



# INEFFABLE TWADDLE



*"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, April 16, for an In-Person Meeting!

Returning to our "old stompin' ground!"  
The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill  
located at 400 West Garfield

*Doors to the Meeting Room open at Noon;  
meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. and end by 4 p.m.  
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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.



### Says Program Chair Sunny,

*"...It's surely time that I disappeared into that little farm of my dreams."*

With **"The Adventure of the Creeping Man,"**

we near the end of our five-year Canonical journey. This was the last story (in a chronological sense) Watson penned, before Holmes retired to the countryside and his bees. In this adventure, I'd like to call your attention to Roy, the dog who *did* bark in the night. It's too bad Holmes' monograph on the nature of dogs and how they mirror their households was never completed in that retirement. I would love to have read his thoughts on the subject.

**"...we have at last obtained permission to ventilate the facts..."**

### A Quiz by: SOB Charlie Cook

1. Complete Holmes's request to Watson: "Come at once if convenient..."!
2. Holmes said he had serious thought about writing a monograph on what topic? 

3. Who did Holmes call the Camford Physiologist?
4. Name the man's dog and what puzzled Holmes about its behavior!
5. Name the man's daughter!
6. How old was the man and who was his fiancée?
7. Who was Holmes's client?
8. What was so surprising that the daughter should see her father's face in the window?
9. Name Holmes's new utility man!
10. Where did Holmes and Watson lodge while in Camford?
11. When observing someone, what did Holmes say were the first four things (in order) that one should notice?
12. Name the Prague scientist and his agent in England, who supplied the physiologist with drugs!

Answers may be found on Page 2



## SOB Kris Hambrick's *Sherlock on Screen:* The Adventure of the Creeping Man

Of all the stories to decide, yes, we definitely need to do this, it's curious to me that the one where a man takes monkey serum in order to... *ahem...enhance his male vitality* is something anyone felt they should force an actor to do. Happily, I suppose, of the two entries here only one is live action, so as far as I know the embarrassment is localized.

The Granada adaptation is well done at least, with added interest in ...



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...Lestrade's "side" mystery of primates being stolen from the zoo and Watson checking out Dorak's emporium and getting threatened. For 1995 "Pride and Prejudice" fans, it's got Mr. Wickham playing Jack Bennett. And it's actually got one of my favorite lines in all of Jeremy Brett's oeuvre, an exchange not appearing in Canon:



**Prof. Presbury:** "221B. Hardly an address to inspire confidence."

**Holmes:** "I have never sought to inspire confidence in others. I have quite enough of my own."

This stuck with me from the first time I saw it and has always delighted me when I recall it, so there are some nice touches here.

The other version we have is from "Sherlock Holmes in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century," and changes the narrative significantly: In this story, Trevor has been injured in a fire and is now a cyborg, a fact which he believes has lost him the heart of Alice. Edith is also against the marriage, thinking Alice (her college roommate) is after her father's money. But it's actually Trevor who is experimenting on monkeys and drugging Presbury, hoping Alice will see him "as a monster." She does not, however, lose her love for him, and all is mended. This is quite a bizarre little sci-fi soap opera for a 22-minute cartoon, though I suppose given the sensational nature of the subject matter, you might as well go all in.



### Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 1:

1. "...If inconvenient come all the same."
2. The use of dogs in the work of the detective.
3. Professor Presbury.
4. Roy; it twice attacked its master.
5. Edith.
6. 61; Alice Murphy.
7. Mr. Trevor Bennett.
8. The window was on the second floor with no means of access.
9. Mercer.
10. An inn called Chequers.
11. The hands, the cuffs, the trouser-knees and the boots.
12. Lowenstein; Dorak.



### Story & Meeting Content for 2023 SOB Meetings:

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| <b>April</b>     | The Creeping Man (CREE) <b>In-person</b>   |
| <b>May</b>       | The Lion's Mane (LION) <b>Zoom</b>   |
| <b>June</b>      | His Last Bow (LAST) <b>In-person</b>   |
| <b>July</b>      | <b>To Be Announced, as we begin a new 5-year cycle of Canonical study!</b> <b>Zoom</b> |
| <b>August</b>    | IBID <b>In-person</b>  |
| <b>September</b> | IBID <b>Zoom</b>   |
| <b>October</b>   | IBID <b>In-person</b>  |
| <b>November</b>  | IBID <b>Zoom</b>   |
| <b>December</b>  | The Blue Carbuncle <b>In-person</b>  |

### Romnes Rhyming!

*From the unofficial Hound of the Sound, James's dog Moselle!*

#### "Moriarty, a Definition"

A professor of math  
calculating psychopath.

