



Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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Saturday, July 27 is our 23rd Annual Dr. John H. Watson Picnic!

It's in the South Shelter at Seahurst Park in Burien from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We have **SOB Dawn Jaekel to thank for booking our picnic spot** back in January; we'll have **SOB Chris "Bear" Berwald to thank for firing up the barbie** for all us meat-eaters that day; we'll have **SOB Cameron Brandon to thank for our main entertainment**: an updated version of his infamous variation on the Twister game;

and we'll have **SOB Sunny Even to thank for some secondary fun** that she says she's bringing along!

Even though earlier in the day, this is still a **pot-luck lunch**, so please bring enough food—salads, main dishes, side dishes, chips, snacks, sweets—and beverages to share! (*Haugens will provide coffee & breakfast treats to greet you and eating utensils, plates, napkins, cups, etc.*)

But, please, no alcohol or balloons allowed!

Nor are RSVPs required, so bring your friends & family along!! But get there early for the best parking!

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"13 Sherlock Holmes Riddles That Test How Bright You Are"

Sometimes our Saturday events can be more relaxed, less structured and, yeah, more fun! Secretary Terri found this silly quiz on the web before the June 1 Meeting, and some of the questions were quite lame. But a few were rather challenging, so we share them with you here!

3. Guess the name of the murderer

A rich man who lived in a beautiful house on Baker Street, Mr. Ronald Green, has just been kidnapped and Sherlock Holmes has been appointed to the case. He finds a note at the crime scene written by Mr. Green. It read: "First of January, Fourth of October, Fifth of March, Third of June."

Sherlock knew that somehow, the killer's name was hidden in the note. The suspects were as follows:

- Jack Green, the son and the heir of the property
- John Jacobson, an employee of Mr. Green
- June Green, Green's wife

Sherlock deduced the killer's name in an instant. Can you?



4. Guess the victim and the murderer's name

There are five (5) men. These are the clues you've got:

1. One of them shot and killed one of the other five.
2. Dan ran in the New York City Marathon yesterday with one of the innocent men.
3. Mike considered being a farmer before he moved to the city.
4. Jeff is a top-notch computer consultant and wants to install Ben's new computer next week.

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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 was a crooked man..."

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2019** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch), located at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). **If you have a favorite snack, please bring it along to share!**

Says Program Chair Sunny Even: Nowhere else but in "The Adventure of the Crooked Man," does Conan Doyle treat us to such a deft and engaging camouflage of exotic mystery to reveal the real moral "**crime doesn't pay.**"

The story unfolds, and our perception of victim and villain switches place like a clever optical illusion. The "crooked" man morphs from the pathetic bent creature who was James Wood, to the more disturbing image of Colonel Barclay as the morally corrupt but guilt-ridden villain of the story. Crooked, indeed. Enjoy!

"My God, it's Nancy!" Mrs. Barclay turned as white as death and would have fallen down had the dreadful-looking creature not caught hold of her.



Try Charlie Cook's Quiz on "The Crooked Man"

1. Visiting Watson, Holmes noted that the doctor still smoked what tobacco?
2. What did Watson say made so many regard Holmes as a machine rather than a man?
3. Who did Watson say would take his cases if he went where with Holmes?
4. What case was Holmes currently investigating when he visited Watson's home?
5. Most of the facts of the case had been provided for Holmes by whom?
6. What was the name of the villa where the murdered man dwelled and what was his wife's maiden name?
7. Name the housemaid at the villa and the word she heard uttered twice behind a locked door?
8. What did Holmes consider the most distinctive and suggestive point in the case?
9. Where did Miss Morrison tell Holmes that she and the wife were approached by a deformed man?
10. Name the deformed man and his trade!
11. What Irregular did Holmes assign to watch the deformed man?
12. What was the deformed man's companion and by what name was it

Answers may be found on Page 5

"13 Sherlock Holmes Riddles..."

5. The murderer had his leg amputated last month.
6. Ben met Jack for the first time 6 months ago.
7. Jack has been in seclusion since the crime.
8. Dan used to drink heavily.
9. Ben and Jeff built their last computers together.
10. The murderer is Jack's brother. They grew up together in Seattle.

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5. The name is written on the note

One snowy night, Sherlock Holmes was in his house sitting by the fire. All of a sudden a snowball came crashing through his window and broke it. Holmes got up and looked out the window just in time to see three neighborhood kids who were brothers run around a corner. Their names were John Crimson, Mark Crimson, and Paul Crimson.

The next day Holmes got a note that read: "? Crimson. He broke your window."

Which of the three Crimson brothers should Sherlock Holmes question about the incident?



