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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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Keeping the Memory Green: Part II - Does It Mean?

By: Secretary/Editor Terri Haugen

As reported last month, it seems that "keeping the memory green" involves more than just we readers interacting with Doyle, Holmes and Watson in our easy chair with a cup of tea.

I think that it's the whole package, as sourced by the master's degree student quoted last month—the author's style, the characters created, the images evoked, the study of the tales, the fanaticism amongst us scholars (and even the errors we think we've found in the text!), the collections and the ephemera, the cultural phenomenon, the whole fascination—that we are charged with keeping alive, keeping in memory, keeping green!

Yet there are a few other ways we can help to keep the memory green:

⇒ Donate to—and Join the Friends of—The Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota Library

The Sherlock Holmes Collections at the U of Minnesota constitute the world's largest gathering of material related to Sherlock Holmes and his creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The Collections consist of over 60,000 items including books, journals, and a wide variety of other forms through which the transformation of the Holmes character from the printed page to a cultural icon can be traced. ♦ When you give to the collection, you become a **Friend of the Sherlock Holmes Collections**. With membership in the Friends you receive the quarterly newsletter that provides insights and updates about the Collections. You also have the satisfaction of supporting the collections and programs. **Basic annual dues are \$30** and may be given in honor or memory of an individual. Donations beyond the basic level are also encouraged. ♦ **There are three funds set up to support the Sherlock Holmes Collections:**

- [The E. W. McDiarmid Curator for Sherlock Holmes Fund \(5412\)](#). This fund supports the endowed curator's position and associated programming.
- [The John Bennett Shaw Sherlock Holmes Fund \(3906\)](#). This fund supports publication of the newsletter and other collection exhibits and programming.
- [The Philip S. Hench Sherlock Holmes Acquisitions Fund \(1629\)](#). This fund supports acquisitions for the Collections.

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Washington Native Ed Funk, MD Bids Us Farewell, June 29, 2021

Our dear friend, a Member of this scion since July 2007, Ed Funk left us suddenly in June—shocking even his family—just two weeks after we helped him celebrate his 97th birthday. As his daughter Cynthia shared, *"I still can't process that he is gone. My Dad was fine Monday when I talked to him."* He certainly sounded lively and healthy when we talked to him days before his birthday!

While there was no obituary in the Seattle Times, Cynthia was kind enough to put the following together for us:



Ed in his Budda pose!

Dad was born in Walla Walla, lived there till he was 6, when the family moved to Sumner where he grew up. He attended Puget Sound University (now UPS) for two year, then transferred to the University of Oregon ("Go, Ducks!") where he and my mom both graduated. He was proud of being a Duck.

My parents were married in October 1948 and were married 68 years when Mom passed in May 2015. They were together for 75 years, however: They started going together when my mom was 14 and my dad was 16, after being set up on a blind date. My mom went to Puyallup High and my dad to Sumner High.

Both my parents were in the Army Corp during World War II. Dad continued in the Army reserves; Mom did not. My mom was the last class of the Army Nursing Corp to get their education paid for in 1948. My dad was in private practice as a dentist in Tacoma for a year, when he decided to go back to school ...

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★ Zoom Meeting ★ Sunday, August 15, 2021

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time

Social Time!!

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting
with discussion & quizzing on “SUSS”

