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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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It's Always Fun: Our Annual Wreath Throw!



Don't miss our 37th Annual Wreath Throw on Saturday, May 4, beginning with no-host lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Falls Terrace Restaurant along the Deschutes River in Tumwater, WA.

After lunch—approximately 1:00 p.m.—we'll walk to the Falls for the wreath throw, photos and toasting of our honour roll of deceased SOB's.

Parking is available along the west side of Deschutes Way S.W. or in Tumwater Falls Park,

just south of the Restaurant.

SOBs James & Ginie Romnes will provide our biodegradable wreath and make the toss!

Getting to the Annual Wreath Throw:

- If northbound on I-5, take Exit 103; follow Deschutes Way SW north (straight) for about one block to Tumwater Falls Park, just south of The Falls Terrace Restaurant on your right.
- If southbound on I-5, take Exit 103; stay straight to go onto 2nd Avenue SW, turn left onto Custer Way SE (which takes you back over I-5). Turn right onto Boston St SE, then left onto Deschutes Way SW. Tumwater Falls Park is south of and just beyond The Falls Terrace Restaurant on your left.

The Case of the Dancing Doctor

By: SOB Mike Thomas

"Shortly after my marriage I had bought a connection in the Paddington district. Old Mr. Farquhar, from whom I purchased it, had at one time an excellent general practice; but his age, and an affliction of the nature of St. Vitus's dance from which he suffered, had very much thinned it."

—The Adventure of the Stock-broker's Clerk



St. Vitus was martyred around 303 AD. Legend has it that he cured Emperor Diocletian's son of an "evil spirit," but would not sacrifice to the Roman gods, was declared a sorcerer, but miraculously survived torture. St. Vitus attracted a following in Italy and Sicily, and around 840 AD his relics were sent to Saxony. In 1278 a group of revelers were reportedly dancing on a bridge in Germany when it collapsed, killing many. The injured were taken to a nearby chapel dedicated to St. Vitus where they were miraculously restored to full health. That incident forever... Continued on Page 6

Last Call for Dues: Don't Be Dropped from Our Rolls



Are your dues paid for the April 2019 to March 2020 fiscal year??

If not, act now! Renew online using PayPal at: <http://soundofthebaskervilles.com/news/join/>

Or, send your check—payable to "The Sound of the Baskervilles"—to our Treasurer:

Melinda Michaelson
P. O. Box 7633
Tacoma, WA 98417

Newer Members: If you joined after July 1, 2018, chances are you paid a lower, prorated rate to join through March 31, 2019, so it's time for you to renew as well! Rates are: \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only).

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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!

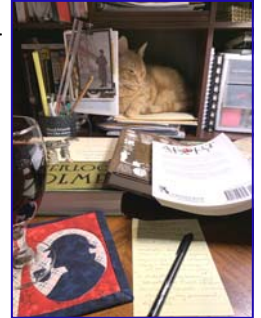
Getting there:

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.

“...Some deep political intrigue...”

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 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!*

Program Chair Sunny Even says: “The Naval Treaty” is a corker of a plot about a mysterious theft, blending overtones of political conspiracy with high drama to provide us a surplus of suspects, clues and motives. The sole copy of a secret treaty between England and Italy has gone missing, and the fate of the Empire hangs in the balance. Its recovery becomes a critical matter of urgency, and we experience that urgency through the anguish of the wretched Percy Phelps. He becomes the center of the story both structurally and emotionally, as we identify with his confusion and panic, his frantic explanations, his worry over career and future, and his desperate relief when the document is ultimately returned. Never has Sherlock Holmes’ relaxed and confident manner been a more welcome contrast!



Note Sunny’s desk at home (above) with her kitty in the background!

Here’s Charlie Cook’s Quiz on “The Naval Treaty”

Answers may be found on Page 6

1. What three tales did Watson name at the beginning of this one?
2. Which one did Watson say couldn’t be made public for many years?
3. Name Watson’s school chum, his nickname and his important uncle.
4. Name Watson’s friend’s fiancée and her brother.
5. What two countries would pay an enormous sum to learn the contents of the treaty?
6. Who was the clerk who worked in the office of Holmes’ client?
7. What was of such enormous importance that Holmes wrote it on his shirt cuff?
8. Name the woman suspected of stealing the treaty and the detective who apprehended her.
9. What did Holmes say that caused Watson to observe a new phase in Holmes’ character?
10. What did Holmes consider the most distinctive feature of the case?
11. Name what was contained in the three dishes Mrs. Hudson served for breakfast.
12. What did Watson say Holmes could never resist?

