to.

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OPINIONS PAGE

## Lovely Disaster Zone

By Saz

What's the biggest disaster to hit Lovely since it began? The Great Pre-Mod incident of 2005? The rebel fights? The “civil wars” and other (supposed) “wars”? Maybe it's the current thing; the Beeb locking threads.

No. I personally think the only thing that'll destroy Lovely is citizens and their own defeatist bad attitudes.

Yes we've all had bad moods, we're all entitled to them. But Lovely is our escape. It's the place we go to get away from the bad things in the “real world”, a chance to laugh, joke, chat, and make friends. Instead now it's filled with ill temper and riots. Why? Well because the BBC dared to lock some threads.

Okay, I understand this is annoying. I know threads are popular, and it's frustrating to find the new replacement ones that are set up, but so? Browse a little. There are plenty of threads out there, by sticking to one or two “biggies” you might miss out on making new friends elsewhere. Isn't that why we all signed up? To chat to new people, to debate, to see how we could make a country work. It's just a thread. There have been countless times in the past where “the end is nigh”. Maybe it is soon, maybe the Beeb does want rid of us from clogging up its servers with our random drivel, so why can't we enjoy the time we have left?

I might seem hypocritical here, so feel free to send your own opinions to the GA. I've been

guilty of a seriously bad mood for a while now. My own problem, and my recent kidnapping meant that my bad temper wasn't aimed at the wrong people (although it came a little late for some). Now I'm back. Why? Because I believe in this country, although I'm beginning doubt my own reasons. I've made friends, whom I hope to keep in contact with for years to come. Some of them were unexpected, who'd have thought a fiercely loyal citizen would end up friends with a fiercely opinionated rebel citizen? Who'd have thought I'd enjoy talking to spammers who months ago I'd wanted to prod with sporks, and find them to be some of the sweetest, and friendliest people left in Lovely? The ones that seem to care more than many of those who are supposedly "the nice Lovelies". Who'd have thought I'd learn so much, feel concern for people I'm likely to never meet because of distance. Ones I'd miss when they leave. Ones I'd think about, worry about, regardless of their age, background or gender.

We're all different. Individuals with our own mind, and yet we're all made of the same stuff. We all want to moan, and complain, and blame others. The problem lies in that we all joined Lovely to escape that side of life.

Take a holiday. A few days away will do you the world of good. Life outside of Lovely continues, work demands attention, as do families, schoolwork, relationships, everything. Find your own balance. Remember why you signed up to CR. Remember how fun it was, then come back, and bring back the fun. New people sign up to Lovely daily, and all they're seeing is the bad side, the bickering, the packs of people who're grouped together on the same threads, nearly impossible to join at such a late stage. Life is tough. Let Lovely make it better, put the bad stuff aside and take a break.

Lovely lives on within us all. Don't let your own hopes die.

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*I received this ages ago, but forgot it last issue. It made me so happy I asked for permission to print it. (ed)*

## Feeling Lovely

**Luke Newton**

Fri, February 24, 2006

Recently I've been neglecting Lovely. I felt that it was enough just to watch the web cast, read the kings newsletters and that made me part of Lovely. After reading the article by razor bug I know realise that this is simply not enough. That I have to get up off my behind and take an active part in Lovely life. So I thank you at the GA for your inspiring article. I'm feeling patriotic now, in fact I'm going to go out right now onto the street and recruit new citizens regardless of whether or not people think I am a lunatic. So thank you for making me feel lovely about Lovely.

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## Statement from Prestons\_child

Well I was just reading the truth and I found this little snippet

*"so here's how its guna go... me.... prince Kael has decided that he is going to shake things up a little, security and law enforcing places will not be safe..... prestons\_child will also not be safe."*

Kael I know you have a past in hacking but just to remind you I was one to I know how to make my things Hacker-Proof so you can't get me Baby.

Kael your not scaring anyone: not the public, not the main security groups in Lovely and

last but not least your not scaring THIS MAN RIGHT HERE!]

I am openly challenging "Prince" Kael to a online discussion over his threat to me. Prestons\_child got your number Kael and I'm gonna call it!

Once last thing Kael

If You Want Some Kael Come Get Some!

**Prestons\_child**

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CULTURE

# The Campaign for New Smileys

**By Ray**

Have you ever felt that you can't express how you're really feeling on the message boards? Ever wanted to show someone you're sticking your tongue at them or show that you're confused? Well if so, then maybe you should join The Campaign for New Smileys! The Campaign for New Smileys was started by a small band of people that felt unable to show what they really felt. Slowly the campaign has grown momentum as people have realised the big need for new Smileys. One person in particular that needs new Smileys, is Silent Pete. Long has Silent Pete been oppressed and communication for him has been extremely difficult. With some new Smileys, Silent Pete will become a new man and finally be free of some of the chains that hold him back from talking to us.

