



Ineffable Twaddle

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

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March Madness: Master's Dinner & Anniversary Tea!!

Our 31st Annual Master's Dinner will be held on March 1, 2014!!

Instead of celebrating the anniversary of Holmes' birth in January 1854, our Master's Dinner will now celebrate the occasion of Holmes' and Watson's meeting in March 1881. Toasts to the pair at this event will be most welcome.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** The location is Angelo's Italian Restaurant in downtown Burien, WA.

Our buffet choices for your eating pleasure will include chicken, pasta and vegetarian offerings at a cost of \$25 / person. (*Alcoholic beverages will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.*) And, the Club will foot the bill for appetizers, vino and dessert!!

Like all SOB weekend events, this a perfect occasion for you to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know your fellow Sherlockians even better!!

Angelo's has wonderful ambiance, ample free parking and great food, so please be sure to join us!

A flyer/registration form is provided with this issue of *Twaddle*.

Driving Directions to Anthony's in Burien:

- From I-5, take Highway 518 westbound (*Exit 154, near South Center Mall, where I-5 meets I-405*).
- After exits for Highway 509, Highway 518 will become S.W. 148th Street.
- Cross streets become numbered, so quickly watch for 1st Avenue South—the first main intersection.
- Continuing westbound on S.W. 148th Street, and turn left onto 4th Avenue S.W.
- Turn right onto S.W. 153rd Street, and go 2 blocks to 6th Avenue.
- Anthony's is on your left at **601 S.W. 153rd Street.**

Our 33rd Annual Anniversary Tea & Auction will be held on March 29, 2014!!

Our Anniversary Tea is Saturday, March 31, at Haugens' home in University Place! Tea will be served at 1:00, and your contributions of snacks and sweets will be most welcome!

Our annual auction will be only a part of the festivities—so we can concentrate on socializing and celebrating our Club's 33rd anniversary!!

Watch for more in the next issue of *Twaddle*! 



Sorry for the rather more irregular than advertised delay between these missives, who can say why? Maybe it's something in the air? But whatever it is, the Great Detective is popping up all over. As we've seen, to our delight, on both the big and small screens, and in every media on BOTH sides of the Atlantic.

First off there is yet another Holmes title from the prolific folks over at Dynamite Comics; "**Moriarty Lives!**" It asks the obvious question: If Holmes survived the Falls, why not his nemesis?—Stranded in Switzerland, his criminal network in tatters, and with the world believing him dead, the world's most notorious villain, Professor James Moriarty, faces his greatest challenge yet, but is he villainous enough for the task?—**Product Details, Comic, Publisher:** Dynamite (2013), **ASIN:** B00H3SP0Q6

DC sez: As with most of the Dynamite product I've seen thus far, this is attractive in both words and pictures, but having only read the first of a six issue story, I can not tell you that it's a great story. All I can guarantee is that you will find that the Professor is heading toward a new and, perhaps, rather unexpected destiny.

Holmes is not just universal, but surprisingly elastic. He's been successfully transplanted to the Big Apple, but how do you suppose he'd do up in the 'hood?—"Watson & Holmes" is a modern urban take on the tales of "Sherlock Holmes."... **Continued on Page 2**

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Kashena Konecki



Kashena with Sheila Holtgrieve, PFL David and Sue Reid

...used her first year as an SOB getting to know us, and now she's decided to volunteer!! Kashena will be setting up and maintaining our Facebook presence!!

Watch this space for updates on how to "like" us and post to our Facebook page!!

**Need a ride? Please contact PFL David!!
See Page 4 for contact info!!!**



T.S. McHugh's Public House is at 21 Mercer Street, Seattle, (206) 282-1910. *Come early, order a meal, and catch up with other SOB's!*

Additional Holiday Greetings to The SOB's & "Compliments of the Season" came from...

- Elliott Black (IL)
- Charlie & Diana Cook (SC)
- Paul & Marcia Naher (MO)
- Dottie Normandin (MA)



Get updates on all The SOB's recent events at The SOB's website!!!

Go to: <http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/recent.html>

From SOB Margaret Nelson

When the SOB's attended "The Hound of the Baskervilles" at Seattle Rep this past fall, we picked up a brochure for a "Dog's Night Out at the Rep". For a hefty fee, you and a canine companion could attend a special performance of the play. I thought it was a joke but it was not! *From The Stranger, December 18, 2013:* "There were 120 canines in the audience at closing night of 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' at Seattle Rep. Seconds into the show, the sight of a man in the dark holding a lantern immediately set the dogs barking—and the barking lasted a good two minutes. One actor had to turn his back to the audience to conceal his laughter. Gunfire, stage fighting, thunder and howling-dog sound effects produced similar results. It was the third such Dogs' Night Out the theater has hosted. And it was amazing."