Asks Program Chair Sunny: *Vampires? In Sussex? Really?*



Last month Member Nancy Holder provided a fascinating talk on how Arthur Conan Doyle employed the supernatural in his non-Sherlockian stories. But a quick survey of the Sherlockian Sixty clearly shows that the fantastical and weird often appeared in the Canon too, playing to the wide-spread Victorian curiosity in all things inexplicable. The 1800s saw an explosion in fantastical fiction as writers freely explored outside the boundaries of barely-understood life sciences. Writers applied with great effect, extra-cultural legends such as the Vampire to stimulate deep-seated fears and prejudices in Victorian attitudes. ♦ ACD showcased this technique in *“The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire,”* and in typical Sherlockian mode he works to transform the bizarre to the rational. I was disappointed there was no “real” vampire when I read it for the first time as a young teen. But now I can appreciate the nuances of this trim little tale. Predictable Victorian revulsion to Vampirism is just the hook. ACD draws us through the tale while playing on our bias against that “fiery Latin female temperament,” the fear for vulnerable children under the care of a dangerous mother, and the dislocation of alien Peruvian weapons and tools to peaceful Sussex County. It’s interesting how playing on these biases and fears is still quite effective today. *(As an aside, check out Laurie R. King’s latest Mary Russell Holmes book about...Vampires! See if you can spot similar cultural biases used to build suspense.)*

Cook’s Spooky Quiz on “SUSS”

By: SOB Charlie Cook

1. How was the letter signed that brought the problem of vampires to Holmes’ attention?
2. What was the business of Ferguson and Muirhead?
3. Who was Matilda Briggs?
4. What adventure did Holmes claim the World was not yet prepared for?
5. What Watson tale did Holmes say he could not congratulate him for his effort?

6. Holmes mentions nine topics listed under “V” in the good old index. Can you name them?
7. Who was Holmes’ client and how did he know Watson?
8. Complete the Holmes quote: “The world is big enough for us. ...”
9. Name the nationality of the client’s wife!
10. Name the nurse of the client’s youngest son!
11. What is the age and name of the client’s oldest son?
12. Name the client’s dog!

Answers may be found on Page 7

SOB Kris Hambrick’s *Sherlock on Screen:* The Adventure of The Sussex Vampire



I believe it is safe to say that few of the Granada entries have received as much criticism as their version of this tale, called “The Last Vampyre.” Perhaps this name change is a nod to the extreme changes that were made during the ill-fated and rushed attempt to turn what should have been a small, if outré, outing into a two-hour special. Oddly, the changes made to fit SUSS into both Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century and “Miss Sherlock” do a little bit better job of adjusting the story to meet production needs. ♦ The original story is somewhat ridiculous but, for me, charming in its outlandishness. But it’s understandable that presenting this melodrama as written might fall short of modern audiences’ expectations, and thus, all three versions have taken liberties and none may be called a direct translation so much as a free adaptation. In the case of Granada, I’d go so far as to call it pastiche. ♦ Now, there is nothing wrong with pastiche and there are many, many fine examples in print and film. However, the combination of a writing deadline, a need to expand the story, Jeremy Brett’s clearly failing health, and the inclusion of supernatural elements, while diminishing Holmes’ role in the case’s conclusion all serve to twist a story about maternal love into an overwrought story about vampiric delusion and the sexual hedonism of those fiery Latinas. It does little service to the original or to the quality of the preceding episodes, but it’s more a symptom of the problems plaguing Granada than an outlier. ♦ By contrast, the adjustments made to fit the story’s odd premise into the worlds of the 22nd Century and modern-day Japan feel much more clever and do better service to Conan Doyle. In the former, a ...



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Things to See, Buy, Do & Know...

⇒ **From Washington SOB Norman Foster,** *Dear Holmes* more on "Dear Holmes": My son has given me a subscription to "DEAR HOLMES." So far I've received 6 mysteries each consisting of 5 letters. Each letter arrives about a week apart. Most of the letters are people writing to Holmes with problems they want solved. In one mystery, Dr. Watson was sent out to gather data. ♦ The final letter in each mystery is Holmes' solution. One or two I could solve. For some others, I didn't think I had enough information to solve them. It's made me go back and re-read the letters to see what I've missed. ♦ They are entertaining, and for a Holmes junkie they are an interesting treat. Here's again is their URL: <https://www.dearholmes.com>, and here's what their Home page says:

You've Got (Sherlock's) Mail.

A letter arrives at your door.

