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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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Watson Picnic is Back and We're Excited!!

Thanks to **Committee Chair Paul Williams**, we'll be back in the **south shelter** at beautiful Seahurst Park in Burien on **Saturday, July 28!!** The formal running time of our Dr. John H. Watson Picnic is **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, but parking is always at a premium and you may be forced to park further away from our shelter—so get there early!!

Please bring enough food—salads, main dishes, side dishes, chips, snacks, sweets—and beverages to share, as this is a potluck event! And, if you're bringing a dish that needs special utensils, please bring those as well!!

PFL David and Terri will again bring plates, napkins, cutlery and drinking glasses, *and*—for those arriving early—fresh coffee and breakfast sweets!

Burien and Seahurst Park are easy to get to from all points north, south, east

and west! And this Park is a gorgeous site, right on the Sound!

PFL David has recruited SOB Al Nelson to provide our game that day: a repeat of his "Uncle James: *Did you miss me?*"—a variation on the British game "Aunt Sally", which dates back to the 17th century. And, watch out because 2-time trophy winner Cameron Brandon will probably be back on deck!!

Great News: Paul will get the barbie going, and SOB Chris "Bear" Berwald has agreed to watch the fire to give Paul some time off! **Bad News:** Sorry, but no balloons, no booze permitted!

All are welcome!
Bring your family and your friends!!

Driving directions are shown on Page 2!



Arthur Conan Doyle's Edinburgh

While the adventures of Sherlock Holmes may seem to be quintessential London stories, their inspiration came from the heart of Scotland...

By Jim Gilchrist, excerpted from Scottish Life magazine — Summer 2015

On his sandstone plinth, just off Edinburgh's busy Picardy Place roundabout, Sherlock Holmes appears to be pondering the improbable. Sculpted in bronze by Gerard Laing, he strikes a classic pose, replete in deerstalker hat and Inverness cape, clutching his trusty pipe as the ceaseless traffic rumbles past.

The many visitors to the city must wonder why the world's most famous detective, a man whose exploits inevitably seemed enshrined in London fog, should be commemorated in the Scottish capital. But for London fog, substitute North Sea "haar", the summer sea fog that can suddenly envelope Edinburgh, and you can begin to see that the sage of Baker Street was the creation of an imagination ineradicably conditioned by Scotland's capital city.

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**Modify your
calendars!**

**We've moved our July
Meeting to July 22!**

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



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:

From north- or southbound 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 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

“There is no part of the body which varies so much as the human ear.”

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). A scheduling conflict at the Library required us to move our meeting back one week!

Study up on “The Cardboard Box” for this meeting! It’s a chronical that appeared originally in the *Strand* magazine for January 1893 and, almost simultaneously, in *Harper’s Weekly* issue of January 14, 1893.

Adds our Program Chair Sunny Even: “The Cardboard Box gives us a new insight into John Watson’s character—and for once not filtered through Watson’s own words. In the introduction Holmes observes that Watson keeps portraits of two men of note, England’s warrior-diplomat **Gen Charles George Gordon**, and the American social reformer **Henry Ward Beecher**. What can be gleaned of Watson’s character that these two gentlemen warrant such consideration? Is this a chance choice of wall décor, or are they Watson’s personal heroes? After you’ve read The Cardboard Box, have a look at their Wikipedia pages and consider how their lives and virtues must have appealed to a Victorian romantic like Dr. John H. Watson of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers.”

Note from PFL David: “SOB Cameron Brandon will bring his ‘Twisted Flip’ game to the July 22 meeting! So join in the fun! It’s a blast to play!!”