And that, my friends, was the curious thing about the dog(s) in the night!

We Interrupt Our Regularly Scheduled Programming...

The February 16, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **4:00 p.m.** at T.S. McHugh's Public House. **The social hour starts at 3:00!**



SAYS PFL DAVID: Instead of discussing the next story, we will spend the afternoon discussing the future of this scion society and where the SOB's should go from here.

I'd like to continue the emphasis on the original stories, as they are the driving force for the BBC's "Sherlock" writers. But it would be nice to have Members report—on a regular basis—the happenings in the worlds of both "Sherlock" and "Elementary" and their actors. Perhaps we could have regular Member reports on upcoming plays and events, BBC radio broadcasts, and progress with the 2014 Seattle Sherlock Con.

And, don't forget, we want Members to take advantage of our once-per-quarter diversions, when we skip regular story-study for a Member to present a talk, conduct a quiz, or lead a discussion! *Talk to me to discuss your topic and to get on the schedule!!*

Since we have so many new Members, it's time to discuss whether we are meeting the needs of both our new and our old Members. We can't be all things to all Members, but we can certainly have **FUN** trying.

IRREGULAR VIEWS

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Re-envisioning Holmes and Watson as African Americans and taking place in New York City's famous Harlem district, the stories go in fresh and new directions never traveled before.

This is also a series in which Holmes is no longer the central character as he shares equal spotlight with Watson as emphasized by the title. In this take of the classic, Jon Watson is a former para-jumper for the U.S. Air Force returning from Afghanistan. He is currently working in an inner-city clinic helping the less fortunate while trying to pay his debts after a hard divorce. Holmes is a private investigator who used to work as a programmer in an internet start-up that went belly-up. His career, consequently ruined as a result, he has become a PI.



Both cross paths for the first time when an unusual case Holmes is involved in ends up in Watson's emergency room. During the investigation, a conspiracy is discovered that links unexpected people together while Watson & Holmes bump heads along the way, in more ways than one.—**Product Details, Comic, Publisher:** New Paradigm Studios (December 11, 2013), **ASIN:** B00HARGS48

DC sez: Unlike my first offering, I've finished the first of these tales. Paradigm was heretofore unknown to me, but if this title is anything to judge by, we can expect great things. Not only does Watson get the top billing he has long deserved, but the artwork and design are all well above the average. Everything my fellow SOB's expect is here provided for your enjoyment, right down to Mrs. Hudson and Sherlock's elephantine smarter brother. The story is a good and original one, and aside from some curiosities in the style of the dialog, I was delighted and

look forward to a long run in the future—beginning with the second adventure "A Study in Black".

OK, now in the vein of "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere", as some of you may know the long running BBC series *Doctor Who* has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. (*Rapture and rejoicing all around!*) Those who came late to the party probably do not know that Tom Baker (the 4th Doctor) was perhaps the most popular of the actors who have played the role. They will therefore be excused for not knowing that he appeared for an entire episode in the costume of Sherlock Holmes! ("*The Talons of Weng-Chiang*", broadcast in six weekly parts from 26 February to 2 April 1977.) But more importantly for this bit of twaddle is that, after he left *Doctor Who*, Baker was given—as a "consolation prize"—*The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1982), a serial starring Baker as Sherlock Holmes and Terence Rigby as Doctor Watson.



DC sez: While this series has never been released on home video, I have acquired a bootleg DVD copy, of watchable quality, that will be on long term loan to the SOB Library for your viewing pleasure.

While I leave it to other SOB's, who are more expert than myself, to review this particular DVD (I don't fancy *The Hound* myself), I do highly recommend the above mentioned episode of *Doctor Who*! It is a fun-filled Victorian period sci-fi detective romp, complete with master criminals and a perfectly delightful dark, dank, foggy London.

And that, my friends, must conclude this thrilling episode. Hope to see you soon, DC

Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

● **From SOB Stephen Adkins:**

Here is a great "I am Sherlock-locked" limited edition t-shirt for all us "Sherlock" fans: <http://teespring.com/sherloc>



● **From SOB Airy Maher:**

⇒ Saw this on Kickstarter and thought it might be of interest to fellow Sherlockians. Jackson Robinson of Bartlett, TN, produces a variety of Sherlockian products. His latest offering is a limited edition deck of Sherlock Holmes playing cards. I put a donation in for a set. It's so pretty! Here's a link: <http://kck.st/1cyPXqw>

⇒ **BBC Radio 4 Extra has been streaming "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" radio dramatizations.** Recent offerings were "The Empty House" and "The Norwood Builder". Here's the BBC Radio link where you can listen to them online: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00dltqz> The stories are fantastic adaptations and I love the actors. The final story of this season will be "Charles Augustus Milverton", which is definitely one you can't miss!