Stars in the Making at The SOBs’ 39th Anniversary Tea

Hostess SOB Carrol Clemens opened her arms to us, so we took over the front hallway for the raffles, the dining room for all the food, the living and family rooms to hang out, and got in her way in the kitchen!

And she keeps inviting us back!?

David gifted Carrol with a lovely hostess gift, and Sheila Holtgrieve challenged us with a fun team-quiz which she borrowed from Sherlockian Kathleen Kaska’s *“The Sherlock Holmes Triviography and Quiz Book”*. The **pièce de résistance**? For the first time we had entertainment at the event: With **Maffie** on the guitar, she and **hubby David Rafferty** performed their song “221B Baker Street” to the tune of 1978’s “Baker Street” by Scottish singer-songwriter Gerry Rafferty. What talent!

We were loaded with so many donated items that the drawing went through three cycles and winners needed bags to haul it all away. A great time was had by all and we got out of there on time for Carrol to head out to dinner and a concert with her kids! Whew!

For more info and more photos, head over to our website:

www.soundofthebaskervilles.com



Things to See, Buy, Do & Know



Above, Tea Tin

⇒ Says SOB Cara Cross: I have a large selection of Sherlock Holmes items for purchase at MY SPACE IN THE PACIFIC RUN ANTIQUE MALL IN TACOMA UNTIL JULY 1, 2019. Included in the display are games, puzzles, photos, posters, statues, pins, watches, teddy bears, dolls, and more. New items will be added periodically. Don't forget to bring your coupon to receive a 15% discount on any item above \$5 in my space #40 (coupon is a 2nd attachment for those receiving IT by email; snail-mailers will receive a hard copy of the coupon!).

⇒ Seen in People Magazine (in early April): "BRITS HUNT FOR RARE CADBURY EGGS". In a Willy Wonka-worthy contest, U.K. residents can win up to £10,000 if they find one of about 800 white chocolate crème eggs (hidden in regular wrappers) *before* Easter!!



⇒ From SOB Judy Lyen: SOMEWHERE IN TIME UNLIMITED INVITES SHERLOCKIANS TO ATTEND THEIR SPRING EVENT—APRIL 27, 2019, 9 A.M. AT TACOMA'S GRAND CINEMA (606 Fawcett Avenue). Enjoy a private screening of the William Gillette 1916 silent film "Sherlock Holmes". COST FOR THE FILM: \$15. ♦ **Optional Lunch** follows at 1 p.m. at the Olive Branch Café and Tea Room (2501 East D Street, Tacoma). LUNCH OPTIONS RUN FROM \$35 TO \$55 AND INCLUDE THE \$15 PRICE FOR VIEWING THE FILM FIRST. ♦ Once thought lost, the film was re-discovered in 2014 and remastered. Hear the film's intriguing story, view the film, and then join us for a post-film luncheon at Gillette's "sumptuous home". For more: <http://costuminginseattle.com/sherlockianinvitation/>

⇒ From Edmonds' Driftwood Players: JUNE 14 TO 30, 2019, WE WILL PRESENT "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE JERSEY LILY", BY KATIE FORGETTE. As our advert explains: "The wit of Oscar Wilde meets the cunning of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle when Wilde brings his dear friend, Lillie Langtry, to Baker Street. Someone has stolen the highly intimate letters Lillie exchanged with the Prince of Wales, and now she is being blackmailed. Only Holmes can solve the case. . . Continued on Page 4

Spring Has Sprung!

The British government has come to look upon all of Britain, in a sense, as a public garden. For example, regions like Snowdonia in north Wales have been designated "areas of outstanding natural beauty" and are now under the protection of the national parks system.

Belfast Daughter of Fairy Photos Hoax Girl Sells Famous Pictures

Source: Rod Minchin, Belfast Telegraph, April 1, 2019

Famous photographs of what is considered one of the greatest hoaxes of the 20th century are expected to fetch nearly £70,000 when they are sold at auction by a woman from Northern Ireland.