To whet your appetite for this story, **SOB Charlie Cook** has produced this quiz on CARD:

1. What author did Holmes cite concerning the ability to follow another person’s thoughts?
2. What two pictures of Watson’s did Holmes notice the doctor observing?
3. When Watson stated he was amazed at Holmes’s reasoning, the detective didn’t say “Elementary” but said what...?
4. What did the headline say for the article Holmes asked Watson to read and from what paper did it come?
5. What was in the box sent to Miss Susan Croydon and from where was it sent?
6. Describe the box!
7. Name Miss Croydon’s sisters; which one was married and to whom?
8. How much did Holmes say he paid for his Stradivarius and what was its true worth?
9. Holmes regaled Watson with anecdotes about what composer?
10. Name the steamer on which Susan’s married sister’s husband sailed.
11. In a letter to Holmes, Lestrade referred to what man who helped them in what case?
12. What did Holmes declare to Watson that was unthinkable?

*Suddenly my companion’s voice broke in upon my thoughts:
“You are right, Watson,” said he.
“It does seem a most preposterous way of settling a dispute.”*



Answers may be found on Page 7

Getting To ■ SEAHURST PARK ■ for the Watson Picnic
Saturday, July 28, 9:00 to 2:00

From I-5, take Highway 518 westbound (*Exit 154, near South Center Mall, where I-5 meets I-405*). When you get into Burien, Highway 518 turns into S. W. 148th Street. As you continue west-bound, look for and turn right onto **Ambaum Blvd. S.W.** Proceed to **S. W. 144th Street** (the 2nd light) and turn left. Go 3 short blocks to **13th Avenue S.W.** and turn right. This will take you right into the park—if you hit the water, you’ve gone too far!

We will be in the south picnic shelter!



...Doyle's Edinburgh Continued from Page 1



On May 22, 1859, the long-since demolished number 11 Picardy Place was the birthplace of Sir Arthur...Doyle spent most of his life living in the south of England, and old images portray him, at the height of his fame, as a burly, avuncular figure, seated with his dogs in the garden of his mansion, the epitome of an Edwardian English country gentleman.

Yet, Doyle was not only Scots born, but of Irish descent. His father, Charles Altamont Doyle, came from an Irish family who had moved to London. At the age of 17 he moved north to take up a post in the Office of Works in Edinburgh...Conan Doyle's mother, Mary, came from a prosperous Anglo-Irish background...

For a future writer, there was plenty of material to be absorbed from an early age, but the inspiration for Doyle's most famous character came during his days studying medicine at Edinburgh University...(where) his teacher, Dr. Joseph Bell, stressed to his students that the basis of a successful diagnosis was "the precise and intelligent recognition and appreciation of minor differences"...*"The Sherlock Holmes stories are basically medical case studies,"* says Owen Dudley Edwards, Edinburgh University historian, author and Conan Doyle biographer. Doyle's great mentor, of course, was Joseph Bell, who could look at a man's face and hands and other things and say what that man's occupation was or whatever. And these were qualities that Sherlock Holmes had, but there's a great deal more to him than that."

We (Gilchrist and Edwards) are speaking in the National Library of Scotland, and the conversation leads on to another Edinburgh University influence that found its way into the Holmes mysteries—Sir Robert Christison, a pioneer of forensic medicine. In a *Study in Scarlet*, before he even met Holmes, Watson is told that his future colleague's outlandish behavior includes beating corpses in the dissecting room, to verify how far bruises may be produced after death."

"That particular experiment had, indeed, been carried out, not in London but in Edinburgh," explains Edwards, who goes on to tell how Christison, engaged as a medical witness at the Burke/Hare murder trial (*see sidebar*), had beaten bodies and found that you could, indeed, produce bruises after death.

If Holmes comes over as something of an outsider, that also reflects aspects of Conan Doyle himself, reckons Edwards, who points out that Doyle, as well as living with the uncertainty of his unstable father, would also have been aware of being a Roman Catholic in a predominantly Presbyterian Scotland. "Also, he belonged to the Irish, who were regarded by most Scots as at least

Writing Contest

...Everyone is Welcome to Enter Our 2018 Writing Contest!

SOB LAURAN STEVENS has a new challenge for us and **everyone is eligible to enter!!**

IMAGINE: Of all the Sherlock Holmes stories written by Conan Doyle, there is bound to be at least one that you did not like the ending of, right?

