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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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Join Us Sunday, December 18, 2022 for The SOB's 2022 Blue Carbuncle Jollification, an In-Person Event!!

At the Burien, WA Public Library • We have the meeting room from 12:30 to 4:00!

Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Our focus will be fun, frivolity, socializing, entertainment, food & drink while we enjoy our annual revisit to "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle!"

Please bring your favorite refreshments—savories or sweets and beverages—to share (no alcohol, please!)

The Burien Library is located at 400 S.W. 152nd Street. Take Hwy 518 west, proceed west on S.W. 148th, turn left at 4th Ave. S.W. to intersection with 152nd, library will be on your right. (Library opens at 11 a.m.; [206] 243-3490).

☆ **Says PFL David:** Compliments of the Season! The fun begins both before and after the entertainment. Why? It's the arrival of all those treats brought by the attending SOBs!!

We are bringing back the Christmas cookie exchange—so, Members are encouraged to bake or buy cookies; if cookies are not your forte, then bring the sweet you like the most at this time of year. If you like crunchy cookies, please note that we won't want noise from eating them to drown out the dialogue or song from the entertainment.

After the entertainment, there will be a break so plates can be refilled. Then there will be a short discussion on "The Blue Carbuncle" with the emphasis on why you do (or do not) like the story.

Then, there will be another break for refreshment restocking, after which we will be talking about Holmes: What have you always wanted to say about Holmes, Watson, any other character, or indeed anything dealing with the Canon. The whole field is open to you.

☆ **Entertainment brought to you by SOBs Margie Deck & Nancy Holder!!**

221B Radio invites all members of the Sound of the Baskervilles to enjoy the world premiere presentation of the play *'Tis The Season*, on December 18. In only one-scene, the **PFL Players** and the **Car Pool Chorus** will endeavor to explain the origins of that perennial holiday season favorite, **"The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle."**

You are invited to temporarily suspend your belief in the writings of Dr. John H. Watson while the true(ish) history of that goose is revealed. The music features original lyrics from Paul Thomas Miller of *The Shingle of Southsea Holmesian Society* in Portsmouth, England. In honoring Shingle and SOB traditions, the play will be presented with little rehearsal and utmost silliness.

☆ **Says Program Chair Sunny Even: 'Tis The Season for Forgiveness**

"The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" returns to us each year with Sherlockian good cheer just in time for the Christmas season. This story definitely leans toward jollification, leaving out the usual Victorian pathos and orphans. Instead we are treated to a merry jaunt through London as Holmes reverse-engineers a treasure hunt for the eponymous stone, solving the mystery but letting the culprit go. His forgiveness carries a light-hearted tone: *"After all, Watson," said Holmes, reaching up a hand for his clay pipe, "I am not retained by the police..."*



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... to supply their deficiencies..... I suppose I am commuting a felony, but it's just possible I am saving a soul."

" 'You are engaged,' said I."

1. Why did Watson call upon Holmes two days after Christmas?
2. Name the color of Holmes dressing gown; and describe completely what Watson observed on the back of a wooden chair beside Holmes' couch!
3. What two items were on the seat of the wooden chair?
4. Describe the two (2) aspects of a problem presented to Holmes that are not criminal.
5. Name the three (3) tales of the last six (6) penned by Watson that he mentions had no crime!
6. Name the two (2) items a man dropped when attacked by roughs, why he ran away, and the location of the incident!
7. What do the Countess of Morcar, John Horner and Catherine Cusack have to do with this Christmas story?
8. Where and when was the blue carbuncle lost?
9. Name the crimes Holmes associates with the sinister history of the blue carbuncle!
10. Name the person who instituted a "Goose Club"!
11. How was Mrs. Oakshot associated with the Alpha Inn Public House?
12. What did Holmes tell Watson would be the chief feature of their next case?

A Quiz by: SOB Charlie Cook

Answers may be found on Page 7

SOB Kris Hambrick's *Sherlock on Screen:*

A Christmas Tradition...Sherlock & BLUE

Many compliments of the season, dear readers! It is a time of tradition, as well as a time of reflecting back on the year that's passed. (I, for one, am still immensely gratified to have become part of the proud tradition of recipients of the Footsteps of a Gigantic Hound award, which I have treasured.) Another shared tradition is our discussion of "The Blue Carbuncle," my recommendations regarding which you may find in last year's December edition of this illustrious publication.

