

all the fans that's all but true. Yeah well, Lucas and Walliams are taking their time, but something new is on our way. At the moment, they're currently busy shooting and editing the long awaited new season of Little Britain. This time around, most of the famous characters will pack their stuff and move to the States. The series itself will be called 'Little Britain USA' and will be produced primarily for HBO Television instead of the BBC. But although the setting changed, this is still "effectively series four," according to Lucas, who also revealed that "there's a kind of way into it if you've never seen the show before."



How will the extravagant Welsh gay Daffyd Thomas like college?

The series was originally due for broadcasting around this time, but the Writer's Guild strike – Lucas and Walliams are both members of this guild – prevented that from becoming reality. But the strike is over now and some fog that surrounds the new season is

becoming thinner. Some details about the characters in Little Britain USA have found their way to the press. Allegedly, new characters will be a vacuum cleaner seller and Madonna's personal assistant. Daffyd Thomas also seems to have been able to finally leave Llandewi Brevi and enroll into college, while Lou has taken Andy to a healer in order to see if he can be cured and the spoilt brat Vicky Pollard is finally cast out of the community of Barkley Noon and sent to a boot camp. Hopefully, Lucas and Walliams can release this season just in time, because few will deny that Little Britain's current catchphrases are growing old. Eh-eh-eeeeeh!

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The other Englishes: Canada

Could you tell us a little something about yourself? Where you come from, what you do, what you're into, that kind of thing.

Well, I'm a 40 something wannabe writer type, who works professionally (full time even) in the wonderful wide world of Purchasing and Inventory Management for a computer company.

Many people here in Europe see Canada as a kind of extension of the US, even though you still have Queen Elizabeth as your head of state. Do you feel closer to the US or England?

Yes and no. With the US, sometimes it's very easy to see: "Ah, yeah, right; I get what

you are talking about." And other times, it's more like: "What the heck are you on about?" I get to talk to Americans all the time. Most of the time, I don't really see too much different between Americans and Canadians. Sometimes, though, it's really striking to see where the "national" mindset sits and differs. The biggest difference I've ever seen is in "world history." In Canada, there is a lot of emphasis on learning and understanding the rest of the world, and the role Canada plays in it. In the US (from my observations), more emphasis is placed on the history of the US, and the world's place in it.

With England, it's about our roots. A good portion of the country can and does trace its ancestry back to various places in Europe.



So, physically, yeah, I would say I feel closer to the US; but socially, I would say I tend more towards the English side of things. (Oh, and don't forget, the Queen is on the Twenty Dollar Bill.)

What exactly is the situation with Canadian spelling?

I was raised with the Queen's English. For the most part, I write/speak with the predominantly British slant to words. "Honour" is spelt with the "ou", not just an "o." But, I would hazard that the majority of our population, inundated as it is by American TV and movies and such, have slowly moved away from that.

When people think of Canada, they tend to think of ice hockey and maple syrup. What else defines Canada as a country?

The Avro Arrow. Beavers. Fresh water lakes. Snow. Moose. Geese. The North Pole. Maple Tree Leaves. David Suzuki. Farley Mowat. Red Green. Health Care. Hollywood North. RUSH. Oh, and I love maple syrup.

One of the more peculiar things about Canada is that the country is officially bilingual. Are you good at French? Do you notice the francophone presence in Canada in your everyday life?

Me? I can speak more Latin than I can French. I could probably pick the language up somewhat better than I have, but I would definitely class myself as English speaking only. I know enough French to get me in trouble. French is NOT a part of my everyday life, other than being on the products that I buy.

It is heavily embedded within the government of the country as a whole and in the Province of Quebec. There are communities of French speaking people throughout the country, but Quebec is the largest. And of significance to note, Quebec French is NOT the same as France French - many similarities, but just as many differences.

How would you describe Canada to someone who's never visited the country?

Beautiful. Diverse. Huge. Open to alternatives. Clean. Lots of nature and lots of city. But, wintertime, you better be prepared if you move to any place other than Vancouver. You WILL get snow, and it WILL be more than a handful.

Have you ever lived elsewhere? If so, what was it that made you decide to settle down in Canada?

I have not lived anywhere else. Canada has been the only home to me. I have never even considered moving to another country. I like Canada; I think it's one of the most unique countries in the world in that it contains everything. Every natural resource you can think of is available in this country. Every ethnic or social community has representation herein. You cannot find somebody that can't tie something between themselves and another place.

The country is very regionally divided. There's the West, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes, and the Northern Territories. Each region is rich in their strengths, but together, I believe it makes us greater as a whole. You can travel far and wide and find whatever kind of lifestyle that you might want to be a part of. From simple farmer to elitist technocrat; it's all here.

I think that one of the main things that makes Canada one of the best places to live in is that, as a country, we accept that not everybody agrees with everything. That no matter who you are, you have a right to be who ever you are. It's a part of the institutions of the country. You have the right to be yourself, to enjoy the rights and freedoms from whichever nationality you were born into, or believe in. No matter what, you are an individual, who is part of a greater whole; not a greater whole that just has a bunch of people who happen to live there.

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