● **From SOB Dawn Kravagna:** I suggest—for those interested—that we set-up a sharing of Members' twitter contact info and blog sites! **Editor's note:** If you have them, e-mail your info to Secretary & Editor Terri (address on P. 4), and we'll begin putting you all in contact!!

● **From SOB Dorothy "Dottie" Normandin:** Apologies to SOB Terry Burns, who wants to find a jigsaw puzzle that shows 221B's sitting room. I didn't find that but did find "Sherlock Holmes and The Speckled Band: A Mystery Jigsaw Puzzle". It includes the ACD story and a 1,000 piece puzzle. The interesting part is that the picture on the box is NOT what the puzzle looks like when assembled. It sounds like a great challenge for the long cold winter nights! You can buy it at: www.puzzlewarehouse.com/Sherlock-Holmes-33118.html



⇒ Your Editor simply googled "Sherlock Holmes jigsaw puzzles" and—while images of 221B's sitting room were NOT found—these were:

⇒ See www.cafepress.com/+sherlock-holmes+puzzles for LOTS of choices for about \$12 each.

⇒ Try www.bitsandpieces.com/set-of-2-%3A-the-puzzling-adventures-of-sherlock-holmes-1000-piece-jigsaw-puzzles/p/31397/ for a pair of beautifully illustrated Sherlockian puzzles.

● **From SOB James Romnes:** I had a 4-page spread in the November 2013 issue of The Washington Arms Collectors Gun News Magazine, with the first two chapters of my novella, "The

Repulsive Affair of the Red Leech: A Sherlock Holmes Firearms Mystery". (We'll add it to our Lending Library; and, James, send us the next two issues so we can finish your story!)

● **From SOB Manson Polley:** Our Phoenix PBS station (KAET) has been on a Sherlockian kick! Just recorded 9 hours including "HOUN"; don't know which series or who plays SH yet, but will look at them soon!! And, our paper—The Arizona Republic—gave a very good review (1/14/14) on the first episode of series 3 of "Sherlock"—saying, "...the show remains a joy."

● **From SOB Margie Deck:** Darn, I should have asked Santa for this one! Check out: www.ebay.co.uk/itm/281249900734 for the Benedict Cumberbatch signed "Sherlock Deerstalker", benefiting St. Mungo's Woolly Hat Day.

● **From Editor Terri:** While "How Sherlock Changed the World" was pre-empted on Western Washington PBS channels in December, we did get these reports—

⇒ "It showed here tonight. Ok show, but nothing I would want a DVD of."—SOB/ Webmaster Stu Nelan, Melissa, TX

⇒ "It was a dandy show with many forensic experts singing the praises of the Master, calling him the father of forensic science." —SOB Charlie Cook, Sumter, SC

Important News From PFL David: The SOBs are personally invited to attend!!



The American Academy of Forensic Sciences—as part of its annual meeting outreach—will hold a special Sherlockian panel during its annual convention:

☞ "Sherlock Holmes: The First CSI" ☞ Free to the Public | Door open at 6:15 p.m. Monday, February 17, 2014 7:00 p.m. Sheraton Seattle Hotel | 1400—6th Avenue

Among the panelists will be Paul Bernays, filmmaker of "How Sherlock Changed the World", Dr. Henry Lee, one of the world's foremost forensic scientists, and Dr. Kathy Reichs, New York times best selling author of forensic mysteries and producer of the TV series "Bones". Jeff Teitelbaum, head of the Forensic Science Library Services for the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, will also be on the panel.

Please join us! This is a one-time chance to hear professional forensic experts discuss how Sherlock Holmes influenced their profession.

More...Member News & Updates

● **SOB Carl Wirth, Omaha** has been invited to address a 7th grade class about Sherlock Holmes' history (they're reading a few of the stories). Then on April 12 those students will sit in on his normal Holmes book group at The Bookworm and, with enough interest, he'll start a Sherlockian book group for adolescents aged 12 to 15!

Kudos, Carl, on "keeping the memory green"!

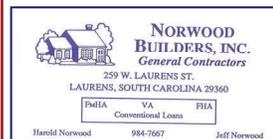
● **SOB Sonia Featherston, Salem** reports that she's been invested as "The Solitary Cyclist" in the Baker Street Irregular's prestigious BSI community. Thus she will henceforth be addressed as "Sonia Fetherston, BSI".

