



# INEFFABLE TWADDLE



*"It is my business to know what other people don't know."*

*—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*

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The Sound of the Baskervilles  
A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars since March 31, 1980  
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## Author, Author, Author!!!

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **our new time of 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2020** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch), located at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at right*). **If you have a favorite snack or beverage, please bring it along to share!**

We're asking everyone to bring along your copy of the newly published "Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere" because we are hosting **author readings, signings and photo ops with our own SOB contributors** to this new, highly regarded tome:  
*(in order of appearance in the Table of Contents)*

- Nancy Holder, BSI** ★ **David Haugen** ★ **Margie Deck**
- ★ **Co-Editor Sonia Fetherston, BSI** ★ Absent will be CO-based **SOB Ron Lies**
- ★ Absent will be AZ-based **NEW SOB Lauren Cercone** \*
- ★ Absent will be CA-based **NEW SOB Lyn Adams** \*

**If you don't have your copy of "Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere" don't wait!! The publisher is Belanger Books, 2019; Editors are Marcum, Fetherston & Belanger; more details on Page 3.**

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**SOB Nancy Holder, BSI** is a *New York Times* bestselling author of over eighty novels and two-hundred short stories. She has received five Bram Stoker Awards and is the 2019 Grand Master for the International Association of Media Tie-In Writers, and has written novels, comics, episode guide books and other material for *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Teen Wolf*, *Zorro* and *Hellboy*, and she has novelized movies such as *Ghostbusters* and *Wonder Woman*. Her work in the world of Sherlock Holmes includes creating the online storytelling game *The Unsolved Cases of Sherlock Holmes* for Storium™ and pastiches for *In the Company of Sherlock Holmes*, *Gaslight Grimoire*, *Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Was Not*, *The X-Files: Secret Agendas*, *The Further Crossovers of Sherlock Holmes* and others, as well as Sherlock Holmes "guest-star" appearances in the *Domino Lady* series of comic books. She has also written an essay for *The Baker Street Journal* about writing Sherlock Holmes in comic book form. Nancy is a member of the scions The Sound of the Baskervilles, The Sherlock Holmes Society of London and The John H. Watson Society.

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## Still to Come in 2020!

### ① Meeting Time Changes in February

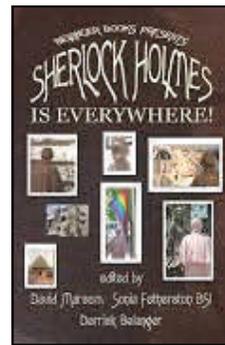
⇒ The Queen Anne Branch of the Seattle Library NOW opens on Sundays at NOON!!! **Beginning with our February 2020 Meeting, our meeting time will run from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.,** with Terri & David (and Librarian Shannon) arriving by 12 to begin set-up.

### ② Dues Increase Occurs Effective April 1

⇒ Effective with our 2020/2021 fiscal

year, which begins April 1, **our annual dues will increase to \$25 for Individual membership & \$35 for family membership.**

Our quarterly dues proration will be discontinued. However, if new members join on or after October 1 in a given membership year, dues will be reduced to \$15 for individual membership (\$20 for family membership) until the next April 1 renewal.



**The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield**

**Library opens at 12:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!**



### Getting there:

From north- or south-bound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

\* Apologies to our newest members—authors **Lauren and Lyn**—that space did not allow us to include their bios in this issue! We will include them next month... promise!!



**Hey, Locals!!**

**February's Meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn around 3:30!!**

## Authors, Authors, Authors

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### Upcoming Events

**Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, February 16, 12:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

**37th Annual Masters' Celebration, Saturday, March 7, 1:00 p.m.** at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 17100 South-center Parkway, Tukwila (on the northeast corner of SC Parkway & Minkler Blvd.)

**Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, March 15, 12:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

**40th Anniversary Tea, Saturday, April 4, 1:00 p.m.,** in Federal Way



**Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 12:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

**38th Annual Wreath Throw, Saturday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.,** in Tumwater

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**SOB David Haugen** was a founding member of The Sound of the Baskervilles, having attended the Club's first meeting aboard a Seattle-to-Bainbridge Island ferry on March 31, 1980. However, following a family death, Haugen stayed away from the Club for 2 years. When he returned in 1982, it was to immerse himself thoroughly in this Club. He was elected the 4<sup>th</sup> President of our scion in 1983. So successful was his first year, in fact, that when he questioned why elections failed to be held the following year, he was roundly told, "We would only re-elect you anyway, so why hold elections?" By 1990, a fellow SOB had dubbed David "President-for-Life" or "PFL", not because of his autocratic style but because of his creative and inclusive style, touching and receiving the respect of every Member. While this tome, "Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere" is his first participation in a publicly published anthology, he is a consistent and long-time contributor to The SOB's *Beaten's Christmas Annual*, including our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition in 2007, "The Best of..." (ISBN 978-0-615-20179-5).

A former Club Program Chair and Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award Winner, **SOB Margie Deck** happily lives in the Pacific Northwest with a pile of books, the husband, and a dog. When not wiling away her time talking about Sherlock Holmes on Twitter (@pawkypuzzler), she stays busy playing the game with The Sound of the Baskervilles, The Dogs in the Nighttime, The John H Watson Society, the Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium, and The Stormy Petrels of BC. Her short essays have appeared in "Sherlock Holmes is Like" (Wildside Press, 2018) and "Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere" (Belanger Books, 2019). Her work will next appear in "No Holmes Barred", an anthology to be published by Doyle's Rotary Coffin in February 2020.

**SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI** is a member of the fabled Baker Street Irregulars. A longtime advertising/public relations professional in her native Pacific Northwest, she now devotes herself to dabbling in Sherlockiana. Sonia's byline often appears in *The Baker Street Journal* and other Sherlockian publications the world over. A multiple award-winner for her essays on the great detective, she is also the author of the books *Prince of the Realm: The Most Irregular James Bliss Austin* (2014) and *Commissionaire: Julian Wolff and his Baker Street Irregulars* (2020), both biographies of illustrious Sherlockians. Her literary criticism has appeared in numerous anthologies and textbooks. She's a member of the scions The Sound of the Baskervilles, The Speckled Band of Boston, and The Sydney (Australia) Passengers.

**SOB Ron Lies** was born in Wichita, KS and discovered Sherlock Holmes in middle school from his school's weekly messenger. Then came the joy and the heartbreak of the Holmes Doubleday one volume of the complete Sherlock Holmes. After moving out to Denver, he found Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients, the local Holmes group. A former officer of that group, he's also a co-founder of The John Bennet Shaw Society. Shaw was a great man who called him friend and started him on the road to collecting Sherlockiana and helping to keep the Master's memory green. Ron is a diehard member of many Sherlock Societies around the world and always will be until he crosses the terrace for a quiet talk with Holmes, Watson, Doyle and The Sherlockians who have gone before.

## TEST YOUR MEMORY

By: **SOB CHARLIE COOK**

REGARDING WATSON'S LIST OF THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND LIMITATIONS HE CLAIMED HOLMES HAD SHOWN HIM

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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Accurate but Unsystematic | 6. Immense    | but Limited   |
| 2. Expert                    | 7. Nil        | 12. Practical |
| 3. Expert                    | 8. NIL        | 13. Profound  |
| 4. Expert                    | 9. NIL        | 14. Variable  |
| 5. Feeble                    | 10. Nothing   | 15. Well      |
|                              | 11. Practical |               |



We learned on January 18, that **SOB Nancy Holder** (Member since 2016) had that night been invested into the Baker Street Irregulars at the

Annual BSI Dinner during the "BSI Weekend" festivities for 2020 in New York City, which ran this year from January 15 to January 19. Kudos to Nancy, and great

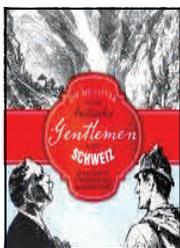


thanks to fellow BSI, **SOB Sonia Fetherston**, who gave us the news!