We celebrate BLUE this time of year because it's as close as Canon came to a Christmas story. But it is another tradition I wish to discuss today, dear readers, and that is the tradition of big box office Holmes for the holidays. More than one Hollywood Holmes production has been released for the Christmas market, with varying results. While they might not be about Christmas, it's an interesting tradition that, of late, has been more honored in the breach.

The first film to mention was not only released in December of 1985, but took place in December of 1870 with all the Dickensian Christmas trappings. It also had a giant pyramid in the middle of London and early CGI marvels and Brian Cox's son Alan as Watson and yes, I am speaking of "The Young Sherlock Holmes." It did not do well at the box office but is fondly remembered by people of a certain age.

Decades later, the Guy Ritchie helmed, Robert Downey Jr. led "Sherlock Holmes" was released on Christmas Day itself, which has become a huge day for moviegoing. Like "Young Sherlock Holmes," it eschewed intellect for action and featured an evil supernatural cult and (arguably) had a more compelling Watson than Holmes, but unlike its predecessor it broke box office records and spawned sequels. Or, a sequel, also released on Christmas day in 2011. I mentioned above a certain observance in the breach—the past few years, a tradition of announcing "Sherlock Holmes 3" would be released on Christmas Day and then announcing it had been pushed back another year has also become established.

I have one final film of note to mention in this line, and that is the almost universally-panned comedy "Holmes and Watson," which was released on Christmas and failed, during its run, to make back its budget. It remains to be seen whether other holiday releases will change the balance, or whether Hollywood has moved away yet again from big budget Sherlocks. Which is probably just as well—for Christmas cheer, the Granada "Carbuncle" will probably serve you as well as anything.





Beaten's Christmas Annual 2023

Calling all Writers, Puzzlers, Poets, Illustrators, Cooks, Reviewers and Jokesters! Serious or silly, it's all good!

Would you like to see your essay, story, review, pastiche, illustration, cartoon or research published?

From the Editor

To contribute to The SOBs' *Beaten's Christmas Annual* —our magazine-style publication for *Members by Members*—there's much wider latitude than for our monthly newsletter (which is limited to 350 words).

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Please send any queries and submissions to Editor Terri at:

terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com

Surely you've got something to say about Holmes, Dr. Watson, Doyle, the Canon or Victorian-era England...about our Club, books, movies, TV shows or audio materials! Please share it with us!

Back Again in 2022: The SOBs' Holiday Card Exchange!



Our Philadelphia **SOB Jamila Robinson** has volunteered to take on the coordination of the mailing list this year by taking your names and snail-mail addresses if you send them to her at: jamilaowilson1@gmail.com, with the phrase "2022 SOB Holiday Card Exchange mailing list" in the "Subject" field. She'll then organize the list and send it to all participants!

A few suggestions gleaned from last year's event:

- The majority of participants want to receive their holiday greetings from you by snail-mail.
- You'll choose what sort of "greeting" you want to send out: **Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanza, and/or New Year's.**
- If your holiday greeting is **Sherlockian**, great!! But if you use traditional format holiday cards, recipients will probably be just as happy to hear from you!!
- The majority of participants will be U.S. residents, but you might need a couple of global (international) stamps that cost you \$1.40 at the USPS; U.S. 1st class postage now runs \$0.60 per stamp.
- Jamila will put the mailing list together in a Word "label" set up...3 columns, 10 rows...which uses a 30-label sheet...if you have one!!
- **The deadline for signing up for the list was November 30!** So, Participants, have fun!!!!

And, More Rhymes from Romnes!

Another dog walk...another poem!

Bombs away!

Moriarty at Reichenbach

Balanced on brink
Tried to out think
Ended in drink.



My hound sends the following!

Our Heroes on a Mission

Inclement the weather
hansom hell for leather
splashes through the street,

"Not a second to lose,
It's life or death we choose,
Watson, we can't retreat!"

Watson, the Needle!