Decide which story—or stories—you would have liked to have a different or better ending.

Explain what you would have had happen instead—to make it a more satisfying ending for you!

And multiple entries are permitted!!

You don't have to actually rewrite the original story's ending; just explain how you would have liked the story to end. ■ Bring your entry to a meeting or snail-mail it to Lauran at: 320 West Roy St., Apt. 207, Seattle, WA 98119.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND YOUR DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2018!!

suspect and not really Scottish...That affected him in a very interesting way. It meant that whether he was dealing with Scotland or England, he would always be somewhat aware of the fact that he *was* an outsider. (After all, Holmes) is based on several Scottish doctors, who were part of a new rising class who would in some ways be looked upon with suspicion and dislike by the orthodox figures in London."

Doyle had no uncertainty, however, as to his debt to Joe Bell. (Writing to Bell in 1892, Doyle wrote:) "...I have tried to build up a man who pushed (his analytical work) as far as it would go—further occasionally, and I'm so glad that the result has satisfied you..."

Edinburgh's input into Doyle's writing, However, goes well beyond his detective tales. Walk through Holyrood Park under the rearing basalt cliffs of Salisbury Crags...and beware of marauding pterodactyls. In his classic science fiction romance *The Lost World*, about a dinosaur-infested plateau, the unscaleable cliffs that guard the mysterious realm are compared to the Crags, which Doyle would have known as a boy. ...

"Conan Doyle grew up in a city of contrasts and dualities. Post-Enlightenment Edinburgh was, on one level, a world-renowned centre of medical research and teaching where the university dissecting tables were supplied by body snatchers, or "sack-em-up men", whose hooded lanterns glimmered at night as they robbed fresh graves. Three decades before Doyle's birth, the notorious Burke and Hare had dispensed with the bother of digging up bodies by supplying instead the corpses of those they had murdered."

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PFL David's Remarks During Lunch at our Annual Wreath Throw on May 5

In the December 1893 issue of *"The Strand Magazine"* readers had a chance to read another adventure of Sherlock Holmes. This was something they looked forward to. Except for the period from July 1892 to November 1892 each issue of that magazine featured Sherlockian Adventures.

But "The Final Problem" was far different than all the others. Dr. Watson had to tell the public that he would relate no more adventures of the great detective. This was the sad story of Holmes' demise. But at least he went out fighting against a foe equal in intelligence and planning as himself. If he was to die so far from home—plunging over the Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland—at least he could eliminate Professor James Moriarty, the author of most of the evil in England.

The public and *"The Strand Magazine"* keenly felt his loss. It was said that black armbands were worn in public so average citizens could let others know of the loss they felt. So after two long stories and 24 short stories the Holmes saga was to end. The only one who was not saddened by the end of the series was the literary agent, Arthur Conan Doyle. At last the public would now sing his praises, not for this secondary fiction, but for the historical novels on which he worked so hard.

Today, we marvel at how superheroes can come back to life after their supposed "death". This is nothing new because Holmes did the same thing one hundred years before. It took "The Hound of the Baskervilles"—serialized from August 1901 to April 1902—to reintroduce him to his adoring public. But, it was not until September 1903 for the monthly adventures to startup again with the publication of "The Empty House". So over the next 25 plus years, his adoring readers got to enjoy his exploits in another 32 short stories, and counting "The Hound" two long stories.

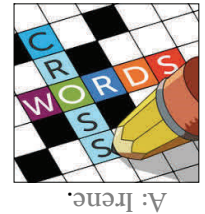
We are here today to celebrate the return of Sherlock Holmes from his watery grave because, as Dr. Watson observed 125 years ago, he is "the best and wisest man we have ever known".