#### "Watson, a Definition"

Plodding Scot,  
Genius not.

*Another brisk morning walk, more poetry:*

#### "Flight Risk"

Lesson to all  
from Mr. John Small,  
When one's a peg  
Don't rely on your leg!

## Members' Reviews and More!!

### "A Sherlock Carol"

By: Margaret Nelson

*I am behind the times as I just read a review of this play in London December 2022 and found out it has played in NYC in 2021.*

The Country Life issue for December 14/21, 2022 reviewed "A Sherlock Carol," which was then playing at the Marylebone Theatre, London, near to 221B Baker Street. The play has been put on elsewhere and also was reviewed by the New York Times in "A Sherlock Carol Review: Crime-solving on Christmas Eve" by Laura Collins-Hughes (December 1, 2021).

In summary, three years after Reichenbach Falls, Sherlock Holmes feels no purpose after Moriarty's death. Crimes continue in London but he cannot interest himself in anything, even dinner on Christmas at the Watson's.

Scrooge is found dead on Christmas Eve by a doctor who feels this is a suspicious death. It turns out Scrooge had received a death threat that might be related to the expected arrival of a fabulous diamond. Sherlock relents and takes the case.

Ms. Hughes commented: "Remixing Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens, this is a clever, crowd-pleasing holiday comedy that happens also to be a murder mystery." It sounds like fun and I hope we can all see it sometime soon!

### The Surrogate Assassin

By: Charlie Cook

Author, Christopher Leppek; Publisher, Write Way Pub

*Although this tale was published in 1998, maybe many SOB's are unaware of it. To the best of my knowledge, it hasn't been reviewed in "Twaddle," so if it's not too old...*

Leppek begins with an entertaining account of how this tale came into his possession. Following that is a prologue by the good Doctor where he informs the reader that before the blitz, he removed it from his "tin dispatch box," sealed it and sent it to a farm in Iowa. Now fifty years after he originally wrote it, he recalls the many changes that have occurred during his 80 years and ponders what the future will be like in 50 years when current the tale can (but maybe shouldn't) be read.

The tale begins with Watson attending a performance of Shakespeare's "Othello" with Henry Irving and Edwin Booth; Holmes refusing to join him. We learn why later. The next morning Booth arrives at 221B seeking Holmes's help as several attempts have been made on his life. ... [Continued on Page 4](#)

**Membership  
renews every  
April 1st!  
Club dues are  
outlined on the  
last page of  
this issue.**



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

**Here are our Club's rules:**

- Your Canonical Name (alter-ego) may be any person, place or thing from Sherlockiana with which you'd like to be identified! No one in the Club, however, may "be" Holmes, Watson, Moriarty or Irene Adler!
- If your desired alter-ego is held by another Member, you *may not* select that one!
- If you have chosen an alter-ego but don't know if your choice is already taken, please email Editor Terri (*see last page*) to find out in advance if your choice is already taken.

**Welsh  
SOB  
Frank  
Connell  
wears his  
Club pin  
proudly!  
He lives  
near Chester,  
Wales.**



## A New Challenge for You!

Brain storming with **SOB Nancy Holder, BSI** at the March 19 meeting resulted in this challenge for those who wish to participate!

**When you encounter a person who expresses interest in learning more about Sherlock Holmes, what story(ies) would you suggest as good ones to read...to get them started and whet their appetites for more?**

Send your list of recommended readings to Editor Terri ([terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com](mailto:terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)), so that we can share it with everyone. And—if you are able please—tell us what you recommend for young readers (under 18) and for adults (18+). **Thanks!!**

## Members' Reviews and More!!

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...The detective considers several possible reasons for this, including what Ed's brother, John Wilkes Booth did 16 years ago.

The assassin flees London, so Booth proposes that Holmes and Watson return with him and his family back to America to provide protection and to further pursue the hunt and its cause. The Baker Street boys agree.