Answers may be found on Page 5

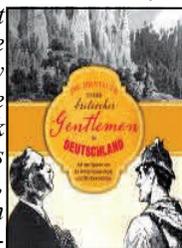
## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **Received at our Website Email:** “**BOOK SERIES: SHERLOCK HOLMES AND ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE IN GERMAN-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.**” Dear Sherlockians & Arthur Conan Doyle enthusiasts: Who doesn't know him, the most famous private detective of all time, Mr. Sherlock Holmes? Launched by the novel “A Study in Scarlet” in November 1887, the super sleuth still fascinates and inspires even after more than 130 years. But Sherlock Holmes and his creator left their marks not only in Great Britain. In 2016, the Sherlock Holmes Society of Germany ([www.dshc.de](http://www.dshc.de)) took on the mammoth task of researching all the connections and references of Sherlock Holmes and Conan Doyle to the German-speaking countries and putting them on paper in an extensive and beautiful series of reference books. Two volumes, written in English and German, have been published so far, focusing on Switzerland and Germany.



**SYNOPSIS:** *The first volume of the three-volume series is entitled “The Adventures of Two British Gentlemen in Switzerland—In the Footsteps of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes”. This book brings Holmes enthusiasts and Doyle followers closer to all the places in Switzerland that the British author visited. It presents the hotels Doyle stayed and contains contemporary images and documents to take readers back to the late 19<sup>th</sup>*

*and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Fans of Sherlock Holmes will not miss out either—the detective’s connections to Switzerland will be explained in detail, as well as all places in Switzerland that have a connection to Sherlock Holmes or his creator. ● In May 2018, the second volume was published: “The Adventures of Two British Gentlemen in Germany”. This volume brings Holmes enthusiasts and Doyle followers closer to all the places in Germany that the British author visited. The book presents the hotels Doyle stayed in and contains contemporary images and documents to take readers back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Fans of Sherlock Holmes will not be neglected either—the detective’s connections to Germany will be explained in detail, and all places in Germany that have a connection to Sherlock Holmes or his creator will be present-*



*ed.* For more: If you would like to add these books to your Sherlockian collection, you can place your order either by e-mail ([info@sherlock-holmes-gesellschaft.de](mailto:info@sherlock-holmes-gesellschaft.de)) or in our online shop ([www.baker-street-chronicle.de](http://www.baker-street-chronicle.de)). IT Editor’s

**Note:** These books run €29 + shipping & import costs.

⇒ **From Jean Upton, The London Society’s District Messenger:**

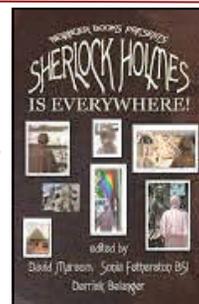
● **“THE MAPPED LONDON OF SHERLOCK HOLMES”** by Thomas Bruce Wheeler (Amazon, \$13.<sup>99</sup>, Kindle \$5.<sup>99</sup>) identifies 400+ places in London associated with Sherlock Holmes. The book also references a map created by the National Library of Scotland (NLS), which shows the buildings, streets and businesses of Sherlock’s 1895 London

## New Book Out Now :

“**Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere!**”

**OUT IN PRINT & E-BOOK FORMAT IS ‘SHERLOCK HOLMES IS EVERYWHERE!’**

(Belanger Books, 2019, Editors Marcum, Fetherston & Belanger;  
[www.belangerbooks.com](http://www.belangerbooks.com))



**Its contributors include SEVEN SOBs:**

**Sonia Fetherston, BSI (who also co-edited), Margie Deck, Nancy Holder, Ron Lies, PFL David Haugen, AND new Members Lyn Adams and Lauren Cercone!**

Available at Amazon for \$19.<sup>95</sup>; at AbeBooks, \$19.<sup>77</sup>;

**ISBN-10:** 1688596062, **ISBN-13:** 978-1688596061

**SYNOPSIS:** *Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere!* What makes Sherlock Holmes so special? Why is he one of the most recognizable characters in all of literature? How do people throughout the world connect to the character? Why do people collect Sherlock Holmes memorabilia? Why do people experience Sherlock Holmes in everything from Science Fiction to Martial Arts?

