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Peace for our time

Editor-in-chief

Elysium. A place of wonder and interest. A place of safety. A window into bygone ages. Somewhere to remind us of our origins, a handle hold on humanity. The difference between us and *others*. We venerate humanity and hold it dear. For all our own reasons of course.

Those were the opening words in an article by Prince Aldworth when he was the keeper of Elysium for the former Prince Rothschild on the virtues of the Elysium. A little over a year later one of my most experienced reporters found himself in one Prince Aldworth's Elysia discussion the merits of the Dark Times, its tone and content with him.

It was there that the following three points were agreed. Firstly the paper will explicitly state where articles have been written by my reporters and so from this issue onwards each article will carry a name to identify the author. Secondly the paper will give Prince Aldworth all opportunity to publish the official side of any story they wish allowing the readers to decide what is liable slander and which are the cold facts and most excitingly that Prince Aldworth would respect all prior agreements and arrangements made by prior Princes of Glasgow where they were made with upstanding members of the Camarilla belonging

to the seven clans of Brujah, Gangrel, Malkav, Nosferatu, Toreador, Tremere and Ventrue. Clearly those individuals will be required to bring themselves to his attentions and inform him of any such arrangements they wish to be upheld by the current prince.



In short he has declared an amnesty on the kindred who shut themselves away from the scene when the troubles started twelve years ago as well as anyone who was accepted by any of the many intermediate Princes of Glasgow.

It remains to be seen how many kindred will take Prince Aldworth up on his offer and how those individuals will be treated.

As part of giving Prince Aldworth all possible opportunity to bring his side on any matter across we will feature an article in next months edition with Prince Aldworth expo-sing the factual truth behind some on the unsubstantiated allegations previously made against him. So expect to read all about it in the August Edition.

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New Denham Dawn

Dark Times staff writer (Peter)

A glimmer of hope for Glasgow Cathedral this month, with the investiture of a new minister, Reverend Michael Denham. Denham (47) takes over during a troubled period in the Cathedral's history, after the violent death of the former minister, Reverend Whitely.

Whitely had caused increasing alarm with his unusual sermons, which spoke of monsters in the night, and the need to fight back against this threat. The Reverend's credibility suffered a blow though, when his son disappeared in circumstances which suggested he had been involved in a number of murders. The Reverend continued to preach though, to an ever increasing congregation.

Perhaps his ramblings were proven justified though, apart from our existence of course, as he was the target of a vicious abduction, which also claimed the lives of two of the Reverend's aides. Some held hope that he would be found alive, but by the following month, evidence of Reverend Whitely's cremation was confirmed by Strathclyde Police.

After all this turmoil, Reverend Denham has been brought in as a firm and steady hand to settle the minds and souls of the Glasgow population. Born in Sussex, Denham studied Divinity at York University, before embarking on missionary work in Africa and South America for five years. Upon his return, he joined the Church of Scotland, leading worship at a number of small parishes, before taking up his most recent position at Dunfermline Abbey. His arrival in Glasgow was welcomed by church Elders, who expressed their hope that he would calm the troubled waters.

Vigilante Injustice

Dark Times staff writer (Thomas)

Vigilantism reached new heights in Glasgow over

the past few weeks, with dozens of fresh attacks dominating news headlines. However, the thin veneer of justice which covered these attacks previously – their focus on criminals and muggers – has rapidly vanished. Instead, this spate of violence has been enacted against people believed to have committed wrongs against them.

The list of victims over the last 3 weeks has included traffic wardens, nightclub bouncers, taxi drivers and security guards. Over 30 victims have been hospitalised, 11 dead at the time of this publication, although some were in critical condition. Police seem bewildered by the intensity of the attacks and their apparent random nature; the only arrests to date have been those individuals caught in the act or fleeing the scene.

The attacks have varied in method, with knives and bats featuring prominently, along with a number of assaults using stolen vehicles. One common method has remained setting fire to the targets, reminiscent of the attacks by the Flaming Hobo which ignited this particular spree of brutality. It remains to be seen if it is a flash fire though, or a blaze which will raze the city to the ground.

All this has allowed Strathclyde Police to continue sweeping the series of ripper-esque murders of prostitutes in the most derelict areas of Glasgow. Another four women, roughly one a week, have been murdered a manner eerily similar to the Whitechapel slayings. Further evidence has revealed that inconsistencies in the blood work results of the victims might suggest that they had been given vitae before their deaths.

Take the High Road

Dark Times staff writer (Duncan)

Work was completed this month on the M74 extension, which extends the M74 from its previous end-point in Cambuslang, all the way into the heart of Glasgow. The extension has been planned for many years, but part of the urgency arose as it was one of the transportation

infrastructure works promised as part of Glasgow's bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

The completion is well in advance of the Games, and also months before the estimated deadline. The project completed without any significant difficulties and well under budget. This feat is all the more impressive given the scale of the works, and that this is the only major government development to have met deadlines and budget in the last 10 years.

Simon Bradshaw, chairman of InfraScot, the company contracted to deliver the extension, basked in the positive attention his company received. He held a press conference, along with senior officials from Glasgow City Council, announcing the opening of the route, and InfraScot is expected to be a strong contender for future infrastructure tenders.

There have been calls of foul play from other construction firms; rumours that corners were cut, substandard building materials used and illegitimate labour to ensure the project completed on time. However, despite the quantities of accusations, so far it seems that InfraScot's work is above board and they continue to reap the benefits of a job well done.

Great Britain by Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

This June has been even more event-less than is usual. The extremely short nights combined with the period

of rebuilding that has gripped London means that whilst there is frantic activity behind closed doors carving up the influences and responsibilities it leads to a social draught. We can't even look forward to another one of ancilla Stone's Poker Tournaments, like the one he held last July as since his backing of Lady Anne in the confrontation in the tower in March he has lost a lot of political capital.

The only glimmer of hope, and it shows how desperate things have become, are rumours around a ball hosted jointly by members of clan Malkav and Toreador in Glasgow. It might be one of only three noteworthy occasions in the social scene in Glasgow since the dramatic end of Prince Galon's rule in the late 1990ies. I will let you know more details, whether I get invited, and of course whether I intend to attend as I receive more information.

Let it be known that Julius Montgomery, of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla has traded one of his debts over Alexander Jones, of Birmingham, ancilla of the Camarilla to Nathan Kyte, of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Tarquin DeJulianne, of Liverpool, neonate of the Camarilla has repaid his debt John Houblon, Prince of London, elder of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Constantine, of Liverpool, is twice indebted to Simon Rubin, of Manchester, elder of the Camarilla.

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