An old friend is facing a challenging mystery, and they need your help.

Every week you'll receive one letter with new evidence from your worldwide network of sources & experts.

Can you solve the mystery?

Turn your letter box into a mystery box.

Sherlock's clients and sources are now your pen pals.

Below these announcements are all the options, FAQs, reviews, and details for what you can sign-up for! **ED.**

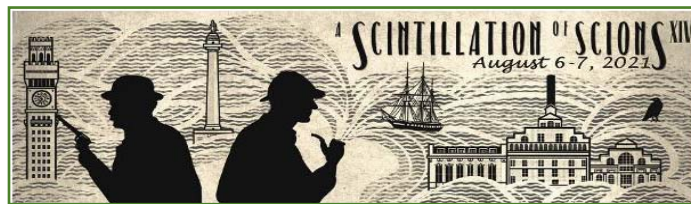
NOTE: *This is a subscription service; other reviews are welcome! Sounds like they're too advanced for kids, no?*

⇒ **From Seattle SOB Margaret Nelson:** PFL David was kind enough to bring up **MOSS ROSES** at yesterday's (July 18) meeting. While I took pictures of the flowers we have had this year, the Moss did not show up well. However, I am attaching a picture of an "Old Red Moss," an "ancient" (probably from the early 1700's) Moss rose as it is red like the one in the "Naval Treaty" and could have been the one that Doyle was thinking of in the story. ♦ Allen took this picture at the O.O. Howard House in Vancouver, WA adjacent to the Fort that has a wonderful old rose garden! It shows the buds with "moss" on them, hence the name.



⇒ **Bay-area SOB Ann Deussenberry sent this interesting video link:** **FACE TUNING IS NOT NEW TO OUR MODERN ERA: VIDEO ABOUT VICTORIAN PORTRAITS.** This video by Bernadette Banner explores re-touched photographs from the Victorian era. I found it fascinating! No wonder

everyone looked like they had flawless complexions. https://youtu.be/gYGUfg_NJzg. Be sure to check out Ms. Banner's other YouTube shows too down the right-hand site of this site: Lots of Victoriana!



⇒ **Time Sensitive Info from Seattle SOB Dawn Jaekel:** "A SCINTILLATION OF SCIONS XIV"—which will be another SOS At Home—will be held on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021** over Zoom. Registration is required, but **FREE!** They offer the following Scintillation 2021 speakers: Curtis Armstrong, Taylor Blumenburg, Matthias Boström, Amanda Downs Champlin, S.E. Dahlinger, Jim Hawkins, Lee Shackelford, and Tamar Zeffren. **To register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYvcumgrToiG9DqtnDAW0Ep2B4WASB32-rF> Watch our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/scintillationofscions?form=MY01SV&OCID=MY01SV>, for news and updates. **Questions? Email:** scintillation.of.scions@outlook.com

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An Ode by SOB Rich Krisciunas[©]

THE VEILED LODGER

Presented July 18, 2021 to The Sound of the Baskervilles

Today, we will discuss the case of *The Veiled Lodger* where one might ask, "Did Holmes let a killer go free?" The Canon's filled with such stories, three more by my count, Let's look at them together and see if we'll agree.

In *Devil's Foot*, Doctor Sterndale killed the menace, Tregennis. In *Boscombe*, old man Turner killed McCarthy with much suspense. In *Abbey Grange*, Sir Eustace was killed by Croker with a poker That both Holmes and Watson agreed was done in self-defense.

This case was a bit different; about a circus beauty Who, with lion tamer Leonardo, she conspired To kill her abusive husband before she was defaced. But for Holmes here, no investigation was required.

No crime had to be solved *before* the lady confessed. This story lacked Holmes' deductions and excitement. In the end, again, Holmes did not turn in the killer And deprived Scotland Yard of a murder indictment.

