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Aldworth's Battle at Celtic – Easy as ABC

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Huge strides were made this month in the battle against the sectarian violence which has blighted Scotland's top level football for years. Celtic FC, one of the two clubs worst afflicted by this plight, has instituted a range of measures designed to stamp out the issue which has damaged the clubs European reputation, and played a part in the club's declining fortunes.

Substantial resources have been invested in new measures to combat the disruptive elements, ranging from enhanced CCTV systems to increased security. Celtic have also found considerable success with the new "Shop a Bigot" system, where fans are rewarded for providing information which leads to a successful conviction of those responsible for inciting hatred.

Since the scheme's establishment, the state of the art CCTV cameras have been able to identify over thirty offenders, all of whom

were picked up leaving the stadium. This represents a significant improvement on previous processes, which have usually taken weeks or months to produce results.



All of these advancements were made possible thanks to funding received from Nigel Haversham

Aldworth, a member of Viscount Charles Augustus Aldworth's estate, who has taken a sudden and enveloping interest in the "beautiful game" and the restoration of its public image. A coincidence, the timing so close to the Viscount's return to Glasgow? It seems unlikely...

Arson over

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Glasgow's Organised Crime unit finally had some more results with the capture of the notorious arsonist who has

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been wreaking havoc in the city. The spate of attacks intensified this month, with a further dozen buildings destroyed and countless injuries.

Finally though, Meldrum's officers were able to track down the culprit in the act of attempting to set another fire, this time at Yorkhill Secondary School. For all the destruction and injury he has caused, his arrest was a simple enough affair, and he was led from the building meekly, hands cuffed behind his back.

The suspect has not yet been named for legal reasons, but our sources describe him as a young, white male, from a middle class background, who is currently a postgraduate student at Glasgow Caledonian University. As of yet there do not appear to be any reasons for his actions, or any details of why he was caught now after evading capture for so long.

A thorn among roses

Dr Robert Douglas Hume

Well ladies and gentlemen, I have interesting tidings to impart to you from the southerly reaches of this island. But first, allow me to thank all those who made my return to Glasgow most enjoyable last month, those of you who provided such enjoyable conversation and warm welcomes. I look forward to my next visit, and anyone who wishes to come through to Edinburgh, please contact me, I'll see what I can do to arrange a visit.

Now, on to news. And what a tale I have to tell, from the court of London, where a boisterous and obnoxious Ancilla appears determined to make his existence as dangerous as possible. Nathan Kyte, a Malkavian from Cambridge seems to have made a habit of angering the Toreador, revelling in his activities.

Despite having already made long term enemies of my entire clan, Kyte decided that now was the best time to flaunt his continuing insolence by

provoking an Ancilla of the clan in London. The madman abducted a dozen of Damian Thomson's ghouls, who numbered among the most glamorous and beautiful inhabitants of the region. The full extent of the Malkavian's depredations only became clear as Damian's ghouls were returned to him, one by one, with the most horrendous scarring.

Their injuries ranged from acid burns, to flaying of their skin, to spinal injuries resulting in paralysis. Each injury destroyed the grace and beauty which had made them the envy of London. Of course the physical injuries were complemented by the psychological scars inflicted by Kyte's torture, not to mention the altered memories he left those ghouls with.

It took Damian some weeks to piece together the details, but when the final of the twelve ghouls provided irrefutable evidence of Kyte's actions, Damian immediately confronted the Malkavian and in a rage challenged him to duel to torpor. Kyte chose a physical confrontation, and Queen Anne chose Sir Gillespie Wright as arbiter of the matter.

Wright chose a traditional sword duel, and the combat was arranged, with many London Kindred arriving to observe. Although Damian fought with flair, valiantly and passionately, his talents do not lie in the physical and he was promptly defeated by Kyte. From the expressions of those Toreador present and who collected Damian's torpored form, it seems Kyte has achieved something I previously thought impossible, to worsen his position with my bloodline.

Well...*nemo me impune lacessit*, Mr Kyte will soon learn the truth of that. I shall follow the situation with great interest, and inform you all of any updates. For now, please, anyone who finds out anything interesting, let me know and maybe I'll find space to talk about it next month.

Your voice in the night, Robert

Great Britain By Night

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

Good evening dear readers, what can I tell you about the month of January. Lots of us made new decade resolutions and some of us have already failed to keep them. The first matter I was going to write about is the business between Nathan Kyte and Damian Thomson. I hear that the editor has asked Dr Hume to comment and so I will keep myself brief. While I have to admit that I never saw eye to eye with Mister Thomson the entire dealing between the two leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

Elsewhere I have heard reports of a meeting between ancilla David Stone and Archon Unther, who some rumor has spend best part of 2009 in the city of Glasgow. The meeting is alleged to have taken place just outside of Edinburgh. Ancilla Stone, has been seen in Edinburgh frequently over the last two months, giving rise to rumours of an east coast alliance between York and Edinburgh. The timing with the increased threat from the west coast, in the form of Cruithni the conqueror lends credence to that rumor.

While I am speaking about the newest, and according to some rumours, oldest, prince of Britain. Rumours have surfaced about safe sites one can travel to in order to gain an audience with him or his people. These places are reputedly on the expanding border of his domain and anyone

found further inland will be treated as an invader or spy and will be punished accordingly.

That neatly brings me to Carlisle, formerly within the domain of Prince Carter of Manchester and Liverpool and now it seems contested by Prince Cruithni. While I cannot say I have spoken to anyone who has actually visited Carlisle recently, what I have heard is that prince Carter has moved out resources and residents as best as possible. Whether this signals him conceding the city to Cruithni is still open to debate.

In any case it will be extremely interesting to watch how far Cruithni can push the boundaries of his fledging domain before he encounters serious resistance and how the political landscape will change should he enter an alliance with any of the major political factors.

Let it be known that Charles August Aldworth, former Prince of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla is indebted to Jonathan Redmond, of Glasgow, Ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Edward Bulwer-Lytton of London, the former Scourge of Norfolk, ancilla of the Camarilla is indebted to Nathan Kyte, of London, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Heather Jackman, Scourge of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla is substantially indebted to Charles August Aldworth, former Prince of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla.

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