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ From SOB PFL David Haugen:

- "THE CASE OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY", KINDLE EDITION by SOB John Longenbaugh (\$2.⁹⁹) is an adaptation of the popular stage play. The story line of both the play and this novella is a creative mash-up between Conan Doyle and the Dickens holiday classic. The Great Detective finds himself on the trail of his strangest case yet, as he finds himself visited by a host of ghostly visitors who take him into the past, the present and the future in an attempt to solve his greatest mystery: *Who is Sherlock Holmes?* It's a great play, now read it as a book.

- "THE NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLES get harder as the week goes along. But I have every confidence that you know the answer to the five-letter word with the following clue: The "she" in the line "To Sherlock Holmes she is always the woman".



- IF YOU MISSED BY E-MAIL BLAST: SOME MAY THINK TYING THE KNOT ON VALENTINE'S DAY IS A BIT CHEESY, but you'd be surprised to learn how many stars decided to say their vows on the most romantic day of the year. The *'Doctor Strange'* star married theater director Sophie Hunter in a small ceremony on the Isle of Wight on February 14, 2015. Benedict's *'Imitation Game'* co-star Kiera Knightley was on hand during the nuptials, and his *"Sherlock"* sidekick Martin Freeman served as best man.

- While looking at THE LIST OF SHERLOCKIAN TITLES AT THE BOOK DEPOSITORY, I noticed an interesting volume. The picture of it had "Sherlock Holmes" at the top front of the cover and toward the bottom said, "Scholar Select". The first part of the description reads, "This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it." While that might make this sound important, it also goes on to state that everything printed in it is no longer under copyright. The clincher is that the AUTHOR IS LISTED AS ACONAN DOYLE. This is interesting because other titles in the series noted later identify the author is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It appears that The Book Depository does not edit what they list. (*Though I must admit having a book by Aconan Doyle would be great.*)

⇒ From Peter Blau of the Spermaceti Press:

- SIMON CORBLE'S TWO-ACT PLAY "THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES" was first performed in an outdoor venue in Britain in 1995, and THE SCRIPT IS NOW AVAILABLE IN PRINT AND E-BOOK EDITIONS (London: MX Publishing) Corble's introduction explains how the play came to be written, and why it differs from the book. It can be interesting indeed to read scripts when you have already read the story. "The Hound of The Baskervilles: A Sherlock Holmes Play" is available from all good bookstores including in the USA Amazon and Barnes and Noble; in the UK, Waterstones, Amazon and Book Depository (free worldwide delivery). In e-book format, it is available through Kindle, Nook and iPad.