Famous photographs of what is considered one of the greatest hoaxes of the 20th century are expected to fetch nearly £70,000 when they are sold at auction by a woman from Northern Ireland. ♦ Pictures of the Cottingley Fairies were taken in July and September 1917 by 16-year-old Elsie Wright and her nine-year-old cousin Frances Griffiths in the village of Cottingley near Bingley in West Yorkshire. ♦ Vintage images of the hoax are rare and 14 lots of period photographs and a camera are now going on sale. They include some owned by the daughter of Frances, Christine Lynch, of Belfast. ♦ The two girls believed in fairies and set out to prove their existence, little knowing that their practical joke would stir such controversy and fool such eminent figures as **Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**. ♦ With Elsie's father's Midg quarter-plate camera and the use of coloured paper cut-outs and hat pins, they staged scenes near the stream at the end of Elsie's garden. While Elsie's father, a keen amateur photographer who developed the prints, never doubted they were fakes, his wife Polly was a believer and in 1919 she took prints of the two photographs to show members of the Theosophical Society, which was having a lecture on fairy life. ♦ It was in 1920 that Doyle, a leading spiritualist believer, became aware of the photographs and wanted to use them for an article on fairies he had been commissioned to write for *The Strand Magazine*. ♦ During the summer of 1920 the youngsters managed to "capture" three more images of themselves with fairies. They only confessed that the photographs had been faked in 1983, while Frances still maintained the fifth photograph, *The Fairy Bower*, was genuine. ♦ The 88-year-old Ms. Lynch said that with the 100th anniversary approaching of *The Fairy Bower* it was time to sell. "I'm not sad to sell them and it's time to do it—with 100 years coming up, I thought it was a good time for them to go," she said. "It's time they went to a museum where someone else can see them and enjoy them. They haven't been on view at all so it's nice for someone else to see them." ♦ "My mother was only nine at the time and she was a very intelligent girl but...

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Two Great New Members!!

Please welcome...
Jennifer Yoakum
and
Kristen Hambrick

These good friends are not strangers to The SOBs: We've seen them around town at the multiple "Sherlock Seattle" conferences held at Broadway Performance Hall on Capital Hill several years ago when the BBC/PBS "Sherlock" TV phenomenon was new! When next you see them at an SOB event, be sure to introduce yourself and to welcome them!



FOUND!!

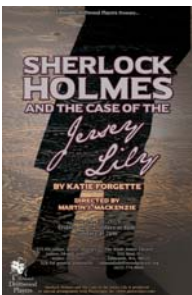
Following our 2019 Masters' Celebration, **SOBs Margaret Nelson** and **Sonia Fetherston** suggested that next year's banquet feature "swag bags"—handouts collected from Members (and others) to fill gift bags that are given out to each attendee!!

SOB Nancy Holder volunteered to chair this activity, so we quickly put her in touch with Margaret and Sonia, so they can be recruited too!! **Anyone else interested??**...in working on the committee or contributing stuff?...

Please email Nancy at: nancyholder123@gmail.com

More Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

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...going so far as to disguise himself as an early version of Lady Bracknell from Wilde's latest play, "The Importance of Being Forthright", while Watson falls head-over-heels for the Jersey Lily and a wicked professor attempts to bring the Crown to its knees." \$25 for juniors, seniors, military; \$28 general admission. At the Wade James Theater, 950 Main

Street, Edmonds; (425) 774-9600. For days, performance times, directions and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://edmondsdriftwoodplayers.org/2018-2019-season/sherlock-holmes-and-the-case-of-the-jersey-lily/>

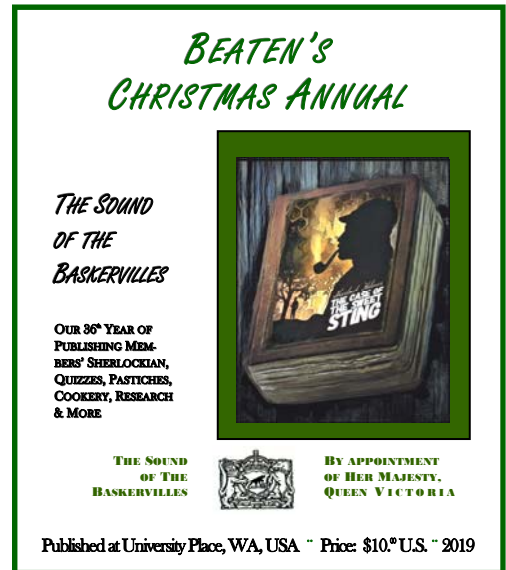
⇒ From PFL David:

● **SOUTH SOUND MEETING, JUNE 1:** Start June by coming to our home to meet your fellow SOBs, talk Sherlock and anything else that comes to mind. Please bring a sweet or savory to share. We will provide the non-alcoholic beverages. Start time is 1:00 p.m.

