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RETRACTION!

Yesterday it was published that Barnabas Cuffe's birthday was a 'sad affair, dripping with a desperation fostered by an over-ambitious childhood'. This is patently untrue. Steps have been taken to prevent such a mix-up from recurring.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

North: rain & fog
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MUGGLES INVADE HOGWARTS

Dennis Creevy

On April 7th, thousands of Muggles descend on the world's pre-eminent school of witchcraft and wizardry. This historic milestone for Magical Britain's Muggle outreach is all the more impressive because it's happening in America.

For the past two decades, Muggle communities around the world have taken more of an interest in magic. This is due, in large part, to a series of books about the Second Wizarding War, published by Muggle author Jo Rowling. Though the tone and scope of the books vary, they recount an accurate—if romanticised—tale of the war's events told through the perspective of The Boy Who Lived.

The books legilimented through Muggle consciousness at an astounding rate, and continue to spread. Demand for magical fashions and fare remains at an all-time high, and savvy business-witches and wizards are raking in the Galleons.

"It's a curious question indeed," says Garrick Ollivander, proprietor of the most famous wand-shop in Britain. "I've opened up another shop in Hogsmeade to keep up with the demand. Whatever [the Muggles] are using them for, it escapes me. Wands can harness latent magic in sites like Hogsmeade and Diagon Alley to cast minor enchantments. When they go home they'll just be sticks—expertly crafted from the finest materials, yes, but sticks."

Shopkeepers are not the only ones adapting to the new situation. Radcliffe Drumph, a researcher for the Department of Experimental Charms, talks about the difficulties of



Don't be alarmed! Muggle photographs, such as this, don't move. When a picture is taken, the camera steals photo-ons from the subject and freezes them. Be wary around Muggle cameras if you want to keep your photo-ons.

keeping Hogwarts in three different locations at once.

"We've made a type of Apparition for buildings. Disapparate in Britain, Apparate in Orlando, then Tokyo, and now Hollywood. We get it going so fast, you don't even notice it flickering around you. It's bloody brilliant."

Minister Shackbolt had this to say.

"We've accomplished something unheard of, even in Merlin's time. The Charms and Tourism departments have doubled in size four times in as many years, securing jobs for any witch or wizard who wants one for years to come."

Of course, this article wouldn't be complete without getting the opinion of the amazing wizard at the center of the excitement. "While the Auror Office has no reason to suspect a Dark Wizard attack, I'll do everything I can to keep visitors to Hogwarts safe, magic and non-magic alike."

Atta boy, Harry!

Witches and Wizards in the Muggle World

Anita Skeeter

Those incredulous Muggles may just be poking their heads into our world, but wizardkind has a long history of influencing theirs. Let's catch up with some of our auspicious ambassadors.

Hermione Granger

After overturning the pure-blood laws—good-riddance—Mrs. Granger continues her activist streak by setting her sights on gender inequality. She spoke at the International Confederation of Muggles and recruited American celebrity Thomas Hanks. He's no Lockhart Jr., but handsome nonetheless. Should her husband, Ronald Weasley, be worried? She did, after all, keep her maiden name.

Lee Jordan

In his search for ever larger audiences, Lee made his way to Hollywood where he appears in a popular Muggle painting with the title "Community". Pop pop, Lee!



10 WAYS TO SUSS OUT A MUGGLE IN DISGUISE

- 1 Muggles always carry a flat, non-magical wand they call a 'self-phone'. If you suspect someone, watch them for 5 minutes. That's the amount of time most can go without looking at it.
- 2 Ask who they want to win the World Cup. If you don't recognize the team, say 'They have a good shot if Fee-Fa doesn't screw it up.'
- 3 People over 18 years of age wearing new school robes are definitely Muggles. When was the last time you purchased school clothes for yourself? Exactly.

- 4 Appropriately aged people in Hogwarts dress can still be fakes. Listen for an American, or suspect British, accent.
- 5 If wearing Quidditch team attire, ask for their thoughts on the most recent match. A Muggle will not have the details.
- 6 On a hot day, witches and wizards in heavy clothing will certainly use a Cooling Charm. If you can not detect one, you are looking at a sweaty Muggle.

- 7 Ask their opinion on an event from yesterday's Daily Prophet. The poor Muggles can not get subscriptions, and all respectable wizards do.
- 8 If the person in question has nice teeth, compliment their smile and ask if they had to wear 'braces'. Braces are metal wires Muggles use to slowly move their teeth.
- 9 Muggles have trouble picking the correct outfit for an occasion. One wearing an adventuring hat with dancing robes probably didn't grow up in wizarding society.
- 10 If asking 'Why are you in Gryffindor?' returns a lengthy, self-aggrandising list of qualities, the person is a Muggle who only thinks they should be in Gryffindor.