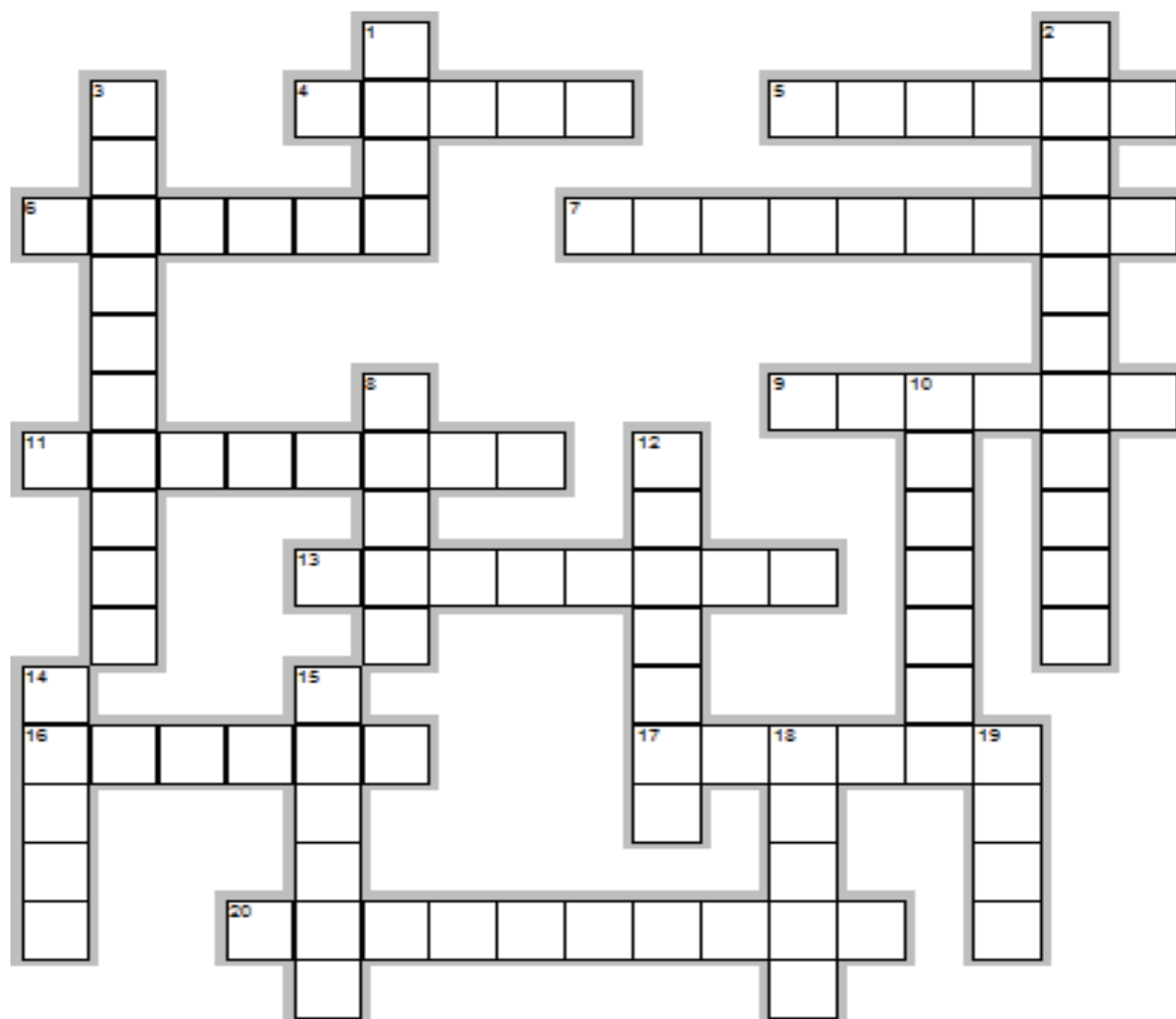
- DAVID HARNOIS CONTINUES TO ADD TO HIS DRAMATIZED READINGS OF THE CANON, and he now offers 'The Blue Carbuncle' and six other stories at his 'I Am Lost Without My Boswell' website (www.iamlostwithoutmyboswell.com), where you can...

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A Sherlockian Crossword Puzzle

By: SOB Charlie Cook

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ACROSS

4. Number of Canonical tales
5. Mrs. Hudson's first name
6. Starrett's Hamlet
7. A kind of box
9. Watson's first name could have been this
11. Public house where Henry Baker bought his goose (2 words)
13. A wine merchant
16. "The Empty House"
17. A kind of stain
20. Sherlock was this kind of detective

DOWN

1. A number of orange pips
2. Sherlock could have been called by this name
3. He was Holmes' smarter brother (2 words)
8. Not really the last "Problem"
10. Watson's Mary
12. Sherlock's form of defense
14. A Baker Street address to a Roman
15. Color of a visage
18. This Michael didn't have a clue
19. Holmes enjoyed this kind of hunting

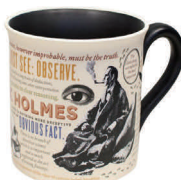
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...listen to or download the readings, which are nicely done.

● **THE UNEMPLOYED PHILOSOPHERS GUILD** continues to offer imaginative Sherlockiana, including AN ATTRACTIVE **SHERLOCK HOLMES MUG** that comes with instructions. To view the Mug, go to: philosophersguild.com. To view the instructions on YouTube, go to: www.tinyurl.com/ycmrqspr. The cost is \$15.⁹⁵ plus postage.