Our 2019 Beaten's is Now Available

We've got more than 30 different SOBs contributing more than 25 different essays, poems, quizzes, puzzles, reviews, illustrations and interesting factoids and sidebars!

That's our 2019 issue of Beaten's (at right)!



It's sixty pages of stories, research, and scholarship—amongst a bunch of fun and silliness!

We think you'll like this issue of "The Sound of the Baskervilles' Beaten's Christmas Annual" and will get many hours of reading enjoyment!

Additional copies are available for \$5 per copy to paid Members. Email me at: terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com
Kudos and thanks to all our talented contributors!!

— Editor Terri

● **BENEDICT & MARTIN:** If you want to see more of Benedict & Martin on the Graham Norton show (unfortunately not together) go to the following YouTube url: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvUj736Kq-A>

● For what probably was done by the Upper Class in the Victorian Era, **CHECK OUT PRINCE CHARLES:** Per Princess Diana's former butler Paul Burrell, "His pajamas are pressed every morning, his shoe laces are pressed flat with an iron, the bath plug has to be in a certain position, and the water temperature has to be just tepid," Burrell says, adding that Charles even "has his valets squeeze one inch of toothpaste onto his toothbrush every morning." But wait it gets better...Burrell also says that "On one occasion, he rang me from his library and said, 'Oh Paul, a letter from the Queen seems to have fallen into my wastepaper bin. Would you pick it out?'" To read it yourself go to: msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/royals/prince-charles-list-of-royal-demands-is-fully-insane/ar-BB-Pb4I5?li=BB_nb7Kz



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David, James & The Ripper

A conversation between PFL David and James Romnes about Jack the Ripper!

David: James: Here's the link to an article on some researchers who say they have found out the true identity of Jack the Ripper.

James: This again. Dubious artefact + Dubious DNA + Dubious chain of command for both of the previous = CERTAINTY! Good click bait, but Holmes would scoff.

Ed. Note: Here's how the story goes—A DNA forensic investigation published (in March) by two British researchers in the *Journal of Forensic Science* identifies Aaron Kosminski, a 23-year-old Polish barber and prime suspect at the time, as the likely killer...The murderer dubbed Jack the Ripper killed at least five women from August to November 1888 in the Whitechapel district of London...The study's authors conducted genetic testing of blood and semen on a shawl found near the body of Catherine Eddowes, the killer's fourth victim, whose badly mutilated body was discovered on September 30, 1888...The paper also states that the suspect's "observable" characteristics, derived from DNA, match the only eyewitness account to the murders, which law enforcement had ruled "considerably reliable." The study said its findings represent the first "systematic, molecular level analysis of the only surviving physical evidence linked to the Jack the Ripper murders." **To check it out yourself, go to:** <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/jack-the-rippers-identity-may-finally-be-known-thanks-to-dna/ar-BBUW3Cx?li=BBnb7Kz&ocid=iehp>

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...very vulnerable," she said. "Elsie had the idea of faking the photographs and it was only meant to get her out of trouble. It stressed (my mother) all her life about those fake photographs, because it was only meant to be for the family...She didn't like the dishonesty of it." ♦ The photographs will go under the hammer at Dominic Winter Auctioneers in Cirencester, Gloucestershire on April 11. ♦

Update on The Cottingley Fairies Photographs: While estimated to fetch £70,000, the photos that have sold so far (as of April 17) netted only £38,320. To view all the offerings—Lots 333 to 346—go to: <https://www.dominicwinter.co.uk/Auction/Search?au=671&sd=2&pn=8&g=1>, then to pages 7 & 8.



At left, "Fairy with a Posy", taken by Frances Griffiths of her cousin Elsie Wright in 1920, one of the Cottingley Fairies photographs.



Ed. Note: A few SOB's comment on the Hoax after PFL David's April 1 e-blast—

- **From Nancy Holder:** Wow, what's interesting is the aftermath—how the deception haunted one of the girls.
- **From Sheila Holtgrieve:** Gosh, David, could have been a 2nd hoax—this email—but then you appended a real article. Sad that I don't have the \$\$\$!
- **From Charlie Cook:** In case any one doesn't already know: This picture—and another similar one—appears on page xix of "The Doyle Diary—The Last Great Conan Doyle Mystery" published by Raddington Press Ltd, 1978. If any copies are available, I bet it's less than \$91,000.