Find out the answers to these questions and many more in *Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere!* a collection of essays on how people throughout the world embrace the great detective. All proceeds from the essay collection will be donated to the Beacon Society, a scion society of the BSI which provides scholarships to schools, libraries, and Sherlock Holmes groups for educational purposes. "Derrick Belanger, Sonia Fetherston, BSI, and David Marcum are editing this volume that includes contributions from a variety of Sherlockians new and old from across the globe. Forty essays...capture the essence of why we love Sherlock Holmes."

— Scott Monty, I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere

**Buy your copy soon, in time for our February 16 author readings, signings and photo op event!!**

overlaid on a modern street map. The book and maps are fascinating and valuable tools for those interested in following Holmes’s footsteps.

● **“HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES”** by Neil McCaw (450pp, \$96.<sup>99</sup>, Amazon) contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 1,000 cross-referenced entries that examine themes and features of the 60 stories that make up the Sherlockian Canon.

● **IMAGINATION THEATRE HAS A NEW WEBSITE** at which many recent episodes of “The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” can be downloaded for “a very minor charge.” The website is: <https://harrynile.com/>

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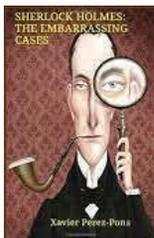
● **NICHOLAS MEYER HAS BEEN ON TOUR** promoting “The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols.” On 24 October he was interviewed on KPFA radio in Berkeley, California. You can hear the program at [www.kpfa.org/episode/bookwaves-october-24-2019](http://www.kpfa.org/episode/bookwaves-october-24-2019)

⇒ **PFL David let us know:**

● **LANGLEY (WA) MYSTERY WEEKEND:** This Whidbey Island burg has hosted this event for decades! Amateur sleuths will converge on the seaside town on February 22 & 23, 2020 to solve the 36<sup>th</sup> annual interactive whodunit. Go to [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com) for the particulars.

● **FORMER SOB VERNE JOHNSON** (2006 to 2010) was our Club library founder—before he and his wife relocated to California. He’s back in Washington but now ready to downsize and **HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE EIGHT (8) BOXES OF HIS QUITE NICE SHERLOCKIANA TO OUR CLUB.** His items—primarily books—will be used for future drawings. Thank you, Verne!

● **“SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE EMBARRASSING CASES”** by Xavier Perez-Pons (Amazon, pb, \$12): **THEIR SYNOPSIS:** *The most bizarre, ridiculous, failed cases of the best detective of all time, recorded in writing by Dr. Watson and recently found among his great-grandson's origami collection. The silliest humor to caricature the smartest detective. Whoa, such praise!*



⇒ **From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press:**

● The **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020 ISSUE OF ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE** continues a long annual tradition of celebrating Sherlock Holmes' birthday, with Sherlockian artwork by Erika Steiskal on the cover, a new and amusing pastiche by Terence Faherty, an Ellery Queen pastiche by Josh Pachter with a Sherlockian pun as a title, a Sherlockian cartoon by Scott Masear, and reviews by Steve Steinbock of new Sherlockian books.

● **“THE FLOOR PLANS OF BAKER STREET”** by Edward S. Smith Jr., first published in 1996, offers a survey of what was where at 221 Baker Street, on all of the floors, with plans and citations; a second printing of the 38-page booklet now is available at Amazon (\$15).