● **HOW MANY ACTORS HAVE PLAYED THE ROLE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES?** More than 3,700. That is the current (2018) count in Howard Ostrom's "A-Z List of Sherlock Holmes Performers" (www.nphl.co.uk/a-z-index.html) and, of course, the count will continue to increase with new productions, and new discoveries of old productions. Howard has compiled many other interesting data-bases that can be found at: www.nphl.co.uk/original-essays.html.

⇒ **From SOB Judy Lyen:** The **ANACORTES COMMUNITY THEATRE** WILL PRESENT "**THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES**" from July 27 to August 18. Performances are Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee is at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and go on sale June 25. Phone: (360) 293-6829. Box office hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

⇒ **From our Friends at MX Publishing:**

● **THE VATICAN CAMEOS** by Richard Ryan, \$28.⁹⁵ (Kindle, \$2.⁹⁵), was selected as a Pitch Perfect Pick and nominated for the Reader's Choice award. It's described as "A Sherlock Holmes adventure that finds the great detective trying to solve a mystery created by Michelangelo, 400 years earlier." Ryan is a graduate of medieval studies and a Sherlock Holmes aficionado; the perfect man to resurrect one of literature's favorite sleuths.

● "**THE REDACTED SHERLOCK HOLMES: VOLUME IV**" brings you five more sizzling, scandalous Sherlock Holmes stories from the pen of Orlando Pearson. Pearson mixes the canon with elite sport, business high jinx, a musical mystery, a literary mystery, and Realpolitik and, in "The Hounding of Peer Baskerville", rolls the most famous of all detective stories on 20 years. A must for traditionalists, lovers of mystery and anyone who likes a rattling good listen.

⇒ **From SOB Maffie Rafferty:** If your musical tastes lean to the Canonical, you can go to YouTube and catch music by "The Sherlocks". (Adds PFL David: Based on my listening to their songs, I would say they are in the "Beaten's Christmas Annual" stage of their career.)

⇒ **Thanks to SOB Ann Milam for this:** Go to this website and you'll hear and see ACD discuss spiritualism in a recording made just a few months before his death: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKKAWwzNE_w. You can also hear a voice from a séance in 1934, purported to be his voice from beyond.

⇒ **Here's a fun item from SOB Kate Nelson:**

See a video of **BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH ON SESAME STREET**, as he sleuths his way through a fruit problem: <https://youtu.be/-7jS7X-2ggA>. (The red Muppet on the left is normally named Murray, hence the Murray-arty joke.)



⇒ **Thoughts from SOB Sherrill Hendrick:** I wasn't able to attend the **BOOK DISCUSSION ABOARD THE SEATTLE-TO-BAINBRIDGE FERRY ON JUNE 14**, but wanted to share my thoughts on King's "Russell" series. ■ Laurie R. King is one of my two favorite authors for Sherlock-related pastiches. I read her entire series of Mary Russell books each time a new one is printed. Naturally, I begin a month or two prior to the release of each new one. This means I have read "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" fourteen times... or more. In addition to the story and introduction to an amazing new character in the Sherlockian universe, I love the structure, literacy, language, proven research that spills off each page, plus the drama and humor. It is impossible to agree with nay sayers who argue that there's barely a scintilla of emotion connecting Sherlock or even his pipe smoke within the pages! Bah, Humbug and cherry licorice! Everything about Mary Russell is a reflection of Sherlock's impressive training and impeccable good taste. He is so confident that he appears as often as he's interested and/or needed. Otherwise, he's a busy—though far happier—man who lives most agreeably in the open weave plan of their lives.

⇒ **SOB Margaret Nelson offers this nugget:** Reading the paper (on June 29), I noticed the beginning of this column in the New York Times. It is on Page 2 where the Times journalists take the opportunity to write something about their jobs. **WHAT I'VE SENT IS THE ONLY MENTION OF DOYLE OR HOLMES...**

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"Holmes in the Heartland"

...is the title of a conference planned for August 10 & 11 by The Parallel Case of St. Louis scion. If you plan to go east, you'll get St. Louis BBQ, blues, tea and history, and plenty of Sherlockian discussion!