Irene Knew Make-Up

By: SOB Sheldon Gloger

While researching "Irene Adler's Money," (see 2019 *Beaten's Christmas Annual*, pages 47-50) and following our April 2019 monthly meeting when we studied "The Man with the Twisted Lip," I may have discovered why Irene shows up in Sherlock's home-made index (scrap-book): It would be as a **make-up/disguise expert** when he had to consult one.

Sherlock didn't waste. Entries in his book served a purpose, although Watson didn't take the time to explain everything nor did Sherlock tell him everything.

Sherlock enjoyed London concerts so when he attended those that had contraltos singing, he admired how they had to change costumes for the varied roles that females played—usually as pages or young male companions. The players had to change fast and convincingly, obviously using tricks developed over many years of opera development. Most difficult were sex, age and beauty changes.

Sherlock was impressed. He tried some at home after the concert and found that water alone didn't do the job. "I can use her knowledge," he decided. "I will befriend this opera prima donna for disguise methods. Let me put her in my index before I forget her name"—which is, I believe, what happened when he needed to visit an opium den or infiltrate a criminal's home.

For our Newer Members

Now's a good time to think about
your Canonical name!!

If you have chosen an alter-ego but don't know if your choice of a person, place or thing is already taken by another of our active Members, please phone or email Editor Terri to find out in advance if your choice is already taken. **Be creative!**

To contact Editor Terri: call (253) 460-2753, or write to terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com!

...The Dancing Doctor

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...associated St. Vitus with dancing, and his feast day became celebrated with dance.

St. Vitus's Dance became a social phenomenon in the dark ages, when instead of ecstatic, devotional dancing on his feast days, individuals danced hysterically through the streets for hours, days, and apparently even months, until they collapsed due to exhaustion or died from heart attack or stroke.



The neurological condition historically referred to as St. Vitus's Dance is now identified with a range of hyperkinetic movement disorders such as Chorea (*Chorea from the Greek for "dance"—think choreography*) which are characterized by brief, involuntary movements of the face, hands, or feet that are not repetitive or rhythmic, but appear to flow from one muscle to the next. Chorea is not Ataxia or Parkinson's, which interfere with voluntary movements.

For Watson's "an affliction of the St. Vitus's Dance form," which of the various forms of Chorea is the most likely?

Sydenham's Chorea can result from streptococcal infection or rheumatic fever, and is usually found in children; unlikely for a late adult onset. Chorea gravidarum usually occurs during pregnancy. We can probably rule that out for obvious reasons. Drug-induced Chorea can be caused by improper dosages of anti-convulsants and anti-psychotics, but that is unlikely given the pharmacopeia of the day. One or two inherited conditions; Huntington's disease, a common neurodegenerative disorder, and Wilson's disease a rare genetic disorder that causes copper poisoning can cause symptoms similar to St. Vitus's dance.

As far as non-Chorea related causes, a stroke should be considered, of course, but my personal favorite is Kuru. Kuru, meaning "to shiver," is a rare, incurable, and invariably fatal neurodegenerative disorder that is caused by the transmission of abnormally folded proteins (prion proteins), through cannibalism. Symptoms include muscle twitching, loss of coordination, difficulty walking, and involuntary movements very like St. Vitus's Dance.

Mr. Farquhar undoubtedly contracted the illness by eating the corpse of a patient with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The doctor's cannibalism must have begun a decade before his retirement, due to kuru's long incubation period of 10 to 50 years. Thus, he had ample time to "thin" his practice from 1200 to 300 a year. His taste for human flesh could well have been acquired during a missionary expedition to New Guinea, where kuru was prevalent until the 1950s'.

If Watson had described acquiring his practice to Holmes, as he did for his readers, we would undoubtedly have enjoyed his unraveling of "The Case of the Dancing Doctor."