● **“THE DAILY SHERLOCK HOLMES”** edited by Levi Stahl and Stacey Shintani (\$14) offers “a year of quotes from the Case-Book of the World's Greatest Detective” that provide an excellent demonstration of how fascinating the language of the Canon is. And there are some amusing surprises in store for readers.

● **“THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO SHERLOCK HOLMES”** edited by Janice M. Allan and... Continued on Page 5

## Oxford vs. Cambridge: Which One Should You Visit?

Source: Excerpted from <https://blog.rickstevens.com>

Contributed by SOB Bill Seil

Cambridge and Oxford have been in a centuries-long competition as England's top two universities—I've always felt that seeing one is enough. But on a recent visit, I changed my view.

Both towns are only an hour's train ride away from London, with Oxford to the west and Cambridge to the north, making each a fun and doable day trip. Cambridge, with fewer accommodations, works better as a side trip from London than as a stopover. Oxford can keep you busy sightseeing for a longer time and has plenty of good hotels—so it's worth a longer stay. Oxford is also a stone's throw from several other charming English destinations: the Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and Blenheim Palace. But if you really can't pick just one, there's a great bus connection between them.

Despite their fierce rivalry Oxford and Cambridge have many similarities. Both boast beautiful architecture and walkable town centers punctuated with convivial pubs and shops. And, of course, both have distinguished academic reputations known throughout the world.

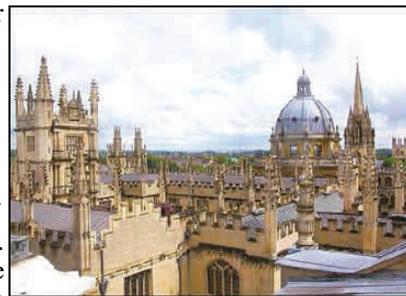
Founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and is known for its academic achievements and stellar alumni. Its many graduates have influenced the course of Western civilization in the realms of science, literature, politics and beyond (among its amazing alumni are Margaret Thatcher, Stephen Hawking and Oscar Wilde).

But that doesn't mean that Oxford is stodgy...this is a fun, young college town filled with shopping, cheap eats, pranks and rowdy, rollicking pubs—a mix of town and gown.

Of Oxford's colleges, Christ Church is the largest...It's also the most popular stop for travelers—in part because of its historic fame, but mostly because scenes from the Harry Potter movies were filmed here. If Middle-earth and Narnia are more to your taste, stop by The Eagle and Child pub, a five-minute walk from the city center. It's most famous for its clientele—authors J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis often met here.

The sightseers' Oxford is walkable and compact, and many of the streets in the center are pedestrian-only during the day. And there are more than colleges and literary connections here. The town also has a fine Norman castle-fortress and a museum of fine arts and archaeology.

The younger of the two, historic Cambridge is the epitome of a university town, with busy bikers, stately residence halls, plenty of bookshops and proud locals who can point out where the atom was first split. Originally founded in 1209 by some rebellious Oxford students, Cambridge now hosts 12,000 undergrads across 31 colleges, all with the same layout: green, monastic-type courtyards surrounded by chapels, libraries and housing. Continued on Page 5