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Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **Says SOB Cara Cross:** COME ONE, COME ALL TO MY SPACE IN THE PACIFIC RUN ANTIQUE MALL IN TACOMA WHERE MY SALE CONTINUES UNTIL JULY 1, 2019. Find games, puzzles, photos, posters, statues, pins, watches, teddy bears, dolls, and more. New items are being added periodically. Don't forget to bring your coupon to receive a 15% discount on any item above \$5 in my space



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Right, enlargement of beautifully framed item at left.



⇒ **SOB Webmaster Shannon was excited to let us know:**

"**VICTORIAN RADICALS: FROM THE PRE-RAPHAELITES TO THE ARTS + CRAFTS MOVEMENT**" is now underway at Seattle Art Museum and continues through September 8, 2019.

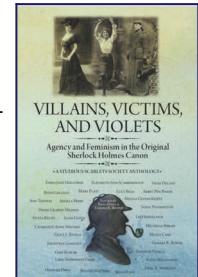
Briefly: "These artists challenged the new industrial world and looked to the art of the past for inspiration, reasserting the value of the handmade over the dehumanizing sterility of mass production in 19th century England. Victorian Radicals presents an unprecedented 150 paintings, drawings, sculptures, stained glass, jewelry, textiles, and decorative arts—many never before exhibited outside of the United Kingdom. See vibrant works by the major figures associated with the subversive Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and the later Arts & Crafts Movement." For more: <http://victorianradicals.site.seattleartmuseum.org>



⇒ **From SOB Marc McDaniel, following his recovery from a heart procedure in May:** Thought you might appreciate THIS PHOTO FROM MY FIRST FORAY OUT IN PUBLIC AT THE FLYING HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNUAL TANKFEST. Watson and I were doing impressions of Nigel Bruce and Basil Rathbone from the 1942 Sherlock Holmes movies...fight-ing Nazis set in then- contemporary times. Lots of people recognized me as Sherlock but—expecting to see a deerstalker, natch—asked me about my tweed hat...so I had to "enlighten" them about the WWII era films of Holmes and Watson.



⇒ **News from SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI:** Coming to Amazon.com in July, THE BOOK "VILLAINS, VICTIMS, AND VIOLETS: AGENCY AND FEMINISM IN THE ORIGINAL SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON". This anthology is the work of the Studious Scarlets Society, a group of thirty women scholars and Sherlockians—one of whom is...me! My essay, "She Blessed The Hand," considers the Holmes story "Black Peter," and the women who fell victim to (and were able to overcome) alcohol abuse and domestic violence in Victorian times. It's long since time to apply a modern lens to the women who engage Sherlock Holmes!



⇒ **"Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol"** WILL BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 31 AT THE HARLEQUIN THEATRE IN OLYMPIA, WA. Their advert: "Presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes, turning his back on... *Continued on Page 4*

The 5th Annual International Sherlockian Summit—a meeting of the multiple scion societies headquartered in the Pacific Northwest (along the I-5 corridor from Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC) and beyond—will be hosted by The Dogs in the Nighttime of Anacortes, WA!



Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Village Pizza (upper level)
807 Commercial Avenue, in "Old Town"
Anacortes, WA
(360) 293-7847, <https://villagepizza.org/>

Parking: Use the Bank of the Pacific parking lot next door, or space on the street.

Says our Hostess Dogs' President Kathleen Kaska: "The format of the event will be much the same as at previous events: Social time between 12:00 and 1:00, followed by a Holmes Pub quiz, a few games and a few toasts (still in the planning). We will also have the traditional raffle."

SOBs: Please send your suggestions for games and toasts to—and arrange any raffle donations with—our Club's coordinator for this event,

SOB Sheila Holtgrieve (sheilaholtgrieve@gmail.com), or **SOB VP Kashena Konecki** (konecki@gmail.com).

SOB Dr. Ed Funk Makes World News!!

Yes, Issue No. 387 for May 2019 of "THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON" reported this:



"The 22nd of May was ACD's 160th birthday. David Burke (Jeremy Brett's first Watson) celebrated his 85th birthday on 25th May. Terri Haugen of The Sound of the Baskervilles in Washington State, sends word that long-time member Ed Funk, MD will be 95 on 13th June. Felicitations!"



Dr. Ed & Joyce Funk at our 2015 Master's Dinner

me birthday wishes and cards. It made my day!"