The Pinkertons are on the case in New York, but Holmes is able to convince Pinkerton, himself, of his investigative skills outside of his London. The British sleuth also has found a group of ragamuffins, The Fifth Avenue Irregulars, to go and do what only they can!

For some reason, which confuses Watson, Holmes has decided that in order to find Edwin's would-be assassin, he must physically follow *John Wilkes's* life before, during and after the tragic event at Ford's Theater.

Thus, this well-written tale is more of the author's interpretation of *that event's history* than a Sherlockian adventure. But he does give Holmes the credit for proving his thesis and for unearthing the individual who has been attempting to get Edwin. Watson plays no small role in this adventure!

At the time of this writing, Mr. Leppek is a fulltime journalist, a Sherlockian enthusiast and an historian. Ergo, history buffs will undoubtedly find this adventure to their liking. Sherlockians may or may not, but it certainly is worth the read. Loren D. Estleman called it "cracking good entertainment."

### ["Enola Holmes at Last!"](#)

**By: Maffie Rafferty**

Dave & I finally got to watch Enola Holmes on Netflix after all these years!

Of course it's useless to review the movie at this point, since any SOBs who have Netflix would surely (and don't call me *Shirley!*) have watched it by now and the sequel too. So just some thoughts: First, how fitting it is that we have only now been able to watch it during Women's History Month (February), and [👉](#)

second, I thought the cyphers were pretty cool!

You'll remember a couple of years ago in *Twaddle* there was the piece about the Sherlock Holmes crossword to solve to get into the BSI, so you know Sherlock and puzzles go together. In fact, we Raffertys and Beth Gallego are not only SOBs, but we're also in the "National Puzzlers' League!" The NPL even had a puzzle in their magazine recently that referenced "The Red-Headed League!"

You'll also remember Nancy Holder's piece in last year's *Beaten's* about how Sherlock is connected to Elvis through Lestrade's son, Michael Hoey, who worked with Elvis in the movies. It turns out that there is another Holmes-Elvis connection: Sam Claflin, who plays Mycroft, is now starring opposite Elvis's granddaughter, Riley Keough, in "Daisy Jones & The Six" on Amazon Prime Video, which my parents have a membership to while we Raffertys don't, so that's something else we can try to watch next time we visit.

And, that's not the only other Holmes-Elvis connection, as three of the songs on the "Daisy Jones & The Six" album were written by a band-mate of the daughter of the drummer of Elvis Costello & the Attractions! OK, a different Elvis, but still. 😊 So then, Sherlock's instrument is the violin while Mycroft's is voice and guitar. 😊

### [Commentary](#)

**By: Marc McDaniel**

In regard to the recent E-blast sent to Members titled, "[SOB Larry Raisch Alerts Us to an Interesting Auction,](#)" I'm not sure if it matters but the rifle that was pictured appears to me to be a percussion cap rifle not the "19th Century Afghan Jezail Flintlock Musket" described in the offer.

I would say it was most likely a tourist souvenir, a decorative item, and never a working firearm.

From my understanding of Afghan gunsmithing, they were very robustly built and the percussion lock mechanism shown here does not appear as if it was ever functional as an ignition system.

The firing mechanism, and often the barrel, were usually taken from existing firearms.

I built my first muzzle loading firearms before I was 18, as they were not regulated as "firearms" here in Washington.

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## More Members' Reviews and...

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### Commentary

By: Margaret Nelson

*Following is a quote from an Agatha Christie story—"The Labors of Hercules" published 1947. I was surprised to read it and thought it funny in context. Hope it is still funny out of context.*

Agatha Christie enjoyed Sherlock Holmes stories and sometimes referred to them or used comments similar to things Sherlock said or did in her own tales.

Hercule Poirot was Christie's Belgian detective and hero of many of her mysteries. In this short story, Hercule is asked by Dr. Burton why he was named "Hercule." We find out Hercule's brother's name is Achille, and the doctor comments that people should be careful about how they name their children as sometimes the name as a child does not fit them in adulthood.

"(The doctor) began to wheeze gently—his small fat face crinkled up. Poirot looked at him inquiringly.

'Thinking of an imaginary conversation. Your mother and the late Mrs. Holmes sitting sewing little garments or knitting: 'Achille, Hercule, Sherlock, Mycroft...'