## More Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

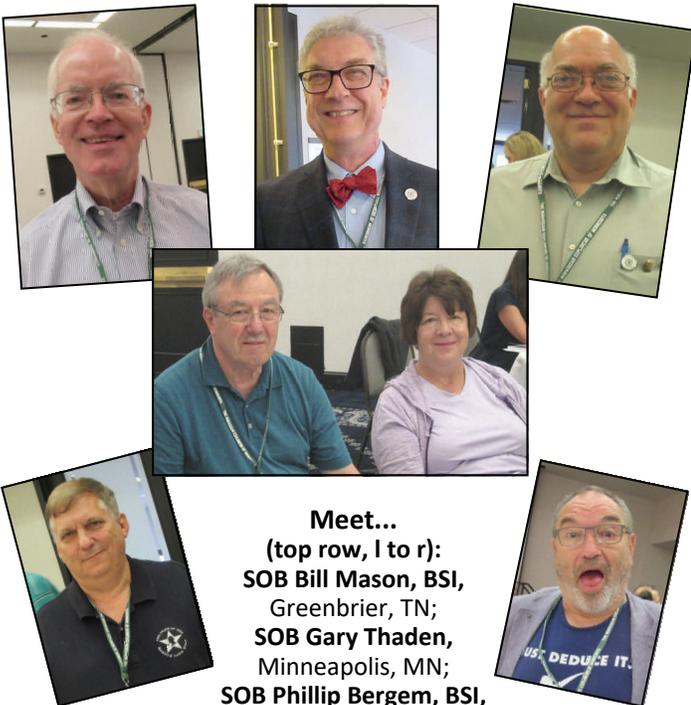
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...Christopher Pittard (\$19.99) is an anthology of excellent academic and readable essays that deal with a wide variety of aspects of the Canon, ending with Roberta Pearson's up-to-date and interesting discussion of "Sherlockian Fandom".

● **THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE PUBLIC HOUSE IN LEBANON (PA) IS NOW OPEN** for business on the third floor of the Lebanon Farmers Market, the Lebanon Daily News reported on Dec. 13. The name of the restaurant pays tribute to the Sherlock Holmes story that was (*according to owner Michael Kapp*) inspired by a notorious murder committed by the Blue-Eyed Six in Lebanon in 1878. For more, [www.tinyurl.com/trk74m9](http://www.tinyurl.com/trk74m9).

## Meet Some Long-Distance Members!

When PFL David & Terri Haugen attended "Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences", the triennial conference jointly sponsored by The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota, the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Libraries in August 2019, they made a point of taking photos of some of our long-distance members...and some other friends...who were also attending, and here they are!



Meet...  
(top row, l to r):  
SOB Bill Mason, BSI,  
Greenbrier, TN;  
SOB Gary Thaden,  
Minneapolis, MN;  
SOB Phillip Bergem, BSI,  
Andover, MN.

(above center): SOB Terry Kroeten and his wife, Fremont, NE.

Above, left: Steve Mason, Dallas, TX  
Above, right: Don Hobbs, BSI, Dallas, TX

## Oxford vs. Cambridge:...

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The lively street in front of King's College, called King's Parade, is where locals gather. Nearby you'll find King's College Chapel, England's best example of Perpendicular Gothic architecture. When it was built, it had the largest single span of vaulted roof anywhere—2,000 tons of incredible fan vaulting, held in place by the force of gravity.

For a little levity and probably more exercise than you really want, try renting one of the traditional flat-bottom boats called "punts" and pole yourself up and down the River Cam. Then quench your thirst at The Eagle, a pub near King's College where the discovery of the DNA double helix was announced in 1953. With a history so rich, a drink here practically qualifies as serious sightseeing.



If your stay in England is limited, you may *not* want to see both towns. I recommend visiting one or the other and save time for something completely different. Whether you opt for Oxford's urban energy or Cambridge's easygoing tranquility, both offer a heady mix of history, architecture and youthful fun.

Rick Steves ([www.ricksteves.com](http://www.ricksteves.com)) writes European travel guide-books and hosts travel shows on public television and public radio. Email him at [rick@ricksteves.com](mailto:rick@ricksteves.com) and follow his blog on Facebook.



Our fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31! That means that renewal dues are due by March 31!!

Renew using PayPal, or find a renewal form on the "Join" page at our website to pay by mail!!

[www.soundofthebaskervilles.com](http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com)

Can you help with the "swag bags" being gifted to attendees at our 2020 Masters' Celebration?



We encourage you to create or otherwise acquire small items that will fit inside a smallish flat bag.

A small piece of art? A fun quiz? A medal for Silver Blaze? Etsy may be a good source; homemade items are encouraged.

We anticipate needing around 35 to 40 of each item.

Please bring them to the February SOB Meeting!!!