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⇒ **From SOB Bill Seil:** The Northwest Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America is sponsoring A HALF-DAY FORENSICS WORKSHOP ON "TRACKING THE CRIME SCENE" ON JUNE 8. It will be held somewhere in the Bremerton area, and will feature retired Washington state patrolman Robert Calkins, his tracking dog K-9 Ruger, and renowned tracking expert Sheriff Detective Kathy Decker. More information to come at: <https://outlook.live.com/mail/inbox/id/AQMkADAwATlwMTAwAC0wMzlwLTEyYmYtMDACLTAwCgBGAAADnoSyhiwKdUGMBOh6FTQJ2AcA23xs49%2BmmUqLQDVv96XtJwAAAgEMAAAA23xs49%2BmmUqLQDVv96XtJwACZ8aoPg AAAA%3D%3D> ... Continued on Page 7



"Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences"

On **August 8 through 11, 2019**, The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota, the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Libraries will hold **a conference to surprise and entertain attendees with the many dark places, wicked companions and strange experiences that Mr. Holmes and other characters have encountered.** The conference will be held at The Graduate Hotel on the U. of M. campus with an accompanying exhibit at the Elmer L. Andersen Library, home of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota. The registration fee of **\$240 per person** includes all presentations, Saturday lunch and banquet dinner, refreshments at breaks, and conference keepsakes. (*Additional Saturday evening banquet dinner for non-registered guests is \$70 per person.*) Please make your check payable to "The Norwegian Explorers" and return it—with **your completed PDF registration form no later than July 19, 2019**—to the address on the form. **For registration via PayPal and the PDF registration form—including information on programming info, lodging and transportation—go to:** www.norwegianexplorers.org/2019_conference.html

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

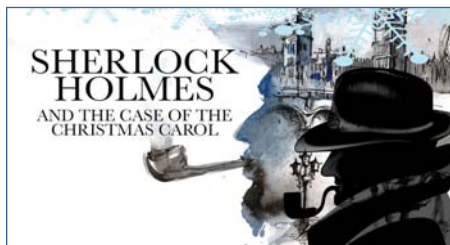
1. The Second Stain; The Naval Treaty; The Adventure of the Tired Captain.
2. The Second Stain.
3. Percy Phelps; Tadpole; Lord Holdhurst.
4. Annie and Joseph Harrison.
5. France and Russia.
6. Charles Gorot.
7. Ten o'clock, the hour on which Watson's friend opened the door to Charles Street.
8. Mrs. Tangrey; Mr. Forbes.
9. "What a lovely thing a rose is!"
10. The ringing of the bell in the client's office.
11. Curried chicken; ham and eggs.
12. A touch of the dramatic

Even More Things to See, Buy, Do...

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⇒ **From SOB John Longenbaugh:** "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL" WILL BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 31 AT THE HARLEQUIN THEATRE IN OLYMPIA, WA. The advert: "Presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. After an ominous warning from his nemesis Professor Moriarty, three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? Seattle playwright and SOB John Longenbaugh deftly steers us through this magical holiday mystery, one clue at a time." # Current ticket prices are \$50 general admission, \$48 for seniors. (Group Rate [6 or more] = 20% off; i.e. \$40 general admission, \$39 seniors.) Time: 7:30 p.m. Evenings, 2:00 p.m. Matinees. The theater is located at 202-4th Avenue East (at the corner of 4th & Washington, one block East of Capitol Way) in Downtown Olympia. For box office hours and to purchase tickets: <https://harlequinproductions.org/box-office-info/>

A Note from John: I'll also mention that Harlequin's new artistic director, Aaron Lamb, was in BOTH the Taproot productions in Seattle, playing several different characters including young Holmes and Moriarty, so I'm really excited to see what he does with it!



⇒ **From newer SOB Matt Stout:**

- I recently went LOOKING FOR A TOP-QUALITY KINDLE CASE FOR MY 6" KINDLE FIRE...something unique and not mass-produced. I started doing a little research and found a small business through Etsy called "An Enchanted Fate". The owner, Amber, made a custom case for me that looks like a classic hardcover leather-bound edition inspired by the original design for *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Amber did a phenomenal job, as this case is definitely one of a kind. It truly looks like it belongs on a bookshelf. She can also create a case to fit most size Kindles and e-readers to look like your favorite book. Check her out at: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/AnEnchantedFate>.

- For THE BEST COPY OF THE COMPLETE SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON AVAILABLE IN A DIGITAL FORMAT, go to: https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B00K09ELB6/ref=ya_aw_dod_pi?ie=UTF8&psc=1. It has all 4 novels and 56 short stories and contains all

the pictures and engravings, as it would have in the original *Strand Magazine*. I have also found that the formatting for this particular digital version is far superior to any of the others I'd seen, which includes the free and 99-cent versions available. I paid \$2.⁹⁹ for my copy and it's normally \$7+. So far it's definitely worth the money!