We started a snail-mail and email campaign within the Club on June 1 to deluge "Dr. Ed" with birthday wishes and, according to the birthday boy on

June 15, "Please pass along a 'Thank you!' to all the SOBs that sent

sion, \$48 for seniors. (*Group Rate [6 or more] = 20% off; i.e. \$40 gen'l adm., \$39 seniors.*) **Time:** 7:30 p.m. Evenings, 2:00 p.m. Matinees. Theater is located at 202–4th Ave. East (at the corner of 4th & Washington) in downtown Olympia. For box office hours, purchase tickets: <https://harlequinproductions.org/box-office-info> **A Note from Playwright John:** *Harlequin's new artistic director, Aaron Lamb, was in BOTH the Taproot productions in Seattle, playing different characters including young Holmes and Moriarty, so I'm really excited to see what he does with it!*

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Another Great Cook Crypto Puzzle

How Holmes described his trial of a "criminal" whom he considered releasing.

Hint: w = g

Hpzvpux Hmdhysm, . . . Tdi pms vrs zmuodxsm. Fpvodx, tdi pms p Jmuuvor bimt, pyk U xsnsm esv p epx frd fpo edms seuxsxvct quvvsk vd mszmsosxv dxs. U pe vrs blkws. Xdf, wsxvcsesx dq vrs bimt. Tdi rpns rspmk vrs suuksvxhs. Kd tdi quxk vrs zmuodxsm wiucvt dm xdv wiucvt?

—From The Adventure of Vrs Pjjst Wmpxws
Solution may be found on Page 5

Sad Loss of Member Rev. Henry E. Ernst

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-term **SOB Member Reverend Henry Ernst**. The return of his snail-mailed copy of the April issue of our monthly newsletter was our only notice. We thought we'd lost him once before when mail came back from Hampstead, MD as "undeliverable" but we found that he'd simply moved. This time, however, our envelope was marked "deceased".

Sadly we could find no obit for Dr. Henry but we believe we located the right gent by matching info from our prior search to another minister who passed at 90 years in May. A fond adieu, Dr. Henry!



UPDATE: Get excited for a talk and live action demonstration from writer and fighter **SOB John Longenbaugh**! He'll be speaking on Sherlock Holmes' use of baritsu (or, correctly bartitsu) and giving a demonstration. Read more and register: <https://www.leftcoastsherlock.com/post/john-longenbaugh-to-speak-and-fight-at-lcss>

Longenbaugh Now on Symposium's Agenda!!

**Friday, October 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**

**University Place Hotel & Conference Center,
310 S.W. Lincoln Street, Portland, OR**

Call: 1.866.845.4647



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“13 Sherlock Holmes Riddles...”

6. Think outside the box with this one



Solution may be found below! Source: <https://brightside.me/wonder-quizzes-13-sherlock-holmes-riddles-that-will-test-how-bright-you-are-670360/>

More Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

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

- Readers might already be familiar with **AUTHOR DANIEL SMITH** through "The Sherlock Holmes Companion" and "How to Think Like Sherlock". In "**SHERLOCK UNLOCKED: LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE**" (Michael O'Mara, 2019, \$12.⁹⁵), Smith provides over a hundred brief essays on aspects of the character, the stories, and their creator. It's an attractive little volume that would be **A NICE GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO IS NEW TO OUR GAME**.
 - "**SHERLOCK HOLMES CYCLOPEDIA VOLUME 2: SHERLOCK HOLMES ON SCREENS 1940-1959**" by Howard Ostrom & Thierry Saint-Joanis. (Mycroft's Brother Editions, www.mycroftsbros.net. 2019, \$35, hbk) The second in this fascinating series; information is again presented in a scrapbook for-

Solutions to “13 Holmes Riddles” on Page 1:

3. The kidnapper was John Jacobson. Take these details into account: First of January means the first letter of the word January; Fourth of October means the fourth letter of the word October; Third of March means the third letter of the word March; H. The fifth of June means the fifth letter of the word June: N. The name spelled out is John.
 4. Jeff killed Mike. How do we know? Jack is not the murderer; he is the brother of the murderer. Dan is not the murderer since he ran a marathon, and the murderer recently had his leg amputated. Ben is not the murderer. He just met Jack, Jack and the murderer grew up together. We know that Jeff is still alive because he wants to install Ben's new computer next week. Mike didn't grow up with Jack, if Jack, Ben, and Jeff are still alive, then Mike is dead. We can only deduce that Jeff must be the murderer.
 5. It was Mark. The note said "¿Crimson," which can be read as "¿Crimson Mark Crimson."
 6. Someone in a wheelchair.

mat. We're now up to the Rathbone years, but this book is full of unexpected surprises.