Ah, anodyne!
Dear elixir,
an ennui fixer,

Black leather kit
syringe for vein,
Remedy? Cocaine!



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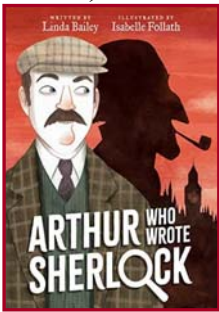
⇒ From SOB Beth Gallego: **GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR FAMILY'S YOUNG SHERLOCKIANS?** My reviews from the Beacon Society's *Sherlock's Spotlight*, Autumn 2022: **Arthur Who Wrote Sherlock**
Written by Linda Bailey, illustrated by Isabelle Follath
Published by Tundra (Penguin Random House)
Recommended for: ages 5-9 (grades K-3)

In picture book format, Bailey presents key moments in the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, from his childhood in Edinburgh through his final years. Spreads are devoted to his boarding school days, medical school and meeting Dr. Bell, and his journeys by whaling ship and steamship before centering on ... Continued on Page 4

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. . . his quiet office and the beginning of his writing career. As soon as he begins writing *A Study in Scarlet*, Holmes begins to loom over Sir Arthur. Literally, in a double-page illustration of the detective with pipe, magnifying glass, and dressing gown peering at a test tube held above the head of the author, who is seated at his desk. ♦ Every episode is



complemented by fantastic art. Some echo familiar images, such as the snarling hound on the moor and Holmes's fatal struggle at the Reichenbach Falls. There are outstanding original compositions, including an array of elements of Conan Doyle's early short stories and a full-page portrait of Holmes seated somewhere far away from

London, with a monkey perched on his shoulder, during the years he was "dead." ♦ This is an excellent biography of Conan Doyle for young readers. An author's note provides more detail about some of the events in the book, as well as mentioning ones that did not make it to the page. The bibliography points to sources that older readers will enjoy as well.

Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer, and Shirley & Jamila's Big Fall

Written and illustrated by Gillian Goerz
Published by Dial (Penguin Random House)
Recommended for: ages 8-12 (grades 3-6)

Jamila Waheed is ten years old, loves basketball, and has just moved into town. At their first meeting, Shirley Bones impresses her with some amazing deductions, and the two become fast friends. Instead of attending the different summer camps their mothers had chosen for them, they spend their days together at the basketball court. While practicing her three-pointers, Jamila is intrigued by the stream of kids who come to talk to Shirley, as well as the peculiar "experiments" Shirley carries out from time to time. It's all very mysterious, until a boy comes to Shirley for help finding a missing gecko, and Jamila accompanies her on the investigation. ♦ This graphic novel series recasts Holmes and Watson as Canadian girls, featuring familiar moments from the first meeting and early days getting to know each other. Jamila compiles a list of all the things Shirley does and doesn't seem to know about: she can identify a poisonous plant at a glance but has no idea what the Big Dipper is; she's read lots of true crime books but apparently nothing else; and she has a map of the neighborhood in her

"Speakers Please!" says PFL David!

As we put together our programming schedule for 2023, we hope some of you will volunteer to do a presentation for us!

♦ Is there something you think your fellow SOBs would be interested in learning? It could be about a character or a story; or something like a discussion about how often Holmes deals with clients/criminals, or something/someone else; or some Victorian oddity that intrigues you. **If so, let me know and we'll get you on our schedule for this year or next!** Write me at: david@soundofthebaskervilles.com ♦ While it's probably a good idea to have some notes you can refer to and a few general questions for the group to get your discussion going, **there's no specific format to employ.** Use slides or not, your choice. You would get **up to 20 minutes for your talk** and it would occur right after my story discussion. ♦ Please give it a go! It's always amazing to me what specialized knowledge each one of you have!



head better than any available online. ♦ The second book of the series draws more inspiration from canonical stories, as Shirley and Jamila take on the school's biggest bully, a blackmailer named Chuck Milverton. In between cases, their friendship develops and weathers challenges. Their adventures are filled with humor and spirit, and will be enjoyed by fans of realistic graphic novels and the classic Holmes stories.