Poirot failed to share his friend's amusement."

### Commentary

By: Maffie Rafferty

While I do suggest that Members check-out this link—[The 50 best TV and movie detectives of all time | EW.com](#), a series of 50 slides beginning with the last and descending to #1 of what they consider the best "detectives of all time"—this listing seems to be very much topsy-turvy, because Benedict Cumberbatch in *Sherlock* comes in at #50! I'm surprised they're not #1.

The majority of the list that follows is a reread of 1970s American TV shows...Murder She Wrote, Starsky & Hutch, Magnum P.I., Diagnosis: Murder, Miami Vice...with a sprinkling of British standards—culminating in, at #2 Sherlock Holmes (in any adaptation), and at #1 with Colombo! *Really??*

**Ed. Note:** Tipping this list right-side-up, I'd give them credit for their #47 choice of Detective Inspector Humphrey Goodman of "Death in Paradise," portrayed by Kris Marshall...Colin Frissell of "Love Actually" fame! But Colombo? So very *my Mother!*

## You might be a Sherlockian if..."

By the White Rose Irregulars of York, PA

Edited by Denny Dobry

The idea popped into my head one day when I walked into the bedroom and looked at the digital alarm clock. A smile crossed my face and I thought of the comedian Jeff Foxworthy and his bit — "You might be a redneck if..."

Naturally following came: "You might be a Sherlockian if you smile when you see a digital clock that reads '221'."

I threw out the challenge to the members of my scion society, the White Rose of Irregulars of York, Pennsylvania, and this is what they came up with:

### "You might be a Sherlockian:

- ...if, while on your annual family summer vacation, you're the only one sunning yourself on the beach while wearing a woolen deerstalker."
- ...if you can remember your first Sherlock Holmes story, where you were when you read it, and why you were struck by it; but, you can't remember your spouse's birthday."
- ...if all your witty, erudite quotes from Canon go right over your friends' heads."
- ...if you drive to Trenton, New Jersey to eat at the Afghan Kabob Grill and barge into the kitchen specifically to address the first chef you see with the immortal words, "You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive."
- ...if you realize that you have visited the Sherlock Holmes Museum in London for the fourth time."
- ...if you are saddened and disappointed when you learn there are no Sherlock Holmes stories in your child's school reading curriculum."
- ...if, when the doctor asks you, "Where does it hurt?" and you can't remember if it's your shoulder or your leg."
- ...if you have multiple copies of a Sherlock Holmes book, and buy another copy because it was such a great buy!"
- ...if you agree to bid on a stuffed baboon for your partner's 221b room."
- ...if you'd rather stand on Baker Street than visit the Eiffel Tower at night or tour Disney World."
- ...if your favorite font type is Baskerville."

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## You might be a Sherlockian if..."

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- ...if you want to downsize your flat screen TV in order to make room for another shelf of Sherlock Holmes books."
- ...if you're willing to make a three-hour round trip just to talk to people who understand your love of the Canon!"
- ...if you have a parakeet named Sherlock who was accidentally scared off his perch by your new cockatiel named Moriarty."
- ...if when you get your flu shot, you say 'Quick Watson, the needle.'"
- ...if you attend a scion meeting on a regular basis."
- ...if you have a 221B style study in your house."
- ...if your favorite day is February 21."
- ...if you know what a Tantalus and gasogene are."
- ...if you know an "ear-flapped travelling cap" (deerstalker) is worn only in the country."
- ...if you know who William Gillette is."
- ...if you know that Holmes never says, "Elementary, my dear Watson" in the Canon."
- ...if you know what the Canon is."
- ...if you believe that a monograph on the ashes of 140 different varieties of pipe cigar, and cigarette tobacco promises to be an exciting read."
- ...if you believe that "shag" does not rightfully pertain to either baseball, carpet, or sex."
- ...if you're invited to a friend's, and they want you to bring a movie, and you bring the entire Grenada series."
- ...if you're upset that your school uniform doesn't include a deerstalker."
- ...if, despite the very limited amount of baggage space the military provides you, you still pack the hardbound edition of the Complete Sherlock Holmes with you on deployment, because a year with a e-reader 'just won't cut it.'"