Instead of an adventure filled with tension and mystery Watson wrote about a lady who was filled with contrition. I confess, I was hoping for a little more drama like One about the lighthouse, trained cormorant and politician.

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If you are able, you can easily do both—donate to the Collections and become a Friend of the Collections—by going to this URL: <https://www.lib.umn.edu/collections/special/holmes>. If you then click on the box labeled “Give to the collection,” you can print out a “gift form,” get the address for mailing your check or instructions for paying by electronic fund transfer.

⇒ Spread the Word About The Beacon Society

The Beacon Society is a scion society of The Baker Street Irregulars (BSI), and serves as a link to other scion societies, providing teachers, librarians, children museums, and children’s theaters with local resources to bring the magic of Sherlock Holmes to life.

- To join the Beacon Society, it’s free, so simply send an email to: mason.steve8080@gmail.com
- Check out their Junior Sherlockian Society at: <https://junior.sherlockian.com>. Is it time for your kids and grandkids to develop an understanding and appreciation of the great detective? Tell your local library they can post info about how children and youth (typically 8-13 years old) can develop an understanding and appreciation of the great detective...and *you* can lead them to the source of such a program?
- Contribute to or recommend subscribing to Sherlock’s Spotlight Gazette to anybody you know who has kids! It’s a quarterly publication aimed at kids, with all sorts of things to challenges their minds! SOB Members already contributing to the first three issues are regulars Beth Gallego and Rich Krisciunas, and Eros Marcy who scored the cover of the Spring 2021 issue! Again, *it’s free* so simply send an email to: mason.steve8080@gmail.com to subscribe! (*Rules do apply for kids applying for themselves.*)
- If you are able, make a donation to the Beacon Society. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization that relies on contributions in order to fund program development, web site upkeep, purchase of teaching materials for school-age children, the Beacon Award and the Jan Stauber Grant Fund that provides financial assistance to educators and others who are bringing Holmes to young people. Get more info at: <https://www.beaconsociety.com/how-to-support-the-society.html>.

⇒ And, finally, know that...

Should **our** Club ever find the need to disband, the Board has made provision for dissolution of the Club’s assets—both cash held in **our** Club checking and/or savings account(s) and the then-current contents of **our** Club’s Reference Library, aka the “Sheila Holtgrieve Memorial Reference Library” (SHMRL)—which will be donated to The Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota.

Just a few more ways for sharing Sherlock Holmes with others...*for keeping the memory green!*



SOB Ed Funk Passes, June 29, 2021

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....to become an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon. About a year after they were married, they moved to Rochester, MN where Dad completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic.

In 1956 Dad enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was transferred to San Antonio, TX. In 1959 they were transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany where they travelled all over Europe. In 1962 they were transferred to Fort Walton Beach, FL, where they remained till my Dad decided to separate from the Air Force in 1965 as a Lt. Colonel and returned home to Washington State.

Dad worked at the University of Washington and Harborview Hospitals upon their return home. In 1969 my Dad decided to go into private practice and had offices in Kirkland and Renton till he retired in 1992.

Dad was an avid trap shooter and went at least once a week to the Kenmore gun range. When he was in the service he was on the International Air Force competition pistol team and won many medals and trophies. He was also an avid reader, always wanting to learn even till the end. In the 1980’s my Dad decided to go back to school to get his law degree. He was just one year short of accomplishing that, when UPS cancelled their night program.

We had Dad’s service at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery on July 13 (*Ed. Note: where he joined Joyce*). It was a wonderful service honoring him and his military service. He so enjoyed your club and missed being able to attend and, of course, I could never get him to understand Zoom! 😊

What a gruff, wise, wonderful and so funny fellow was our Dr. Ed!



Ed & the beautiful, ever-patient Joyce at our 2011 Masters’ Dinner!



Finally, an almost smile from Ed at T.S. McHugh’s in 2012!



The “real” Ed, always joking at our 2013 Masters’ Dinner!