Kudos to you too, Sonia!



Here's a photo of Sonia with fellow SOB, Don Hobbs, also a BSI!!

● **From former SOB Bob Sullivan, Salt Lake City, UT:** I don't know if I'll ever get back to Seattle in this lifetime, but it is really nice to get some news. My canonical name was "The Norwood Builder", because of being in the construction business. I thought you might be interested to know that there really is a Norwood Builder.



Found this business card on a recent trip back east!

● **From former SOB Nils Dickman:** One of these days when life with 3 kids slows down, I hope to be able to more actively participate in Sherlockian activities! **Question:** In clearing out our basement, I need to find a new home for a 28-volume set of *Encyclopedia Britannica from 1893* (American edition)! It's leather-bound and complete. I was hoping to sell it for \$300. Do you know if any SOBs might have interest in this? **Editor's note:** Please e-mail PFL David and we'll put you in touch with Nils!!

Kudos to you, Nils, for planting the Sherlockian seed with your kids!



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\$20 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 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary. Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Master's Dinner" celebrating Holmes' birthday (January), "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, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

Member News & Updates



Dates of Interest

- **SUNDAY, February 16**
Regular Monthly Meeting, Social = 3:00 p.m.;
Business = 4:00 at T.S. McHugh's
- **SATURDAY, March 1**
31st Annual Master's Dinner, ⇨ 2:00 p.m. ⇩
Angelo's in Burien
See Page 1 and the enclosed flyer!
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Regular Monthly Meeting, Social = 3:00 p.m.;
Business = 4:00 at T.S. McHugh's

SOBs attending our January 19, 2014 SOB Meeting, presided over by **PFL David Haugen** were:

Vivika Sundqvist	Airy Maher	Terri Haugen
Kashena Konecki	DC Smith	Lauran Stevens
Sheila Holtgrieve	Judy Lyen	Al Nelson

- It was a smaller than usual group who met at T.S. McHugh's as the Seattle Seahawks again battled the San Francisco 49-ers for a spot in the Super Bowl! And, the Seahawks prevailed, so Seattle will be NUTS on February 2!!! ☆ But we held our own (most arrived very early to beat traffic), enjoying the intimacy of a smaller group, devoting a lot of discussion to the new season of "Sherlock". ☆ It was great to see **Judy** after a long absence!! ☆ In the PFL's quiz on SECO, **Sheila** and **Airy** tied for 1st place, far outdistancing everyone else!

- Apologies to those who did not receive PFL David's e-mail "blast", but thanks to **SOB Judy Lyen** the Club was invited to view a sneak peek of the first episode in the new season of "Sherlock" at the Tacoma PBS station (KBTC) on January 15. SOBs attending included: **David & Terri Haugen, Margaret & Al Nelson, Beatrice Roy, Ann Park, Carrol Clemens, Don Hodge** and **Judy Lyen**. As there were 105 others attending (!!), **Terri** and **Al** passed out membership literature and a blurb about the Club is now on KBTC's website, so who knows??

- **Margie & Hank Deck** hosted the Club once again on January 18 for a viewing of ALL three eps of the new season of "Sherlock" (in British format) in the party room at their community in Spanaway!! Enjoying

the fun and the muchies that day were **SOBs Sheila Holtgrieve, Kashena Konecki, Catharine Bancroft, Ann Park, David & Terri Haugen, Vivika Sundqvist** and **Al & Margaret Nelson**.

- **SOB Picnic Chair Paul Williams** was able to send a very cryptic, encoded note—"Same bat time, same bat channel!"—to inform us that the 2014 **Dr. John H. Watson Picnic** will occur on **Saturday, July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** once again at **Seahurst Park in Burien!!!**
- **SOB Sheldon Gloger** sent this report of his trip up from Portland in December to attend his first SOB Meeting: *Dear fellow out-of-town SOBs—I, Escott, can recommend attending our monthly meeting the way I did: The train from Portland arrived in the Seattle Amtrak King Street station at around noon. Upstairs, two blocks away, was the #1 city bus which dropped me off at McHugh's Pub. The neighborhood looked interesting to me, so I stayed over at the MarQueen Hotel around the corner, and took the #1 city bus the next day back to the train. COSTS: About \$30 for a one-way train ticket and about \$1 for the #1 city bus.*



- **SOBs Lauren Messenger, PFL David, and Kashena Konecki** attended *Sherlock Seattle's* 2014 birthday bash for Holmes on January 4, where they saw episode 1 of

"Sherlock" series 3!!