Threads have suffered too. The popular Pictionary thread died because there weren't enough Smileys to draw with. With the lack of Smileys, people have resorted to making up their own. Captain Hiddle created the <putwhatyourethinkinginbracketssmiley> and many people have started using this, but it's a poor substitute.

However getting new Smileys isn't very easy. Someone has to design them and then add them to the website. In the words of the King, when originally asked by Lady Marie: "I'm afraid it remains a low priority for the future of the country. But I will make some enquiries." But whatever happens we shall be continuing with the campaign and I'm sure that someday soon we shall get the new Smileys we need.

Over the past few weeks people have been putting suggestions for what Smileys they would like to see added. Now the time has come to vote for the best and most useful suggestions. If you would like to take part in the vote, which starts on Monday, join The Campaign for New Smileys at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2318736>

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# The Mystery Jets Making Dens

**By StatusFrustration**

If you've already heard of the Mystery Jets, you probably know that they hail from

Twickenham's Eel Pie Island, (the site of twice-failed conquering by Lovely's Invasion Taskforce) and the sounds of the Island, from church bells and workers in the harbour to noise from nearby industrial buildings are all claimed by the band to be influential on the debut album.

The track-listing on the sleeve is practically defunct considering two unlisted instrumentals, but this just serves to highlight the fact that 'Making Dens' is an album designed to be listened to as a whole; tracks seamlessly drift into one another, and so it seems somewhat an act of cruelty to pick standout tracks, but if you're curious though not prepared to dig into your pockets, check out 'You Can't Fool Me Dennis' and 'Alas Agnes', brilliant examples of the band's vocal talent, or 'Zootime', which builds from near silence to a mesmerising chant of 'Zootime, zootime, zootime...' I'm not altogether sure what 'Wir sind die Kinder vom Bahnhof Zoo' actually means, but I do know it sounds great. (we are the children of Bahnhof Zoo = famous train station near Berlin zoo ed.)

If English has taught me anything, its that I should end this review commenting perhaps on how the band's makeshift style (percussion comprises dustbin lids etc) will resonate with the citizens of a makeshift country, but unfortunately I spent my last lesson listening to this album, so I'll leave you noting that the Special Edition version including a DVD almost 2 hours long, with (although very brief) appearances from Mighty Boosh stars Fielding and Barratt is well worth the extra few quid.

'Making Dens' was released on the 6th of March 2006, on CD and Special Edition CD/DVD

Cheapskates: visit <http://www.myspace.com/mysteryjets>

Make sure you attend the Cheaster Extravaganza for your chance to win a copy of the 7" Eel Pie Bootleg and a...erm...piece of paper signed by the band.

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# Schools Out

By Lady H

For summer! Schooooooos out for ever!

Not a song to be singing in the midst of a cold march evening, standing outside drab studios at the nicer end of Wembley. But us lovelies are made of stronger stuff and after an hour and half wait we were eventually allowed into the warmth. Mmmmmmmmmmmmm the warmth. With priority tickets we were fortunate to be seated at the front of the studio with clear views of the king. I can hear the jealous mutterings now.

The Set was a caricature of a typical 50's primary school or as the stand up put it "how school would look if you were on acid". After a brief set from the support act we were treated to an appearance of the king who looked very well sporting his shiny wedding ring and a rather nifty brown jacket. We practised our whooping, clapping and cheering and after the floor manager was satisfied it began!

First came introductions to the contestants, Richard Bacon, Shelley Rudman (Silver medallist skeleton bobsleigh), and "on nearly every show on TV" Richard Hammond. After a brief look at their real school reports it went straight into round one: the "Quick fire". Contestants had to answer questions based on the school curriculum. It was designed to test whether they could remember anything they had learnt at school or even paid attention. Rudman carried on the Great British sporting tradition of falling to pieces under pressure, while Bacon demonstrated a total lack of general knowledge, and Hammond

tried his best to be clever.

Then came the second round, based around a school timetable, which had to be explained twice to Hammond, on account of his not paying attention in class, much to the annoyance of "Sir". Again Rudman seemed flustered while Bacon struggled, and Hammond spent a bit of time thinking over each answer, and was obviously trying very hard to win.