Contact Chair Nancy at: [nancyholder123@gmail.com](mailto:nancyholder123@gmail.com)

Answers To Cook's "Test Your Memory" on Page 2:

7. Astronomy	15. Plays the Violin
Literature	14. Botany
6. Knowledge of Sensational	13. Knowledge of Chemistry
5. Politics	12. Knowledge of British law
4. Swordsman	11. Knowledge of Geology
3. Singletick Player	10. Practical Gardening
2. Boxer	9. Philosophy
1. Anatomy	8. Knowledge of Literature



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## Member News & Notes

Our **January 19, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting** was presided over by **PFL David Haugen**.

● SOB Members present were:

Shannon Wallace	Sheila Holtgrieve	Terri Haugen
Chris 'Bear' Berwald	Cameron Brandon	Dawn Jaekel
Kashena Konecki	Alexander Snow	Erin Koehler
Margaret Nelson	Pat McIntosh	Al Nelson
Melinda Michaelson	Sunny Even	

● We toasted our "Woman of the Hour" **VP Kashena** for the dynamite article about our Club in the Seattle Times that day; welcomed **guest Patti H**, hoping she'll come back next month; and recognized **SOB Nancy Holder's** investiture into the BSI (see Page 2)!! ★ While we marked the loss of our first non-human member (canis) Pepper Cross-Jeffery, we added two more non-humans (cattus) Baby Bleu & Nutmeg Berwald! ★ **Sunshine Chair Pat** has been busy, as **SOB Ann Milam** is recovering from back surgery and **SOB Paul Williams** has had some foot surgery! ★ **Margaret** suggested looking up "mud-larking on the Thames" on YouTube to see the "stuff" people pull out of the River at low tide—fun, huh?! ★ A good discussion and active quizzing was had on REDH. Winning 1<sup>st</sup> place was **Bear**, followed by **Melinda** in 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Dawn** in 3<sup>rd</sup>, and a rare 4-way tie for 4<sup>th</sup> between **Alexander, Sheila, Sunny** and **Margaret**!

● Several Members—the Decks, the Nelsons, the Marcys and the Michaelsons—attended **Tacoma Little Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's "Holmes for the Holidays or The Game's Afoot" in December** and declared it a hit! A stand-out was the young actress playing the corpse throughout!!

● Remember: **March 31, 2020 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Sound of the Baskervilles**. Both our Masters' Celebra-

tion (March 7) and our Anniversary Tea (April 4) should be something special! So, please put some thought to this, and let's see what we can do to make this year's celebrations extra special.



● San Francisco Bay-area **SOB Ann Deusenberry** attended "The Great Dickens Christmas Fair & Victorian Holiday Party" at the Cow Palace in Daly City once again in December. She highly recommends it (as does the Al Nelson family) and hopes other SOB's will think about looking in some year in the near future ([dickensfair.com](http://dickensfair.com)). This was their 37<sup>th</sup> season; 20 years at the Cow Palace!

● **Enclosed** you will find both our **Masters' Celebration Registration Form** and our **2020 / 2021 Dues Form**.

✓ With our Masters' Celebration occurring on March 7, Registration Forms should be returned by **February 29**, please!

✓ Annual Dues Forms should be returned to Treasurer Melinda by **March 31**, please!



● **SOB Stu Nelan** (Dallas, TX) sent this photo of him with **SOB Dotty Normandin** (North Grafton, MA) taking some respite time at this year's BSI Weekend in New York City (January 15 to 19). Said Stu, "My wife Pat took the photo, this being her first time attending!"

*The Sound of the Baskervilles ...is a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, serving the greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, U.S.A., and has met monthly since March 31, 1980.*

*\$25\* per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.*

*Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary.*

*Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Celebration" honoring the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.*

*To join, or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$25\* for individuals, \$35\* for families (U.S. funds only)—payable to The Sound of the Baskervilles—to:*

*SOB Treasurer  
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