⇒ **Seen on Twitter:** Posted 3/29/19 by Vicki Delany (@vickidelany) TEA FOR #SHERLOCKIANS AT MURCHIE
 ⇒ **Tweeted out by SOB Margie Deck** (@pawkypuzzler) March 29, 2019: Fun-

ny...#SHERLOCKHOLMES THEMED-PILLOW made for an auction 9 years ago came back to me today. I had planned to put it in the Goodwill bin, but after a run in the laundry and a little fluffing, I think it still looks good. Going right into the library.

⇒ **From SOB Ginie Romnes:** JAMES' SHERLOCKIAN DISPLAY at the Washington Arms Collectors Show on March 30.



⇒ **From SOB Sunshine Chair Pat McIntosh:** Learned in late March that long-time SOB Paul Williams has been ailing. Here's his response to our Get Well cards:



To ALL The SOBs!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
 Thank you ALL for the cards—I feel better already! It has been an up-and-down year for me, but I hope to be able to attend SOB activities this year.
 Thank you ALL for keeping in touch.
 See you all soon, I hope!

—Paul



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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 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.

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Member News & Notes

Our April 14, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting was presided over by **PFL David Haugen**.

● SOB Members present were:

Cameron Brandon	Sheldon Gloger	Terri Haugen
Sheila Holtgrieve	Lauran Stevens	Judy Lyen
Kashena Konecki	Mike Thomas	Alex Snow
Vivika Sundqvist	Pat McIntosh	Dawn Jaekel
Margaret Nelson	Kris Hambrick	Al Nelson
Jennifer Yoakum	Chris 'Bear' Berwald	

● As noted on Page 4, we welcomed **new Members Kris Hambrick** and **Jennifer Yoakum!** ★ In our study of TWIS which took place in 1889, some factoids came out about use of the telephone: **Vivika** reported that the first phone call on record took place in 1876; **Bear** noted that direct dialing was available by 1891, while **PFL David** said the phone at 221B did not get mentioned until after the turn of the 20th century ★ As we often do, we had ties on the quiz: **Bear, Kris, Dawn** and **Sheila** tied for 1st place, while **Pat, Vivika** and **Margaret** tied for 2nd.

● **South Sound Meeting, June 1:** Start June by coming to Haugens' home to meet your fellow SOBs, talk Sherlock and anything else that comes to mind. Please bring a sweet or savory to share. We will provide the non-alcoholic beverages. Start time is 1:00 p.m. Need directions to Haugens? Email Terri!

● **SOBs Marcia Marcy (since 2012) and Melinda Michaelson (since 2015)** lost their beloved **father Don** on March 30, 2019. He was 76. Don worked for 39 years for U.S. Oil and Refining in Tacoma and was very active in volunteer work throughout his life, with

such charities as "Guadalupe House" and food bank "Nourish Pierce County". A service was held April 15 in Gig Harbor, WA. ♦ Treasurer Melinda can receive cards addressed to her family at: P.O. Box 7633, Tacoma, WA 98417. Donations to the above charities are also welcome. ♦ We wish the entire family peace at this difficult time!

● **From SOB Francis Bond in late March:** *G'day, so lovely to hear from you. I did receive the PDF version of the 2019 Beaten's Christmas Annual! Sorry for not replying earlier, but (son) Arthur got food poisoning which distracted me a little. I am still here in Singapore, and virtual membership is great! Also got the "2-year certificate"; I will try to print it on some nice paper. I am teaching my course on Sherlock Holmes again this year, and enjoying the enthusiastic students. Food poisoning aside, we are both thriving— thanks. I hope you and David and all the SOBs are too.*

● **From SOBs Paul & Marcia Naher in early April:** *Just received our latest installment of Beaten's Christmas Annual and discovered a welcome treat! I love the pen; thank you so much! You are very kind to do this. It is warming up finally, but still not where our averages are. We also had our first dose of flooding and, sadly, more is on the way. Our beloved English Landing Park (in Parkville, Mo.), is being rebuilt—again. But, such is life at the banks of a major river!*

37th Annual Wreath Throw, **Saturday, May 4, 11:30 p.m.**, Lunch @ Falls Terrace Restaurant; **1:00-ish p.m.**, trek to Falls, in Tumwater

Happy Mother's Day May 12

Regular Monthly Meeting, **Sunday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

Regular Monthly Meeting, **Sunday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