Round three was French Oral, and provided some of the best entertainment. We were introduced to a "real" French teacher, Madameoisselle Someone-or-other, who grilled each of the students in turn, requiring them to answer in French, and giving them marks out of 15 for the quality of their language skills. It was clear that none of the guest's on this edition of the show remembered much more than the rudiments of O-Level French, and it was entertaining to watch them squirm. Richard Hammond's explanation that he worked as a "journaliste dans le television avec voiture" and that he also worked with "un grande homme avec grand... hair", and the French teacher saying she was confused by the talk of a giant with big hair, will live with us for a long time. "But he is a giant... what's the French for To\*\*er?".

For the final round the contestants had been sent homework on Volcanoes to do, although some of them clearly hadn't been paying attention, and came up with entertaining answers on their given subject.

The overall winner from the first four rounds went on to a quickfire game with a chance to win up to £2000 for a school of their choice, and a truly magnificent trophy, but I'm not going to reveal the winner, or how well they did or didn't do. You will have to find out for yourselves by watching on BBC1 at 7pm every Wednesday from the 5th of April.

And then it ended with goodbyes from the king and a photo, we bid the studios farewell. Back into the cold and off to the pub to chat about our night.

Also watch out for the backs of some Lovelies head. See if you can spot them

Overall I would give it a B+

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SOCIETY

# PM Assassinated

**By Marie**

We have heard reports of our PM apparently being assassinated and some one being implicated in this act so here goes with my report.

The last post saw by our PM goes like this :-

*"scuse me, I've been compared to scrappy doo. Thus I must do the honourable thing, prove myself otherwise, and commit hara-kiri. You will not see me around. if you wish to know who to blame, ask michelle."*

Well it didn't take long for someone to try and assume the PM's power in this case either. Luckily this person was thwarted in their attempts. And now they are trying to bring down Michelle aka Twist. Well here is the scoop: I won't let them for 2 reasons  
1, there is no body, that means no proof that the PM killed himself  
2, ho hum I'll get back to you on that one.

Well anyways so she compared him to Scrappy "let me at 'em" Doo. It's not the worst thing

that could happen is it? And how could Twist be held responsible for Mike's actions? Do we even have a law on such a thing here in Lovely? And now the PM has gone missing how will we find out?

Can an opinion really drive some one to take their own life? Especially someone like Mike who has a million opinions of his own and is not afraid to use them. (meant in a nice way Mike) And will also debate the right for anyone to freely express their opinion no matter what it is.

Well that's all I have for now will tell you more when I know it.

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# Deputy PM Kidnapped

**By Marie**

Now I know The Truth reported this story but they tried to tarnish our good DPM's name and I am here to report the alleged kidnapping how it happened, so here goes.

A ransom note fluttered down to the floor and some one was demanding ten million IOU's and the following events were very interesting indeed: some people immediately set on the case of finding Saz where as other suggestions were that it was ok because we had another PM and it was "no great loss".

In fact a certain member of the government who shall remain nameless couldn't wait to claim Saz's office for themselves and changed the name on the door within a day of her disappearance, got their feet well and truly under the table I'll tell you. Fortunately after this persons attempts to claim the office HM Bobness had Saz's bodyguards escort them from the building and shortly after Prestons Child entered the office after having sold his Harley for 9 1/2 million IOU's and gave it to the 'lets get Saz back' fund. Which left the problem of the last half a million to which the solution seemed to be to sell the flying filing cabinet that had cake in it (I will share my theory with you on said cabinet shortly).

Anyways the kidnapping case seems to go cold here and after no more attempts to raise the rest of the money to get Saz back she as if by magic re-appeared in Lovely one day. Now for my theory on the flying filing cabinet: are you ready for this? You may need to sit down. Oh you already are? Ok then here goes, contrary to the Truth's reports of Saz tanning herself on a sunny Caribbean beach I can tell you she was infact hiding in the filing cabinet under files marked 'S'. Yep, that's right HIDING, why she would do this is beyond me but that's where she was mhhmmm \*dusts hands looks smug\*.

So with that case closed Saz is safe glad to have her back as I am sure we all are. Thanks for reading see you all soon.

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# My name is Amber Prophet and I am a stilton addict

Phew. That was hard. They say that admitting that you have a problem is the first step on the road to solving it. It all started in about October when I was in the Montagu Pyke pub with several other Lovely Citizens.

*(cue wobbly screen flashback effect)*

We were having a discussion about our preferred late night, post-pub snack. Some people championed the noble kebab and others the dodgy street corner hot dog. No consensus was reached, until some bright spark mentioned the Cornish Pasty Shop. It may have been our semi-inebriated state, it may have been a sign from a higher being, but all decided that there was nothing better that we wanted than a hot freshly baked pasty. And what, you may ask, could be threatening or dangerous about a pasty?