Ed brought his lovely daughter Cynthia to our 2016 Masters’ Dinner!

Thanks to SOB Bill Seil for this photo!

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⇒ If you enjoyed Robert J. Harris' *A Study in Crimson*, Seattle SOB Ann Milam points us to this review, in which he recommends his fave Sherlockian reads:

AMAZON BOOK REVIEW: "Robert J. Harris on the enduring appeal of Sherlock Holmes: Whether it's books that reimagine Sherlock Holmes, or are inspired by him, author Robert J. Harris shares his picks." https://smile.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/B097QM8MV4?ref=cm_sw_em_r_db_s_arp_abr_rwt_Arl3sdxjef2WI ED. NOTE: For SOB Charlie Cook's review on Harris' book (above), see Page 1 of our June, 2021 issue of *Ineffable Twaddle* (Vol. 40, Issue 6).



Beaten's Christmas Annual

It is never too early to start planning what you are going to submit to our upcoming "2022 Beaten's Christmas Annual."

The due date is December 31, 2021.

⇒ Received from Seattle-area SOB Bill Seil:

• *OBSERVATIONS BY GASLIGHT: STORIES FROM THE WORLD OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* (Mysterious Press, HC, December, 2021) by Lyndsay Faye is a new collection of Sherlockian tales that shows the Great Detective and his partner, Watson, as their acquaintances saw them. Beloved adventuress Irene Adler teams up with her former adversary in a near-deadly inquiry into a room full of eerily stopped grandfather clocks. Learn of the case that cemented the lasting friendship between Holmes and Inspector Lestrade, and of the tragic crime which haunted the Yarder into joining the police force. ♦ Adds Bill: You can pre-buy this book on Amazon.

• *KIRKLAND, WA, URBAN BEEKEEPING*: The Kirkland Urban mixed-use housing complex has introduced two bee-filled boxes as a sustainable way to produce natural bee products while also providing thousands of new pollinators to the neighborhood. The bee colonies were procured through a company called Alvéole, the French word for honeycomb. Alvéole is an urban beekeeping service that helps introduce new bee colonies to urban areas. The company has introduced many

bee colonies in urban European areas, including Notre Dame in Paris. The bees Alvéole uses are an Italian variety which are notoriously docile. So bee-weary folks in the neighborhood do not have to fear being harassed by the peaceful pollinators. For more: [Kirkland Urban complex introduces urban beekeeping to the neighborhood | Kirkland Reporter](#) ♦ Adds PFL David: We have two SOB Members who for a time had a beehive in Olympia.

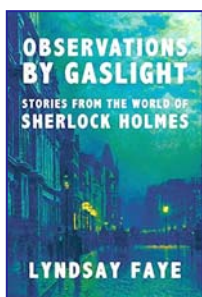
⇒ News from PFL David:

• *THE HAIRY HANDS OF DARTMOOR*: Although early stories swirl around from the beginning of the 20th century, reports picked up considerably in the early 1920s. On a particular stretch of the B3212 road, there was something to fear more than drunk drivers or sharp turns. "The Hairy Hands" were said to be disembodied hands (sometimes including a wrist and forearm) that would suddenly appear in front of a car's windshield or, even more worrisome, on a car's wheels or a bike's handlebars. It is believed their intent was to cause accidents, either by brute spirit force or by the sheer shock of witnessing the hands. For more information go to: <https://www.astonishinglegends.com/astonishing-legends/2019/10/21/the-hairy-hands-of-dartmoor>.

• "THE HIGHEST GROSSING FILMS IN THE U.S. THAT NEVER REACHED #1": At #6, was "Sherlock Holmes," with Robert Downey Jr. as the titular detective in the 2009 caper. It received positive reviews and made \$209,028,679 at the U.S. box office, but had the misfortune of competing with James Cameron's "Avatar" for number one that year. (Actually in the end, the film "Sing" reached #1, going on to collect \$270,395,425 at the North American box office.)

