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HERE COMES THE NEW CHIEF

In a surprising turn for Glasgow politics, a new Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police was installed this month, with a minimum of fuss and difficulty. Daniel Marr, an experienced officer who has worked for a number of years in Glasgow following his move from Manchester, took the reins in a small quiet ceremony with far less pomp and circumstance than might be expected for such a high pressure role.

The spotlight was immediately on him too, as reports emerged of an IRA attack on a military base in Antrim, Northern Ireland. Reports were that the target was the theft of arms for distribution, although the specifics of what was taken were not revealed. Marr fielded the questions comfortably, expressing his sorrow for those who died as a result of the attack, confi-



Guns seized in a police raid last week

dence in his counterpart in Northern Ireland and an offer of any assistance which might be required.

Marr also made clear that efforts to track and prevent gun sale would be stepped up in the aftermath, to prevent more gun violence erupting on Glasgow's Streets. It is to be hoped that a steady hand like his will be instrumental in restoring the slipping order of the city.

BOON TRADING:

- *Minor Boon owed to David Stone repaid by Niall Ferguson*

RUMOURS RUMOURS RUMOURS - MJ

Hello sweeties, and welcome to yet another three page tome...oh wait, you're not reading that article yet.

So whilst perusing last months times on my way home I risked the coma of one of Haile's articles because I saw I was mentioned. Horribly vain I know.

But, It seems as though he is DESPERATE to know what was going on with Me, Norfolk and Manchester.

So far be it from me to part with tradition

and have a nice chat about it – god forbid folk talk face to face. Lets do this all over the paper!

Long and short of it is. They like me. They came to my party. They had a lovely time and said I was free to visit them any time I like....oooh scandalous!

But I suppose if you don't come to the cool parties, you'll never really know what's happening In The Loop.

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GLASGOW IN AUGUST - SIMON HAILE



An ancient copy of the Convention of Thorns was defaced

Last month's court saw the return of the Anarchs. All those who had expected fireworks, a large confrontation or even a repeat of the public dismemberment were badly disappointed. After the months of angry messages, copies of the Convention of Thorns being annotated, posted and discussed and statements made to plentiful rights of the members of the Anarch movement of the Camarilla the Anarchs did in the end simply bow to Prince Aldworth and the demands he had originally placed upon them.

The offending party delivered the required apology and as previously advised was thereafter accepted back at court. If one overlooks the ignorance of etiquette and the fierce and angry staring from the back of the room then there was little to complain about the conduct of the Anarchs. Maybe Peter Fraser has taken a break from his tour to visit the courts of mainland Britain to talk some sense into the younger members of the movement. After all domains such as York and Birmingham have in the last five years executed or imprisoned their Anarch contingents without any open retaliation of the movement.

Mister Fraser's visit to Glasgow had been a quiet affair. After stating that his response would likely have been different if Prince Aldworth had the arms removed of someone who mattered within the Anarch movement thereby conceding how little the principle does mean if you are a nobody. He then continued to inform the domain that there had been a Sabbat incursion in Ireland. A large group of Anarchs were sent to route out the Sabbat before their hold became too strong. Reports of the struggle are sketchy at best to protect the masquerade and those on the ground.

During the action the Anarchs destroyed one or more kindred who likely had no involvement with the Sabbat. If that had happened within a regular domain the local prince would like have seen the perpetrators executed. Seeing that they had been at war with the Sabbat at the time and that the

Anarchs had bled and in some cases died for the safety of the Camarilla of Britain they were simply sentenced to inform all the courts of Britain of their actions and the dangers of the Sabbat.

There is likely little truth to the claims that the deaths of the Irish Camarilla members caught up in the war were in retaliation to the cull of Anarchs of York and Birmingham in recent years. In any case it will be interesting to see which of the British domains will be the first one after this act to purge part of their local Anarch element from their midst, my own money would be on Birmingham.

Outwith the court we also had an interesting month. First on my mind there is the misunderstanding which led to Margery Houndsworth Stone declaring for all Harpies of Britain that neonate Chauncey's debt to the Seneschal of Glasgow, Ancilla Trenchard was expunged. Even at first glance it seemed completely bizarre that the Harpies of Britain had sided with a disgraced neonate over the Prince of Glasgow who had previously publicly stated that the debt still stood.

A swift investigation into the matter revealed that some of the preliminary information gathered by the Harpies was incorrect, that Margery had not been given any remit to speak for the harpies as a whole as their opinions had not yet fully formed and they had not double checked the facts. What was correct was that at one meeting of the harpies, based on the incomplete evidence they had received, one could have made an argument that Prince Aldworth had actually stricken the debt. Instead of actually completing the gathering of evidence and double checking the facts, or simply asking Prince Aldworth or the holder of the debt whether it still stands, Margery publicly made her statement in last month's Dark Times. Her statement made all the Harpies of Britain look as if they had overruled the local Prince on matters of prestation in his own domain.

I am sure the Harpies of Britain, now in possession of all of the relevant facts, will let us know what their decree on the matter is.

"THERE HAD BEEN A SABBAT INCURSION IN IRELAND."