We all made our way to the pasty shop that is near the end of Oxford Street and entered, laughing and joking. We surveyed the array of pasties on offer and it was then that my fate was sealed. They offered a Beef and Stilton Pasty. It called to me and I was unable to resist its siren song. As I tasted the sweet beefy stiltorny goodness I knew that I had to come back and get more.

According to others, my behaviour post-pasty is decidedly stranger than normal (which for anyone who knows me is saying something) and it was soon decided that this behaviour was due to the stilton. I think I suggested that it might have been the alcohol, but that idea was thoroughly pooh-poohed – it was the stilton.

Since that fateful day I have been hooked, and only regular visits to the pasty shop and supplies from our Lovely Stilton dealer have kept me going. The people in the shop now recognise me and shout “Stilton!” joyfully when they see me approach. No seriously. Even the week I couldn’t make the meet and everyone traipsed to the pasty shop and I was phoned and had to talk to the men in pasty shop. Again, seriously this happened. It was then that I realised that I had a problem.

Since then I have not consumed any stilton. The move in pub from the Montagu Pyke to the new one means that the pasty shop is further away, and maybe I will be able to keep this up. However at the moment as I sit in my office shaking from the withdrawal, I am not hopeful.

If YOU have been affected by stilton addiction or know someone who has, please email [amber.prophet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amber.prophet@yahoo.co.uk).

And remember everyone. Say NO to stilton.

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Poem about Lovely

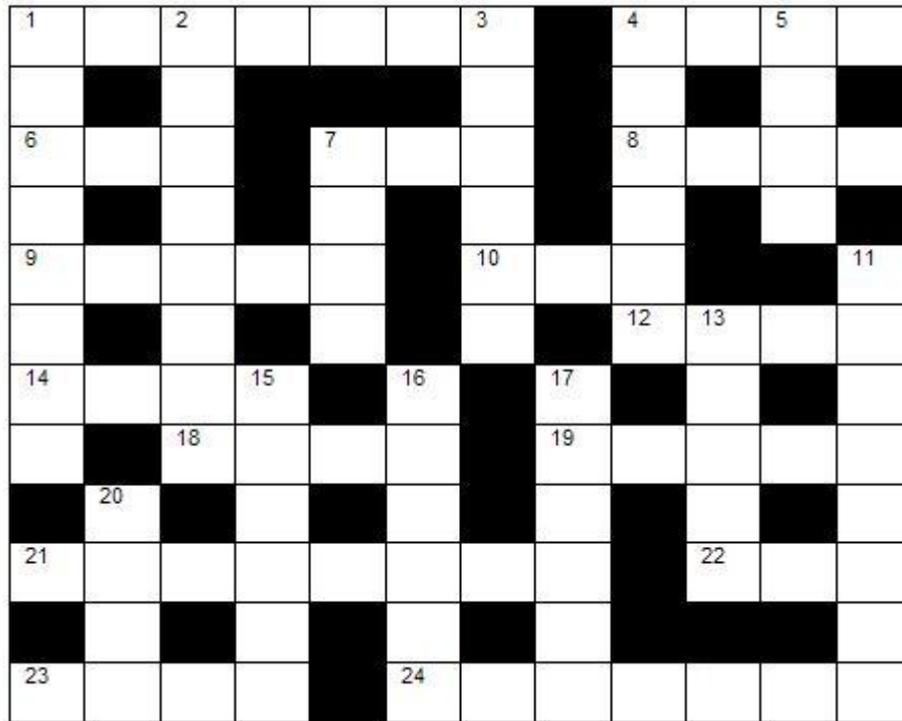
**By Prestons\_child**

Lovely is a seriously lovely place  
Where everyone is kind and sweet  
Where not a single member of Lovely is a disgrace  
Lovely is the best place for people to meet  
King Danny on his throne  
With PsychoticMike and Saz running the country  
But neither of them ever groan  
For they love this place you see.  
With the Psychopotatos with the spelling mistake  
And the Hook or Crook game where nobody wins  
Or the TAGG FC thread where the player’s body ache

Not a thread goes unread and into the bin.  
 So Lovely is such a Lovely place  
 Where there seriously is no hate  
 Where nobody gets on anybody's case  
 Lovely is ten out of ten I rate