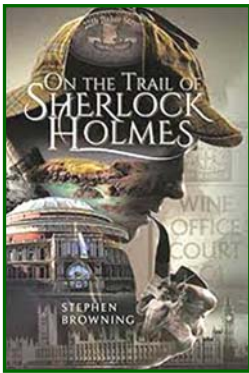


⇒ **Notes SOB Margaret Nelson:** Go to: <https://technabob.com/blog/2014/01/27/sherlock-221b-baker-street-altoid-tin/> to view a charming bit of Sherlock's sitting room cleverly recreated within an Altoid's tin.



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A Review from SOB Margaret Nelson



On the Trail of Sherlock Holmes by Stephen Browning, Pen and Sword History, 2022

I quite enjoyed this book. The author begins with a good biography of Arthur Conan Doyle, followed by seven Sherlockian walking tours in London and several others outside the City. He also included a timeline of the stories, information on actors who played Holmes and a Sherlock Holmes Miscellany.

I've read other walking tours of Sherlockian sites; Mr. Browning writes his in a fresh and interesting way and included maps you can read. He also included new information which was delightful sometimes and always interesting and worthwhile. Even if you have not been to London, you will find the book fascinating; if you could take it with you to London, you would have a wonderful time following the walks on site. Treat yourself and buy this book!

For your reading pleasure from SOB Margaret Nelson

A Sound and Sight of Victorian London

Cobbles are rocks that have been rounded by being transported in water, like rocks in a river. Usually their size is between that of a large doughnut and a loaf of bread, and they have been used for thousands of years, to be set into roads to make their surface more durable and less likely to form ruts. Because they are rounded and the cement between blocks wears out over time, they can be difficult to walk on as anyone who has crossed Mermaid Street in Rye, England will attest—great for turning your ankle! Riding your bike over them is one, continuous bumpy ride. A carriage ride must have been a trial. These Rye cobbles were set into the road by French prisoners of war during Napoleonic times, and I think the street is the Frenchies' revenge on the English!

This was the practice in English towns since the Romans arrived, but in Victorian London, until the 1890s, most of the streets were surfaced with wooden blocks. They would be easier to form into rectangular shapes and be flat on the top rather than curved, and were cheap, but would become very slippery and dangerous when wet. In the 1880s an animal welfare campaigner recorded watching at Ludgate Hill in central London on a rainy day as horse after horse slid on the sloping road, some collapsing, falling and breaking their legs or getting pulled backwards by the load as they slid on the wood blocks.

In the 1890s, the wood was gradually replaced by “setts”, oblong cuts of granite or hard sandstone, cut to the length of the average horseshoe from heel to toe, to allow the horse to get a grip on the surface. These are still seen around London, such as along the Thames near Tower Bridge, and it is these which would, with horseshoes and iron rimmed wheels, make the clattering sound Sherlock would hear on the streets.



10 Best Movies and TV Shows Based on Sherlock Holmes... According to Rotten Tomatoes!

PFL David sent out an E-blast on November 15 telling Members to “look at the list of the best movies and TV programs based on Sherlock Holmes, as rated by Rotten Tomatoes. (The link was: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/tv/news/10-best-movies-and-tv-shows-based-on-sherlock-holmes-according-to-rotten-tomatoes/ar-AA149FvU?ocid=msedgntp&cvid=da405eba99c84a9fb078c3f3b788fea5>) What are your thoughts on their choices and their rankings? For example, why is “Elementary” noted as having been on for only three years, when it was on for seven? And why is it also listed as having been broadcasted from 2009-2012 when it was on from 2012-19? Questionable?? Let the discussions begin! Among the responses received from Members were these:

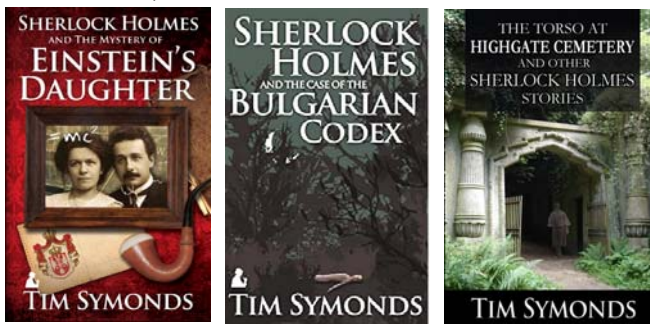
From SOB Lisa Miller: *Well. Where is “The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes?” Or “The Seven Percent Solution?” Those are right at the top for me. Along with BBC Sherlock. Oh. How about Jeremy Brett? Honestly.*

