



DDD reopens; psychics rejoice

- Felicity Entwistle, psychic correspondent

Drink, Dance, Dream owner Giovanni Ricci (he/him) has returned from a spontaneous 3-day trip to the Caribbean. The bar owner's sudden disappearance from Museford had many of its patrons worried, but now the drought has

ended as Giovanni returns promising an even wider selection of drinks, including the Evangeline cocktail by popular demand.

Inside: "Drink, Dance, Dreamy: An outsider's review"

Moving on Up

- Josephine Asher, journalist

Why stop at two? Following the explosive success of the Coffee Company's second store in the Cranium Shopping Mall, the company has now opened as third premises outside Always Greener Park, this one also offering sorbets. Yet despite their popularity among Museford's many caffeine addicts, not every resident is pleased to see their expansion. Long-time ice cream van owner, Mx Marshmallow (any), had this to say: "I've been here for years, making ends meet with my little van, yet this Coffee Company rocks up to Museford and within a few weeks they're already trying to push me out. How am I meant to compete? If the Mayor really cared about small businesses in Museford, they wouldn't let this happen."

And it's not just ice cream vans the Coffee Company is encroaching upon. Our sources can confirm that the Coffee Company has signed a take-over of l'Oiseau de Nuit, a struggling restaurant catering to the richest of Musefordians. While some question the business strategy of a coffee store branching into other areas of catering, spokesperson Alexia Morgan (they/them) assured us that "quality service" for their customers is still the Coffee Company's number 1 priority. C.E.O. Cass O'Leary (she/her) once again declined to comment to Muse-News Now.

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Laying a Hero to Rest

- Bill Bryan, journalist

Sunday 4th September will go down in history a day of mourning for Musefordians everywhere as we finally lay pro-croquet player Chad Donovan (he/him) to rest in St Drogo's Church. Chad Donovan was an inspiration to us all, and we shall each carry his memory for as long as we live. His funeral is expected to be one of the most watched events in Museford's history, with many citizens expected to watch the funeral procession through the

streets in person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chad's teammates, his parents, and his pet hamster in this heart-breaking time. His fiancé, Veronica de Vivre (she/her), is still under police investigation at this time, though it is understood she will be attending the funeral, one can only assume to keep up pretences of her innocence.

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New Challenger Approaches

- Steve Turl, political correspondent

A second mayoral candidate has thrown their hat into the ring. Karen Duppelbottom (she/her), who left Museford to read Business Management at Cambridge University, has now returned home after a twenty-four-year excursion into business to challenge Mayor Politick (he/they). "It is clear to me," says Mrs Duppelbottom, "that Museford would benefit from greater expansion of businesses, such as that demonstrated by the Coffee

Company, for the benefit of the local people. Too long have fools like the current Mayor and others clung to an old Museford that no longer exists. It's clear we need to change with the times, and I promise to deliver an age of prosperity and normalcy to Museford citizens." In response to this challenge, Mayor Politick responded to our reporters with, "Oh, someone's running against me?" It seems we have a race on our hands.

Summer fête charity poll

- Diana Dawkins, Ed in Chief

With the Annual Summer fête just twelve days away, the organisers have asked the citizens to exercise their democratic right and vote on the charity of the year. Votes will be counted this week only, and you can cast your vote by visiting www.summerfete.mus.org.uk. The following list of charities have been shortlisted for voting:

- Save the Gerbils
- Lazy Teen UK
- Caffeine Addicts Anonymous
- Life for Leeches
- National Monuments
- Don't Hex the Water