SNITCH DEBATE

Ginny Potter

It isn't easy to imagine Quidditch without its iconic winged ball, but members of the International Quidditch Association are in their third week of closed-door deliberations to decide the fate of the Golden Snitch. With tensions running high, any decision the IQA reaches will inevitably leave some heartbroken.

We invited Kathy Perkins and Oliver Wood, members of The Department of Magical Games and Sports, to sit down together and share their opinions.

Transcript follows.

NO END IN SIGHT THIS IS ONE ON

KP: "People don't realize that the Snitch wasn't always part of the game. It was added in, sort of as a joke, around the time Muggles were burning witches. I don't know why it's lasted so long."

OW: "Come on! Who cares why it was added. The Golden Snitch and Quidditch have gone hand-in-hand as long as anybody can remember. You can't have one without the other."

KP: "But the nature of the game has changed. Our brooms are 30 times faster than when the Snitch was first introduced. And refined strategies mean games—even long ones—finish at around 400 points combined. The seeker earns half

the points. It's a slap in the face to the other players."

OW: "The other players love the game as it is. Without the Snitch, how will we know when a match is over?"

KP: "We don't have to get rid of it entirely. Just don't award any points when it's caught."

OW: "NO POINTS!?! Why bother having it at all then?"

KP: "That also works."

OW: "WHAT?! This is ... most ridiculous ... nonsense ... They've got to keep it. They've got to."

QUIDDITCH

Thick fog presented a challenge for games throughout the country. Most affected was the match in Wimbourne, with no winner declared until the seventh hour.

Scores

Appleby Arrows 340 (96')
Pride of Portree 210

Puddlemere Utd 330 (113')
Chudley Cannons 30

Ballycastle Bats 70
Holyhead Harpies 180 (68')

Wimbourne Wasps 310
Montrose Magpies 190 (392')

Tutshill Tornadoes 80
Caerphilly Catapults 220 (77')

Falmouth Falcons 100
Wigtown Wanderers 160 (45')

DEATHS

Rita Skeeter

My Career

Dear readers, our editor, Barnabas Cuffe—illustrious indeed—is trying to silence your humble reporter over a childish personal grudge. My demotion does a disservice to the world. No, a disservice to you.

Without me, who will bash down the doors of conspiracy to bring you the truths? Who will stand up to those looking to keep you in the dark? Who will shine a light on the unseemly few living like kings on Ministry wages?

We must band together to combat this injustice. We may be beaten, but we are not broken. We may be set-back, but we will not succumb to despair.

Send an owl demanding my reinstatement to The Office of Barnabas Cuffe, The Daily Prophet, Diagon Alley. If we stand together, we can win this fight!

Randolph Humsdrang

Beloved husband and father of two. You will be missed.

MUGGLES SHOCKED

BY APPARENTLY EVERYTHING

Muggles have been sharing stories of wizards, witches, and magical creatures for thousands of years, yet they are constantly confounded by any encounter with magic. They teach their children that a man with gifts comes out of their fireplace, but to see it done? You wouldn't believe a mouth could sputter so vigorously.

Recently, Muggles found out that the Magical Congress of the United States of America (MACUSA) was created in 1693, 83 years before the term "United States of America" entered the lexicon.

"How? I don't understand. An entire country doesn't just get amnesia [Ed. a disease where the Mug-

gle body Obliviates itself]"

This sentiment, expressed by Mug-



This Muggle 'wizard' pretends to do magic by tricking other Muggles with his slight hands.

gle Dr. Gregory House, was shared throughout the continent as countless Muggles racked their brains to come up with an explanation.

"It just doesn't make any sense. She's going to have a hard time explaining this one."

The 'she' in that statement refers to Jo Rowling, the Muggle world's main source of Magical News. This quote unveils a surprising truth about Muggles: They are fascinated with magic, they can visit our schools and towns, but they still do not truly believe we exist.

NO LONGER AFRAID

Anita Skeeter

It has been eighteen years since the Second Wizarding War ended and we, your stalwart staff at the Daily Prophet will no longer be intimidated by the memory of a monster! Someone has to speak first, paving the way for the rest of Wizard-kind to heal, and that might as well be us. So we're printing the name we've all tried so hard not to say. Witness our heroic act of courage in tomorrow's edition of the Daily Prophet!

GALLEONS IN TROUBLE

Dennis Creevy

Reports continue to pour in of unsuspecting witches and wizards being duped out of hundreds of Galleons in exchange for counterfeit Dragots. The American currency has been steadily increasing in value since its creation in the 17th century, making it both a popular investment opportunity and means to a scam.

We spoke with economist Skinflint the Unseemly, an outspoken proponent of Goblin controlled currency.

"You'll keep your money with the Goblins if you know what's good for you. If I had a Galleon for every time one of your lot came in, completely fooled by some Leprechaun sham—Oh wait. I do."