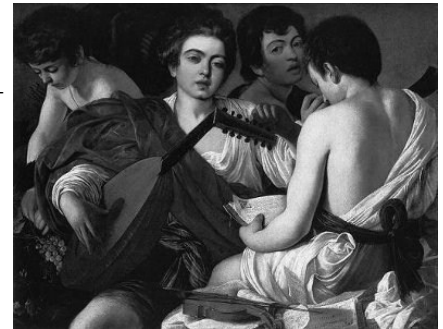
The Anarch Barony of Ulster

STORY CONTINUED...

Maybe they will back Margery's claim and declare the domain of Glasgow is simply too incompetent to handle their own matters of prestaton, and Prince Aldworth cannot even declare whether a mere minor boon stands. Maybe they will back Prince Aldworth's statements and declare that Margery has spoken out of turn and without their consent, dealing with this betrayal as only a group of harpies can. Maybe they will hold their hands up and declare that as a whole they acted hastily and merely reverse last month's decree without hanging the blame on Margery or anyone else. In any case, I for one hope that the matter regarding neonate Chauncey and his debt to Ancilla Trenchard is solved permanently because it bores me having to continue talking about it.

Before I finish for the month I would like to mention a couple of new arrivals to Glasgow. Marianna Wilding and Tyrone Westwood. Both are avid art collectors and both have agreed to show of part of their collections during the coming months to the kindred of Glasgow and their visitors. Marianna Wilding is an up and coming neonate with an interest in paintings ranging from the Baroque period all the way into the beginnings of Romanticism. Tyrone is a part of the Anarch contingent who collects paintings on the sides of vans.

Elder Simon Haile
Keeper of Glasgow's Elysia



Painting of the Baroque period

A RESPONSE - ANONYMOUS

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## PARK LIGHT

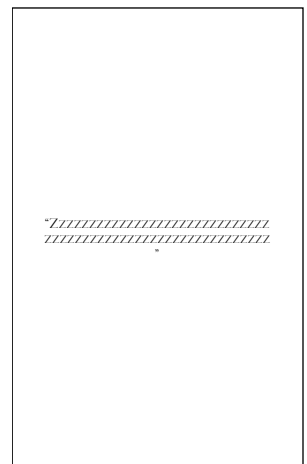
Following months of night-time revelry in the parks of Glasgow, the inevitable disaster finally struck. Teenage parties had sprung had sprung up in many of the green spaces of the city, with police at a loss to prevent their spread. A few were broken up and the adolescent attendees moved on, but many more were only discovered come the morning.

But this month saw these parties collide with another of the phenomena of Glasgow's parks – the gruesome night time hunts which had claimed a number of solitary victims some months ago. This time, it was a group of three young adults who were the victims; their deaths have spawned a new fervour among parents and politicians to protect the youngsters - a project named Park Light.

Two girls, 17 and 19, and one male, also 17, were walking through Linn Park – near Cathcart, when they were set upon. One of

the girls managed to run some 100 metres before she was brought down. The others died almost where they stood, beside some thick undergrowth. All three were terribly mutilated and torn, as though shredded by great claws, unlike anything possessed by a natural animal in this country. Police can currently only speculate that someone constructed themselves an artificial device to resemble that of a big cat or bear.

In the meantime, parents have taken the matter into their hands, pushing strongly for much heavier safety measures to be taken over Glasgow's parks. Proposals for increased lighting and for CCTV to be installed at each park are currently being considered, along with the requests to greatly increase the number of council staff who patrol those areas. All in all, it seems the many parks of the city will soon be significantly safer.



New security flood-lamps

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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

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THE SHADOWS

## HARPY HOUR

Summer rolls around...or rolls right around Glasgow it seems! I wonder if the rain and gloom makes it easier to feed and go unnoticed, perhaps a member of Clan Nosferatu might like to comment on that next month!

Of course, that isn't the only matter casting a pall over the city. Boon troubles rumble on – which I will not touch! We must endure it all for a little while longer in any case, but Chauncey left office this month so at least that fire won't be stoked at Court. I say "left", I think everyone saw the foot that was behind him though.

His departure was to a warm handshake from the Prince, a louder round of applause than his replacement and one over-exuberant high five – not quite the ignominious end his Elders had devised. But an end all the same, and in comes Augustus Trenchard, with only the faintest smell of nepotism! The best of luck to you in your new role...

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"I hear Mr Corvus Brann, the young neonate, has just arrived in Glasgow. He successfully masqueraded as a respected pathologist for many years in Edinburgh. If he does so again in Glasgow, I can only imagine the tales he will have to tell."

Alastair Farr, Harpy of Edinburgh

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"You have my sympathies Glasgow. Manchester knows only too well what it's like to be infected with Anarchs. We managed to survive the threat to the Camarilla known as Peter Fraser and his sycophants but I fear you are too close to their nest in Belfast to escape their insidious influence."

Lucretia Reflection, Harpy of Manchester

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"A little update from the trenches of Birmingham. Lines have been drawn. Billets chosen and all set upon. Choose your allegiances carefully, lest they sink beneath you. And recall that you cannot strike too hard, for fear that the boat beneath you will sink entirely."

"Uncertain? Welcome to Birmingham."

Henry Newbolt, Harpy of Birmingham

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Best Regards,  
Editor in Chief



A monthly summary of  
British Camarilla news,  
politics, gossip and rumour,  
straight from the Harpy's  
mouth.