• *ONE MUST TELL THE BEES: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE FINAL EDUCATION OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* by Lawrence Matthews (East Dean Press, May, 2021, \$16.99) is the untold story of Sherlock Holmes' journey from the streets of London to the White House of Abraham Lincoln and, in company with a freed slave named after the dead President, their breathtaking pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth. It is the very first case of the man who would become known to the world as Sherlock Holmes, and as readers will discover, it will haunt him until his very last.

• *THE SHERLOCK HOLMES BOOK: BIG IDEAS SIMPLY EXPLAINED* by DK (2015, Kindle edition \$8.99 @ Amazon; some after-markets have it for less than \$7); Discover the key ideas, themes, and plotlines behind every case investigated by Sherlock Holmes... Continued on Page 6



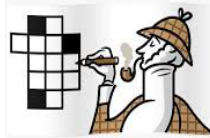
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...and Dr. Watson in the famous and celebrated stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with this original, graphics-led book. *Forward by Les Klinger, BSI*. Available through either Amazon.com—U.S. or U.K.

- **ABANDONED LONDON** by Katie Wignall (Amber Books, July, 2021, HC, \$29.95). With 150 outstanding color photographs, this book presents a poignant pictorial exploration of the English capital—from forgotten railways lines and underpasses to lost industrial places, movie theaters, churches, and cemeteries. Go to this URL to see some examples: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/incredible-abandoned-places-in-london/ss-aaljnnh?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=u531#image=26>

- **NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE**, Sunday, July 11: "77 Across, Investigate like Sherlock Holmes." Answer, 7 letters: "Enquire."



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

- The British Film Institute has announced its two-year **PROJECT TO RESTORE ALL OF THE 1920S SILENT STOLL SHERLOCK HOLMES FILM SERIES STARRING EILLE NORWOOD**, currently held at the BFI Master Film Store in Warwickshire. The project launch marks 100 years since the first serial was originally screened. Support for the digital restoration project has been made possible through Iron Mountain's Living Legacy Initiative, to preserve and make accessible cultural and historical information and artifacts. Work is being undertaken by experts at the BFI National Archive and is expected to be completed by 2023, to coincide with the centenary of the release of the final serial and feature adaptation of *The Sign of Four* (1923).

*** Editor's Note:** Apologies to Ms. Upton & the London Society for our tardiness in getting the following **time-sensitive info** out to our Membership!!

- **DOYLE'S ROTARY COFFIN TREASURE HUNT:**

Paul Thomas Miller has initiated the first "Doyle's Rotary Coffin Treasure Hunt." There are sixty challenges to fulfill and Paul says, "You will have six months starting on 27th June and finishing on 27th December to collect as many of the photos on the list as you can."

♦ At the end of the six months, **send an email to: DoylesRotaryCoffin@outlook.com** with your name (or an online name/nickname), score and any photos you'd like to share. ♦ At some point in early January, I'll publish the results on the DRC website. ♦ Along the way, please share your photos on social media with the hashtag **#DRCTreasureHunt** so we can all share the fun." ♦ The rules & hunt list are here: <https://sites.google.com/site/doylesrotarycoffin/2021-drc-treasure-hunt>

Queen Elizabeth II Opens Her Front Lawn to Picnics for First Time

By Karla Adam and William Booth
The Washington Post

Here's an Excerpt—

LONDON—For the first time in her nearly 70-year reign, Queen Elizabeth II is allowing the people to picnic on her front lawn. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the courtiers say. And the grass? It really is a little greener on the other side. ♦ "The boss," as the staff openly call the monarch, thinks the people need this bit of fresh air after a wretched year: a scone with jam and cream, a cup of tea in an otherworldly oasis.

