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'because when you don't exist you can pretty much say what you like...'

Hi Beings, and welcome back to the second my brand new revamped 'gossip page'. I've been very busy this month helping Prince Harry shoot-up Taliban warlords and party in Vegas (not at the same time - though the thought did occur). Thanks to all you who've contacted me with the latest goss, so here goes...

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In fear for his life from the minions of the UEMC™, 'Frank' (not his real name, of course), writes about developments over at 'Miniature Battlegames':- *'True to his word Henry Hyde has included a good dollop of sci-fi in the last issue of 'Battlegames'. Is this to mollify critics, or to persuade advertisers to remain? Maybe. As one blogger put it, 'I see no evidence to suggest anything to the contrary' (that sci-fant will be included)'. That said, is it me, or does the new slogan look like something the BUF would say in 'A Very British Civil War'? Talking of which, Solway Crafts & Miniatures have finally capitulated to the inevitable and released a set of skirmish rules, 'Went The Day Well?' Web allegations of latent fascism promptly abounded. Honestly, these days you can't even suggest immigration controls and not trusting the French and Germans without someone accusing you or racism!'*



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From his safe house in Bromsgrove 'Dave' (his real name) reports that behind the scenes there is (allegedly) a lot of turmoil at *Wargames Foundry*. Ex-manager Matt Fletcher is (allegedly) suing them for (alleged) wrongful dismissal and they are (allegedly) counter-suing for (alleged) gross incompetence - hence the trashing of the Foundry lines/website that hail back to Matt's era that I reported (in good faith) last iss. What will be the outcome? We shall see...

You may, dear reader, know this from your other contacts already, but I thought I'd mention just in case... Stewart Forgan writes to tell that it seems like the good old UEMC™ has declared war on online retailers in the good 'ole US of A (and Canada). They are trying to ban these retailers from selling bits from their products, warning of severe penalties if caught (i.e. the wrath of the law). Well apparently this move seems like it is going to be imposed on this green and present land also (from June the 15th). Should get really interesting. If one scrolls down the irreverent *Dakka* page (<http://www.dakkadakka.com/dakkaforum/posts/list/420/514316>) one will see a response from Wayland Games, which seems to suggest that they want to form a rebel alliance to take on the empire. It looks like online retailers in the UK are going to be banned from selling UEMC™ stuff via their website, and customers will only be able to order online from the UEMC™ direct. Seemingly the customers will still be able to buy from the likes of *Wayland* but only via phone or post (I think), and this is why Wayland are trying to rally other retailers to their banner. Mm - and after they failed to copyright the term 'space marine' as well. So, thanks Stewart, and make of it what you will. I shall make a song and dance of it with Harry from One Direction... or did I dream that?

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Were you at Emily's party on Friday? I wasn't, but apparently Chelsea was in tears because she only got a 'B' in her sociology mock, and she'll need at least an 'A' to get into Oxbridge. Yeah, Russell Group not good enough for our Chelz, is it, lol. She should get out more, try fighting intergalactic criminals like wot I do. Apparently Liam asked

Emily out and was, like, totally sober. Are we to see yet another realignment of forces within the Geoffhurst Road gang? I think we should be told...

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Well, that's all for this month. More goss as I get it. I'll be at '*Salute*' having a look around - and if you don't see Olly Murs for a while, he's locked in my basement, doing my ironing... Love and peace

Sheila XX