- Howard Ostrom says: "It looks like a **MORIARTY TV SHOW MIGHT BE IN PRE-PRODUCTION**. We will have to keep an eye out for this." Lucy Rawlings is cast as Charlotte Holmes, with Charlene Aldridge as Jane Watson. There's more on IMDB: www.imdb.com/title/tt9612244/?fbclid=IwAR2nwD3Bzc9B57Eh1cKQh_XhUVoyBQDZoi95qTpjnbYQ33_W1opgq9iuov4 Asks PFL David, however: So who's playing Moriarty?
 - ⇒ **From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press:**
 - **THE OFFICIAL SHERLOCK PUZZLE BOOK** by Chris Maslanka and Steve Tribe (San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2018, \$17.95) was first published by BBC Books in 2017 as a tie-in to the "*Sherlock*" TV series; it presents more than 165 challenging puzzles featuring characters from the Canon.
 - **THE AFFAIR OF THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER** by Alexis Hall (New York: Ace, 2019, \$16) is a delightful fantasy that features a consulting sorceress named Shaharazad Haas and her sometimes-bewildered housemate Capt. John Wyndham. The initials are not just a coincidence: they live at 221B Martyrs Walk and the novel has many allusions to the Canon.
 - The **JAPAN SHERLOCK HOLMES CLUB HAS LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE—"THE WRITINGS ABOUT THE WRITINGS IN JAPAN"**—offering abstracts in English of monographs published in their annual journal "The World of Sherlock Holmes" (www.holmesjapan.jp/english/writings.index.html). While launched in 1978, abstracts are now available for issues from 2002 to 2010, offering an excellent look at the sort of scholarship written by Sherlockians in Japan.

Answers To Cook's Quiz on CROO on Page 2:

1. The Arcadia mixture of his bachelor days.
 2. His Red Indian composure.
 3. Jackson; Alderhot.
 4. The murderer of Clonee
 5. Major Murphy.
 6. Machine; Nancy Devoy.

ANSWER TO COOK'S CRYPTO on Page 4:

—From *The Adventure of the Abbey Grange*

“guilty or not guilty?”

How Holmes described his trial of a "criminal" whom he considered released.



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**Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
July 21, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

**23rd Annual Dr. John H. Watson Picnic,
Saturday, July 27, 9:00 a.m.** at Seathurst Park, Burien

**Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
August 18, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle



Monday, September 2

South Sound Meeting, Saturday, September 7, 1:00 p.m. at Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross' home, Parkland, WA

Member News & Notes

Our June 1, 2019 South Sound Meeting was presided over by **PFL David Haugen**.

● SOB Members present were:

**Nancy Holder Geoff Jeffery Jody Holm
Margaret Nelson Judy Lyen Cara Cross
Margie Deck Al Nelson Terri Haugen
Chris 'Bear' Berwald Cameron Brandon**

● David made announcements and we chatted about ENGR, but no quizzing or scoring was really done! Instead we played a bit with the “13 Sherlock Holmes Riddles That Will Test How Bright You Are” that Terri had provided (see elsewhere in this issue!) and spent the rest of the time noshing and yakking on the patio!

Our June 19 Regular Monthly Meeting was presided over by **PFL David Haugen**.

● SOB Members present were:

**Sheila Holtgrieve Terri Haugen
Melinda Michaelson Alex Snow
Shannon Wallace Kashena Konecki
Chris 'Bear' Berwald Sunny Even
Cameron Brandon Dawn Jaekel**

● Sheila let us know that our 2019 Treasure Hunt Team—run by the John H. Watson Society (online) scion—will be **she** and **SOBs Margie Deck, Cameron, Sunny, and Ron Lies**, with **Francis Bond** acting as consultant ★ In a group this size hearing everyone was a breeze so scoring on ENGR was easy! Dawn and Chris were

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Meetings are held the 3rd 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—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

tied for 1st, Melinda was in a class by herself in 2nd; Cam and Sunny tied for 3rd; and Shannon, Kashena and Sheila pretty much tied for 4th—Winners all!!

● Apologies to **SOB Sherrill Hendrick** for our tardiness in passing on her news!! I hope to attend sometime soon, so that I will be able to catch up with you delightfully informed and hilarious folks....I'm currently rereading my way through Laurie R. King's award winning pastiche series on the married couple of Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes....I have been attempting to create a pastiche-mashup world that includes people with names of the best folks in ACD's Holmesian world, yet they are not ACD's characters. The reason for this situation will be fully explained in the stories. Additional characters are from the worlds of Thomas the Tank Engine's Island of Sodor, How to Train a Dragon, a very future Star Trek, and Pluto, the (non-demoted) planet. It's a large palette that take place on a small, imaginary island in the Irish Sea, in far reaches of our solar system, and in a distant part of the Milky Way Galaxy's Alpha Quadrant. It's a complex challenge that's quite enjoyable. Perhaps it's similar to a cat who has driven the ball of yarn hither and thither through the house (under, over, around, behind); rather than the tired person coming home and faced with the tangled mess.”