♦ And so for the rest of the summer, starting June 11, the paying public may sprawl upon the Main Lawn behind the high walls of Buckingham Palace. ♦ This kind of access is unprecedented in the modern era. A ticket holder who pays the £16.50, or about \$23, can arrive with a bucket of chicken and a bedsheet, if they want, in ripped jeans and flip-flops, and recline on some of the most sublime, privileged, historic, protected acres on Earth. ♦ Before? Do Not Walk On the Grass. Now? Please Do. ♦ There are some rules, naturally. No knives to slice your sausage or Brie. No dogs. No beer, no prosecco, no booze at all, not even a bottle of the Buckingham Palace Dry Gin (available in the gift shop for \$50). ♦ "The idea is 'sober picnics,'" said Sarah Davis, head of media relations for the Royal Collection Trust. Davis said they expect 2,000 people a day. A Thursday preview was attended by the contractors who built the loos, hoteliers, tour guides, concierges, caterers and the media. The vibe was super respectful, even as the garden geeks pressed against the rope lines to take close-ups of the gorgeous hol-lyhocks in the famous Herbaceous Border. ♦ Patricia Ellis, 66, a London tour guide, said, "I just think it's a lovely, lovely occasion, a chance to get to see something that you wouldn't normally see in a beautiful time of the year." When she checked the website for future tickets recently, she found she was 78,000th in the queue. "If you love gardens, it's popular. If you love the royals, it's popular as well," she said. "And if you love seeing somewhere that the public don't usually like to go, well, then it ticks all the boxes really."



For the full article, go to the July 9 *Seattle Times*:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/queen-elizabeth-ii-opens-her-front-lawn-to-picnics-for-the-first-time/nation-world/queen-elizabeth-ii-opens-her-front-lawn-to-picnics-for-the-first-time/>

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...“vampiric” computer hacker sucks databases dry as a way to call attention to the vulnerability of the system—not a direct adaptation but certainly within the spirit. In “Miss Sherlock” (Series 1, episode 4, “The Wakasugi Family Curse”), the mother sucking poison from her young child’s arm is retained, though the motive is moved from a jealous step-son to a young brother unwittingly manipulated by someone he thinks is a hero. Both are still melodramatically over the top, but they are fun outings, and they’ve done the work to fit the premise into the context of their respective series’.



That said, I hesitate to entirely dismiss the Granada version, if only because the production values are high and the acting is excellent. Viewed as a gothic horror pastiche rather than a Conan Doyle tale, this is a fun story, well presented. And there’s no reason that can’t be enough, sometimes.

Answers To Cook’s Quiz on SUS on Page 2:

1. “Morrison, Morrison and Dodd. per E.J.C.”
2. Tea brokers.
3. Not a “Who” but a ship.
4. The giant rat of Sumatra.
5. The *Gloria Scott* affair.
6. a) Voyage of the *Gloria Scott*; b) Victor Lynch, the forger; c) Venomous lizard or gila; d) Vittoria, the circus belle; e) Vanderbilt and the Yeggman; f) Vipers; g) Vigor, the Hammersmith wonder; h) Vampires of Hungary; and i) Vampires of Transylvania.
7. Robert Ferguson; they were former rugby opponents.
8. “No ghosts need apply.”
9. Peruvian.
10. Mrs. Mason.
11. About 15 years old; Jacky.
12. Carlo.



As our Libraries Open Up, Can We Get Inspired?

By: Secretary/
Editor Terri Haugen

Here we are The SOBs—a middle-aged scion having just entered our 5th decade—and when was the last time we stepped out into our communities to educate folks about Mr. Sherlock Holmes?

I may not be able to put my finger on the last time, but I can tell you the very first time we did because buried in this Club’s archives are these words:

“In 1987, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the publication of A Study in Scarlet, beginning December 1, our Club hosted a Sherlockian exhibit at the downtown Seattle Public Library. SOB Will Crakes organized this ambitious display of Sherlockian memorabilia. It included books, miniatures of 221B Baker Street (courtesy of Members Frank Darlington and Gerrie Kasper), records, plaques, mugs and other artifacts.”

