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Mystery of JK Rowling's 'secret' novel uncovered

London.— A real-life mystery over who blew the cover on JK Rowling writing a detective novel under a pseudonym was uncovered yesterday when the culprit was revealed to be - her law firm, which apologised unreservedly for the leak.

Rowling, whose Harry Potter series made her Britain's best-selling author, posed as a retired military policeman called Robert Galbraith to write *The Cuckoo's Calling* that was released in April to strong reviews but minimal sales. But the real identity of Galbraith was revealed at the weekend after the *Sunday Times* newspaper received a set of anonymous tweets alleging Rowling was the author and its staff turned detective to match up the use of language and realise that the same literary agent was involved. Caught fair and square, Rowling admitted she was Galbraith, sending sales of the detective novel soaring, but one question remained - who sent those tweets in the first place?

Further digging found that the tweets had come from a Twitter user named Jude Callegari but the account was deleted.

Investigations continued and the anonymous tweeter was linked back to Rowling's London-based law firm, Russells, and revealed yesterday to be the best friend of the wife of one of the firm's partners.

Palma.—The Balearic local ministry for tourism has launched a massive crackdown on illegal holiday homes in the Balearics.

Government inspectors have been scanning website where holiday accommodation is offered and also probing reports of homes which are being offered to tourists illegally.

To rent out a property, the owner must first get the necessary paperwork from the Balearic Ministry for tourism. In many cases owners just go ahead and rent their homes illegally much to the anger of local hoteliers who say it is unfair competition.

London.— Britain's first prolonged heatwave in seven years has taken the country by surprise, with rails buckling, shops selling out of electric fans, and scientists estimating the surge in temperature could have caused hundreds of premature deaths.

After a washout summer in 2012 and the coldest spring for over 50 years, temperatures have soared across the country due to a northward shift in the high-altitude jetstream, prompting several authorities to issue public warnings over the heat.

Figures released by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine yesterday estimated about 650 people may have died prematurely due to the heat over the past nine days, producing data based on deaths during previous heatwaves.

Crackdown launched on illegal holiday home rentals



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