# CROSSWORD

By Mcmo



## ACROSS

1. Christmas, toffee or blood? (7)
4. 80's singer with cruel tendencies (4)
6. Newspaper, wipe the floor with it! (3)
7. A man walks into a ... (3)
8. By any other name would smell as sweet (4)
9. Chewing gum's path around the sun (5)
10. Aromatic herb steeped in water – easily found in Lovely (3)
- 12 Find Hawkeye and Trapper in a potato dish? (4)
- 14 Assists (4)
- 18 525,600 minutes (4)
- 19 George – Prime Minister (5)
21. In charge of a prison – or a State (8)
22. C'mon baby shake that donkey! Almost (3)
23. A spy – or an digging animal (4)
24. Spanish drink (7)

## DOWN

1. Classified ad for your eyes only (8)
2. A drudge (8)
3. Mr Gates – Pop Idol (6)
4. Post-modern horror movie (6)
5. Show no respect to this town in Norfolk (4)

- 7. Pipistrelle, horseshoe, cricket? (4)
- 11. Former name of Zimbabwe (8)
- 13. Scent (5)
- 15. Strict (6)
- 16. Gas giant planet (6)
- 17. Old coin (6)
- 20. Mediterranean island (4)

## Sudoku

By Cpeachok

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Puzzle 0002

## Silent Pete's Reviews

### FILMS



#### Turner & Hooch (1989)

Directed by: Roger Spottiswoode

Starring: Tom Hanks, Beasley the Dog

More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098536/>

Rating: 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

#### King of the Hill (1979)

Directed by: Hal Ashby

Starring: Peter Sellers

More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0078841/>

Rating: 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷





More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0152183/>

Rating:



**Dylan Moran: Monster (2004)**

More Info: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0439553/>

Rating:

# Lovely Crossword The Solution

By Mcfarlmo

Here is the solution from the Lovely Crossword in the last issue:

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SPORT

## BACK PAGE NEWS TAGG STRUCK BY THUNDERBOLTON

By Giddsey

Bolton 4-1 Tagg.

A dismal performance from the Tagg squad saw them thrashed by Bolton. There was no

excuse for this poor display from the form team.

Blame has to be left at the doorstep of the coach. Sources say coach giddsey was not even at the match but watching Brentford beat Barnsley in League 1. It would seem many of his high profile players were also missing.

Right fro the rubble huddle things went astray. Rubble in a moment of madness decided to hand the captains armband to young prestons child. What a mistake. within 5 mins P-C had blatantly fouled all eleven of the Bolton side and was sent to the dressing room in shame. Bolton then proceeded to pick apart the weakened side. There first was a mistake fro Lars who booted the ball into the back of Ray's head and let Stelios in clean through on goal. 1-0 Bolton.

Ray then replicated the mistake by booting the ball in babs face to let Speed collect the rebound and score with aplomb. 2-0 Bolton.

Number three came when nick nack played a mistimed ball back to Mop who trod on the ball and spooned it into her own net. 3-0 Bolton.

Half time saw Rubble take control and for a period in the second half Tagg looked like they might make a game of it. But no sooner than Rubble had hit a blistering 40 yrd through ball to Jamie, who scored with a sublime back heel, Bolton had there forth. 4-1 Bolton. How embarrassing.

Well lads, bad performance, but listen not to the press. We'll do em in the cup on Wed. Sorry i missed the game i guess the tactic of not being there went t1ts up.

433 laps around the pitch, and no drinking till after Wed's match.

Chin up lads "we are as good as YOU say we are"

coach giddsey

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## BACK PAGE NEWS

# TAGG TAKE REVENGE ON WANDERERS

Tagg 2-1 Bolton aet

Tagg FC took revenge on Bolton in this exciting cup replay. After getting caned 4-1 at the weekend, coach giddsey ordered extra training and a cup final diet, to prepare for Allerdyce's squad.

The game started with a sweet move started by Jamie. J dribbled around three men far right wing, he slung a pass far left to Lars who with one touch laid the ball at babs feet. A triple step-over followed by the infamous 'toe plonk' saw Tagg take the lead. 1-0 Tagg.

Prestons 'bite yer ankles' child had the Bolton midfield and attack in close control. Nolan couldn't move without p-c at him like a dog on heat.

Boltons equalizer came from a freak back-pass by Ray of the tagg. Aiming for the usually reliable Rubble the pass spooned into the path of Davies who unusually scored easily. 1-1

The whistle for full time blew and an inspirational team talk from the coach saw Tagg take the field, for extra time, with the passion and pride so expected at the great club.

Tagg's winner was scored by Rubble. Missing half the match, she came good in the end. A wonder goal from beyond 30 yrds was struck. It fizzed through the air and put Tagg into the quarter finals. 2-1 Tagg

Well played lads, excellent performance from all.

See ya in the bar.

coach giddsey

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