We were naturally *inspired* by this essay, seen in The Beacon Society Newsletter, Vol. 5, # 2 for June, 2021 by Francine Kitts.

“Monroe Township Library Display”

“When we moved to NJ, we were delighted to learn that we lived a short walk to our beautiful Monroe Township Library. At the entrance to the library is a large display case behind glass doors. Over the years we’ve seen exhibits come and go. We finally decided it was time for us to step up to the plate.



Monroe (New Jersey) Township Library Display

We took the scientific approach by walking around the house with our granddaughter, Scarlet (we know you’d love her name), to decide which items would be displayed.

We hauled the items to the library and lovingly placed each item on the glass shelves, arranging and rearranging as we went along. All of a sudden, we realized that there weren’t enough books. This was a library, after all. We headed back home to retrieve more books and placed them strategically here and there. We stood back and looked at the display and our Sherlockian hearts knew it was complete.”

So, can we get inspired to ask our local libraries, “When can we be scheduled to put a great Sherlock Holmes display into that large display case behind glass doors right over there?”



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Memories of Dr. Ed from our Twaddle Archive...

• **An early donator to our Lending Library:** The April 2009 newsletter records that...c) Librarian Verne Johnson was pretty proud that, "Folks sure were eager to borrow things from our lending library at the March Meeting! Everything I brought went out! Newest items to the library: 'In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes,' a DVD hosted by Patrick McNee, which revisits London of Sherlock Holmes' time, and 'The Patient's Eyes,' an impressive debut novel by David Pirie donated by Dr. Ed Funk, which features a young Conan Doyle and Dr. Joseph Bell."

• **Participated in Canonical Diversions:** We instituted the Club's first formal diversion from our usual Canonical study with three quarterly meetings (March, May and November, 2011) devoted to fascinating presentations on various Victorian-era topics, giving more Members the opportunity to express their views and interests. This effort continued in 2012, with three additional such presentations. The line-up for 2011 was Secretary Terri speaking on the "Contributing Factors to Poverty in the General Population of Victorian England," SOB Ed Funk, M.D. (retired thoracic surgeon) speaking on the changes in medicine and pharmacology that occurred during Queen Victoria's reign and Doyle's experiences in medical school; and SOB Stephen Adkins, a professional drug counselor, in his presentation "Is Sherlock Holmes a Drug Addict,"...

• **Participated in Picture Captioning Contests:** Something we tried a couple of times over the years were "Picture Captioning Contests." After a 10-year hiatus (!), PFL David handed out a copy of this picture at the July 2010 Meeting, remarking upon it in his discussion of YELL as being classically melo-



dramatic and wondered what "Jack" and Effie Munro were saying to one another. Dr. Ed Funk came up with the perfect dialogue:

EFFIE: "Jack, I'm pregnant!"

JACK: "You can't be. I'm impotent!"

Everyone gave Ed their abject approval with a variety of groans! (So we decided that it) "Looks like it's time to bring back the picture caption contest!!"

In the September issue, we encouraged Members again, "As you study up on GLOR for the September Meeting, think about what's really going on in this Sidney Paget drawing! What are Holmes and Victor Trevor really saying to each other?" Dr. Ed was the winner again with this entry for: "I tell you, Holmes, the dog only goes for the ankle, not the crotch!"

In the October/November 2010 Special Double Issue, thinking we were on a roll we again encouraged Members, "As you study up on MUSG for the October Meeting and REIG for the November Meeting, think about what's really going on in the Paget drawings below! Take your pick...come up with your own dialogue or description with which to caption one or both of these pictures!!"

But we were clearly fooling ourselves! A search of the December 2010 and *all* the 2011 issues of *Ineffable Twaddle* show not a single other mention of the last winners or any other offer of another picture caption contest!!

We did not, however, blame Dr. Ed for this failure!



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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.

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