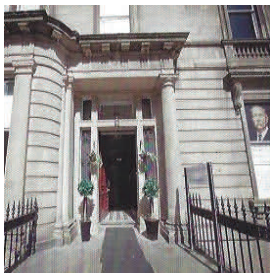
Among the guests are [Tim Johnson](#), curator of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the U of Minnesota; [SOB Bill Mason](#), BSI, author of "Pursuing Sherlock Holmes" and former Head Light of The Beacon Society; [Tassy Hayden](#), fan fiction writer and co-host of the wildly popular "The Three Patch Podcast"; and [Brad Keefauver](#), BSI, blogger at "Sherlock Peoria" and author of "The Elementary Methods of Sherlock Holmes".

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...Doyle's Edinburgh

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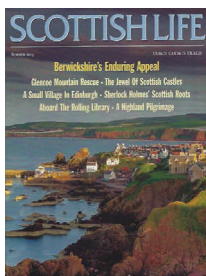
...Like so many thousands of others, Doyle lost family during the First World War...However, he'd been investigating things spiritual long before then, as Ann Traherne, director of the Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Centre in Edinburgh's West End, is at pains to point out. "Doyle was investigating not spiritualism the religion, but spiritual matters, from a very early age, and from a scientific point of view."

And it was as a spiritual centre, "for the benefit of the mind, body and spirit that the Sir ACD Centre was opened in 2011, occupying an elegant Victorian Townhouse that once belonged to the Edinburgh brewer and philanthropist William McEwan. "As well as a spiritualist church, we aim to be a community resource," says Traherne, "so we have activities conducive to what we do—yoga, tai chi, meditation and spiritualist development."

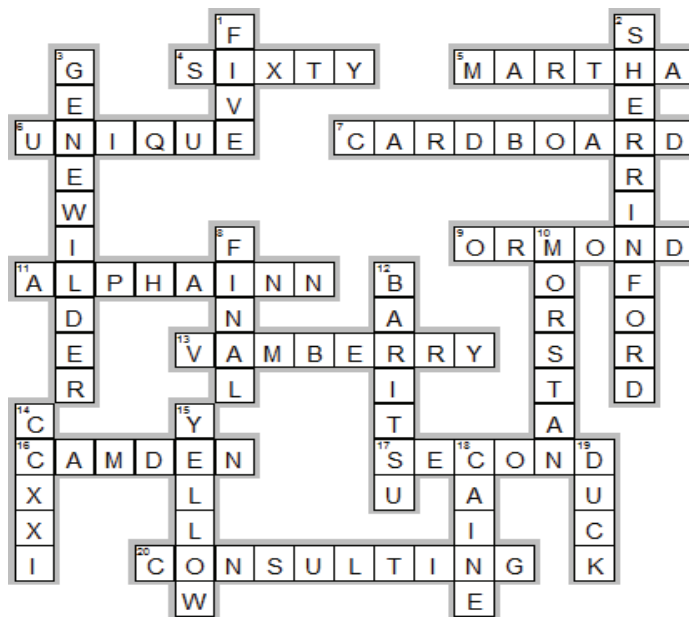
When the Palmerston Trust, which operates the centre, took over the building and named it, they had no idea that it did, indeed, have a connection with Conan Doyle. McEwan was the Liberal MP for Central Edinburgh, and in 1900 when he stood down, Conan Doyle—by this time a household name—ran for the seat, also as a Liberal. He was unsuccessful, however, and was moreover the target of a bigoted sectarian campaign. Traherne is amused by the irony that Doyle was condemned for his Catholicism when he was actually a confirmed spiritualist by then...