Awfully salty attitude from someone whose vaults were burgled by a seventeen year old. Harry Potter had this to say,

"Hello again, Dennis. I appreciate the question, but I don't know much about it. If someone tries to break in again, we'll stop them."

JOBBS

Eckeltrician Needed in Hollywood

Work continues prepping Hogwarts for muggle visitors in California. Experience maintaining muggle lighting and sound systems outdoors is preferred, but we'll settle for anyone accustomed to Skrewt stings.

Defense Against the Dark Arts Teacher

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is once again in need of a teacher to prepare our students to face the harsher realities of the world. For those concerned that the curse has returned, know that Aberforth is happily retiring after almost 19 years in the position.

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A LIVELY EVENING WITH THE UNDEAD

Edina Cullen

Vampires are, quite simply, all the rage these days. Their manners are old-fashioned, their demeanors cool, and their garb dark and timelessly chic. The best way to rapidly increase your social cachet (and make your rivals sick with envy) is to expand your social circle to include the undead. As a witch who has mixed and mingled the upper crust of the bloodsucking class, I offer you these tips.

When entertaining vampires, it is not enough to simply extend an invitation for a party or get-together. A vampire must be first invited, then invited in. Be sure to volunteer this invitation immediately when a vampire arrives, to avoid making your honored guests feel

uncomfortable and unwelcome.

Start your party after sundown, and expect that your guests will stay through the wee hours of the morning. I recommend downing a triple espresso as your pre-party cocktail.

Dress conservatively. To put it bluntly, cover your neck. Just as it would be uncouth to tipple fire whiskey in front of an alcoholic, so too is it unseemly to thusly tempt a vampire.

As for food, what does one serve to guests whose palates are, shall we say, more sanguinely inclined? No doubt you are already accustomed to accomodating your guests' dietary restrictions. The modern host is bombarded with bothersome questions such as: "Is the pumpkin juice organic?" and "Are the pasties gluten-free?" At a vampire party, one hears similar inquiries such as "Are the hemoglobin levels of this plasma and tonic normal?" and "Was the pig blood in this black

pudding sustainably sourced?". Catering to a blood-etarian poses a challenge that any experienced host is already handily equipped to overcome.

Be creative; have fun; and always remember to label your red wine!

Editor's Desk

The Illustrious Barnabas Cuffe

Many have already heard that Rita Skeeter will no longer be performing her duties as Special Correspondent for the Daily Prophet. It was a difficult decision, but inevitable. For decades, Ms. Skeeter has increasingly used her voracious wit to wantonly slander the fine, upstanding members of our community. She has circulated baseless rumors and misrepresented sources under the guise of journalism. This could not be allowed to continue.

In acknowledgement of her many years of service, The Prophet has allowed her to stay on in a limited capacity.

PRACTICAL ADVICE by E. LIMUS

Dear Mr. Limus,

My wife is a Muggle (I say this with love) and she wants our wizard son to play American Football. She is an ex-rugby player who wants to "toughen up" the poor boy. I'm a very protective father, so I think he should play a safe, wholesome sport like Quidditch. Football is rife with concussions, knee injuries...and, for Merlin's sake, they let you tackle by the hair! Don't get me wrong, I believe in team sports. I myself broke a few dozen bones as a second string Beater, but that's nothing a little Skele-Gro couldn't fix.

The bottom line is Quidditch players are protected. They get a broomstick to keep them off the hard ground. Football players don't even get bats! How do I convince my wife our son's health is at stake?




Overprotective in Omaha

Dear Overprotective,

You are in the right. American Football is much too dangerous. Take your wife to see "Concussion" with Will Smith, hand Horace a bat, unleash a couple Bludgers, and take solace knowing you're protecting your son!

Earl Limus

MAGICAL HOROSCOPE RITA SKEETER

-  **Capricorn** - You have an ambitious nature. Read a long book.
-  **Aquarius** - You don't care what other's think about you.
-  **Pisces** - You are being sensitive. Take some time for yourself.
-  **Aries** - You are an blundering fool who doesn't understand the value of the people working for you. Reconsider recent decisions, or face the consequences.
-  **Taurus** - Fight for your right to know the truth!
-  **Gemini** - This week, you *can* judge a book by it's cover.

-  **Cancer** - Good thing happen when you are loyal to your favorite writer.
-  **Leo** - You're the best.
-  **Virgo** - You were right to be skeptical of recent events.
-  **Libra** - To stay positive, compare your life to those who have been less fortunate.
-  **Scorpio** - Your opinions on controversial wizards will soon be proven correct.
-  **Sagittarius** - Now is the time to nurture your morbid curiosity.

Severus Snape the man behind the MURDER

Unsung hero? Or cowardly bully? Rita Skeeter interviews 'friends' and enemies for the biographical tell-all about the Second Wizarding War's most controversial figure. His journey from depressed child to treacherous adult is not one to miss!

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