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⇒ **From Author Tim Symonds:** Dear Terri, it was really pleasing—to me, of course—that **TWO OF MY NOVELS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO THE TOP 100 LISTING**—at around No. 40 (*Sherlock Holmes and The Mystery of Einstein's Daughter*, 4 stars out of 5) and at around No. 80 (*Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Bulgarian Codex*, 4.5 stars). Anthony Horowitz was/is rated about 10th. ♦ I'm now hoping my recent novel (published Summer 2022) *Sherlock Holmes and The Strange Death of Brigadier-General Delves* clambers into Amazon's Top 100 best-sellers too. ♦ My next book, *The Torso At Highgate Cemetery and other Sherlock Holmes Short Stories*, is due out from MX Publishing December 10 2022 (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Highgate-Cemetery-Sherlock-Holmes-Stories/dp/1804241288>). All the very best from a rather soggy East Sussex, UK!



⇒ **From SOB Naching T. Kassa tells us:** Three authors, including myself, have recently each wrote a novella about Sherlock Holmes. These novellas will be collected into one book under the title, *Dark Tides: Sherlock Holmes*. They are all mystery/horror stories. **DO YOU THINK ANYONE IN THE SOBs WOULD BE WILLING TO READ AND REVIEW THE BOOK?** My publisher (Crystal Lake Publishing) will send a digital copy for their review. The other authors are John Linwood Grant and Angela Yuriko Smith. It will be ready for review in December or January and wanted to get a jump on things. **Ed. Note: Can we get a volunteer please to review Naching's new book? Please email me at terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com.**

⇒ **From Steve Mason, BSI:** A tidbit of news from our Dallas, TX friends—**The Crew of the Barque Lone Star:** They'll be **CELEBRATING THEIR SCION SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY** with an event on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **S** This appears to be an in-person event, as they note that it will include dinner. To get more info and to RSVP, email: karen.olson2500@gmail.com or phone her at: (940) 546-4004. To send ↗

Beaten's Christmas Annual

It is never too early to start planning what you are going to submit to our upcoming **"2023 Beaten's Christmas Annual."**

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your well-wishes to the Crew on this momentous occasion, we suggest you email their President Steve Mason at: mason.steve8080@gmail.com

⇒ **Two bits of news from SOB Nancy Holder, BSI:**

- Here's a cool thing for the Twaddle! This comes via Ross Davies, BSI, who posted it on Facebook. I'm adding a little intro based on some research I did. ♦ Tom Sawyer Island is an actual island located in Disneyland in the center of "the Rivers of America." It was created in 1956, and it was where Tom and Huck hid out on their adventures. In 2007, the name of the island was changed to "Pirate's Lair on Tom Sawyer Island." ♦ "The Disney imagineers added a number of very cool piratical elements including mounds of gold doubloons and pirate bones—and **A SHERLOCKIAN CONNECTION!** Ross Davies, BSI, has just discovered a YouTube broadcast on the Provost Park Pass channel, revealing that Disney used the actual code in "The Dancing Men" to create a puzzle game on the island for guests. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sBjRPgB6xQ>

- Thanks to Howard Ostrom for the news of this, which I have rewritten: **TWO NEW BABY MALE GIRAFFES** were recently born at the Fort Worth Zoo. Holmes arrived on October 26, 2022. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 161 pounds at birth. Watson, who made his debut on November 6, was 6 feet 3 inches tall (closer in height to "our" Holmes!) and so far has not been weighed, because he refuses to leave his mom's side. **Holmes** is pictured at left, and **Watson** and Mum are on the right. (Photo courtesy of Ft. Worth Zoo)



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10 Best Movies and TV Shows Based on Sherlock Holmes...