Back at the College of Surgeons' Library, I have my own personal encounter with Sir Arthur, though not quite of the psychic kind. From an archive folder, Marianne Smith, the Royal College's librarian, produces a novelty calling card, which the author seems to have dispensed in his later years. It's a flick book, the kind of thing children make, drawing cartoon figures that move when they flick the pages. This one, just six centimetres across, has a cover embossed with "Greetings A.C.D." Inside 64 monochrome photographs portray an elderly Doyle, beaming behind his moustache. I flick the pages and, across almost a century, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the man whose books so enriched my young imagination, benignly doffs his hat to me.

See also, Ann Milam's essay on the "Sherlock Violin"—referenced in this article in this issue of *Scottish Life*—that appeared in the May issue of this newsletter (Vol. 37, Issue 5).



Solution to "Sherlockian Crossword Puzzle" on Page 6





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Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
July 22, 1:30 p.m. at
Queen Anne Library,
Seattle

This is a change
from the 3rd Sunday
to the 4th!!

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22nd Annual Dr. John
H. Watson Picnic,
Saturday, July 28, 9:00
a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at
Seahurst Park,
Burien.

Bring your Friends
& Family!!

Driving directions are
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Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
August 19, 1:30 p.m. at
Queen Anne Library,
Seattle

Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our **June 10, 2018 South Sound Meeting** in University Place, presided over by PFL David Haugen, were:

Margaret Nelson	Al Nelson	Genie Romnes
James Romnes	Dawn Jaekel	Cara Cross
Catherine Bancroft	Sunny Even	Margie Deck
Cameron Brandon	Geoff Jeffery	Terri Haugen

● We had a single winner for 1st place in our quiz on GREE: **Geoff**; but there was a 3-way tie for 2nd place: **Margaret, Dawn J, and Sunny!!**

SOBs attending our **June 17, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting** in Seattle, presided over by PFL David Haugen, were:

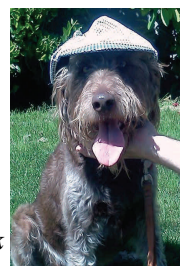
Cameron Brandon	Chris Berwald	Terri Haugen
Kashena Konecki	Sunny Even	Marcia Macy
Melinda Michaelson	Nancy Holder	Mel Briganti
Vivika Sundqvist	Sheila Holtgrieve	Jody Holm

● Please mark your calendars to show that we are meeting on **July 22** ★ We had a 3-way tie for 1st place in our quiz on GREE: **Sheila, Chris** and **Sunny**; a 2-way for 2nd place: **Kashena** and **Cameron**; and a 4-way for 3rd place: **Nancy, Mel B, Vivika** and **Melinda!!**

● **SOB Shannon Wallace's post card said**, "Salam from Egypt and Jordan! I've had the adventure trip of a lifetime, from hot air ballooning over temples to exploring underground tombs. I swam the Nile, snorkeled the Red Sea and floated the Dead Sea...hiked up thousands of ancient stairs in 100° heat at Petra...rode a camel at the pyramids. Serious bucket list achievements.

● **SOB John Longenbaugh wrote**, "This is **Olaf the dog**, who I recently inherited. Though not the brightest of

creatures, we thought it was worth seeing—in hopes a deerstalker might make him look a little more intelligent. I leave it for you to decide if it does. ■ Another item: I listened recently to an excellent podcast called "Decoder Ring", which had a special focus on the BBC's *Sherlock* and the *JohnLock* controversy. I would highly recommend it even to Sherlockians who have an ambivalent reaction to the TV show, as it discusses the origins of fandom in the *Sherlock* stories and how that's developed. You can listen to it (for free!) here: www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/decoder_ring/2018/06/decoder_ring_explores_how_a_conspiracy_theory_about_a_gay_sherlock_holmes.html



● **Club Librarian Chris advises**, "As shown on our masthead above under **Reference Librarian** I've created a new email that is ready for Members' requests to "borrow" any of our many reference materials! Please add this to your "contacts" list: **SOB-Library@cberwald.com**. Contents of our reference library can be viewed at the "Library" tab on our website!

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