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From SOB John Longenbaugh: *I suspect it's because "Elementary" got so very dull so very quickly that people weren't even aware it was on after a couple of seasons, assuming they were seeing re-runs of earlier forgettable episodes. (Whereas fans of Sherlock to this day refuse to acknowledge that it ever had a Season 4.)*

From SOB Patt O'Neil: *Though I have always believed that Watson could be portrayed as a woman, I never liked "Elementary." I have always considered myself an "uber" fan, but when you have no appreciation of the actors playing Holmes & Watson it automatically gives the production three strikes and out! (And believe me, I've seen some awful portrayals.)*

From SOB Larry Raisch: *This list hardly rates a comment. Not only is it inaccurate, it does not even conform to other lists on the same site. For example, [The Best Sherlock Holmes Movies and TV Shows By Release Order](#) << [Rotten Tomatoes – Movie and TV News](#). Even ignoring the numerous, more highly rated entries on this second list, which do not feature a "critics consensus," "The Great Mouse Detective" is ranked higher than some of those on this "10 Best List." This appears to me to be a fluff piece, representing no serious scholarship. Even as an editorial, this might be one person's opinion and not a "best" of anything.*

Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 2:

1. To wish him "the compliments of the season."
2. Purple; a very seedy and disreputable hard felt hat.
3. A lens and a forceps.
4. They are striking and bizarre.
5. SCAN, IDEN, TWIS.
6. A battered hat and a most unimpeachable Christmas goose; he broke a window; Goodge Street.
7. She owns the jewel; he is arrested for the theft; she is the Countess's maid.
8. The Hotel Cosmopolitan on December 22.
9. Two murders, a vitriol-throwing and a suicide, and several robberies.
10. Windigate.
11. She supplied their geese.
12. A bird.

Missing Sherlock? Here are 6 eccentric detectives!

Submitted by PFL David Haugen

Source: MSN.com

Will we ever see Sherlock again? Not the character of Sherlock Holmes—Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic detective has been played for the last 100 years and will be played for the next 100 years—but will we ever see Benedict Cumberbatch pull on the deer stalker again and partner up with Martin Freeman's John Watson? It's looking doubtful.

The last time the pair were on screen was in 2017, for a three-part season that aired just after Christmas. After that, nothing. The last update we had came in May of this year from Steven Moffat, who, along with Mark Gatiss, created the take on the character that Cumberbatch made his own.

Promoting "The Time Traveler's Wife, a show since banned by HBO, Moffat told the Radio Times, when asked if he wanted to return to *Sherlock*: "I'd do Sherlock again tomorrow, why ask me?" he said. "Mark would do it tomorrow, Sue [Vertue, producer] would do it tomorrow—we'd all just do it again. It's down to Benedict and Martin. They were very loyal to that show over a very long while when it was out, when it definitely became their lowest-paying job." He continued: "And I don't think that's necessarily what they want to do now—fair enough, absolutely fair enough. But if anyone thinks I'm the one getting in the way, I will confidently tell you I would start writing it tomorrow, if everybody else did too."

So, there you have it—maybe there will be more Sherlock, but given (the fact that) both Freeman and Cumberbatch are committed to the Marvel Cinematic Universe as well as a myriad of other projects, it won't be for a while.



With that in mind, we thought we'd present some alternatives for you, six eccentric detectives to get stuck into if you're missing Sherlock and Watson...<https://www.msn.com/en-us/tv/news/missing-sherlock-here-are-6-eccentric-detective-shows-to-scratch-the-itch/ar-AA12vFJh?cvid=f5a5f1de733c44478024c5831cf0ee12>.

Spoiler Alert: The list includes Jonny Lee Miller, Kenneth Branagh, Tom Burke, Kristen Bell, Joanna Scanlon and others.





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SOB Jerry Thorpe's front porch!

Marcia Marcy's boys in Germany, Eros as "The Incredible Hulk" and Orion as a Tour de France rider!



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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—\$25 for individuals, \$35 for families (U.S. funds only)—payable to The Sound of the Baskervilles—to:
SOB Treasurer • P.O. Box 7633 • Tacoma, WA 98417

Halloween Doings from our Members



Our Club Webmaster Shannon in costume, with pumpkin she made for the Mukilteo Library and the City's Fall Festival!