And finally: "You might be a Polish-American Sherlockian, if you've ever scoured a Krakovian bookstore for a copy of the complete Sherlock Holmes in Polish, so you can read it in your native language."

*Source: With permission 3/2023 from Editor Denny Dobry of the White Rose Irregulars of York, PA. As seen in "The Bilge Pump, Vol. 11, No. 03, March, 2023," the monthly publication of The Crew of the Barque Lone Star.*

## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **SOB Nancy Holder, BSI provides this invite:** This year's **PORT TOWNSEND VICTORIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL** runs from 7 p.m. Friday, April 28 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Google "2023 Victorian Weekend Port Townsend, WA" to find details of daily events. **Adds Nancy:** SOBs who attend can meet-up with Nancy on Sunday at Noon at the town's "Fountain!"

⇒ **From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press:**

- **Reminder:** As of Jan. 1, 2023, **ALL OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES NOW ARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN** in the U.S. (where copyright protection ran for 95 years from the end of the year they were first published).
- The Norwegian Explorers have published Ruth Berman's "**SHERLOCK HOLMES IN OZ**" AND **OTHERS: THE SHERLOCKIAN WRITINGS OF RUTH BERMAN**"; the 110-page book is available for \$11.00 postpaid from Phillip Bergem (3829 172nd Avenue SW, Andover, MN 55304), checks payable to Norwegian Explorers; or via PayPal, with payment to [norexpay@gmail.com](mailto:norexpay@gmail.com).
- The Dark Regions Press has announced plans to publish **SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE ADVENTURE OF A DOZEN FAVOURITES** in two limited editions: the Detective Edition (\$635) and the Library Edition (\$215) will feature both fine binding and attractive artwork; details at: [www.darkregions.com/sherlock](http://www.darkregions.com/sherlock).
- Green Bag will be offering the **2023 BAKER STREET ALMANAC** soon. The 2022 almanac is also still available. You can view their order form at: <http://www.greenbag.org/almanacs/BS/forms/BSAorders.pdf>.
- David Stuart Davies was interviewed recently about "**RESURRECTING SHERLOCK HOLMES**" and much more on the Dark Fantastic Network audio channel at YouTube. [www.youtube.com/watch?N=NDXN8KXYUIY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?N=NDXN8KXYUIY).
- Fans of MSFK3 [Mystery Science Theater 3000] may not be familiar with the similar **RIFFTRAX** series, also created by and for the people who don't take films seriously ([www.rifftrax.com](http://www.rifftrax.com)); Matthew Elliott has noted that "Sherlock Holmes and the Deadly Necklace" (1962) is one of six Sherlock Holmes films you can purchase and download.
- The Marco Navas Studio has released its second set of "A Study in Scarlet" 1/32-scale figurines (hand-crafted in resin and hand-painted). More: [https://marconavas.com/en/home/](http://marconavas.com/en/home/).

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● **THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS PRESS** has published two (2) new titles:

◆ *The Haven Horror* (211 pp., \$39.<sup>95</sup>); edited by **Phillip Bergem**. It offers a facsimile of the manuscript of “The Retired Colourman”, with an annotated transcription and scholarly commentary on the manuscript and on various aspects of the story. The Manuscript Series continues to offer readers an opportunity to come close to the moment when the stories were written, and the commentary is delightful.

◆ *Stimulating Medicine*, edited by **Robert S. Katz, MD, and Andrew L. Solberg** (225 pp., \$39.<sup>95</sup>), subtitled “More Nerve and Knowledge: Doctors, Medicine, and the Sherlockian Canon.” It follows their first volume “Nerve and Knowledge”. (“When a doctor does go wrong he is the first of criminals. He has nerve and he has knowledge”—Sherlock Holmes in “The Speckled Band”.) It’s the next title in the BSI’s Professions Series, and a second volume, so to speak, accompanying their first title in the series, and the anthology continues to explore the many medical aspects of the Canon.

—The above two titles can be ordered at [www.bakerstreetirregulars.com/tag/books](http://www.bakerstreetirregulars.com/tag/books)

● The Jan.-Feb. 2023 issue of **ELLERY QUEEN’S MYSTERY MAGAZINE OFFERS ITS ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO SHERLOCK HOLMES**—a Sherlockian cover; Elizabeth Elwood’s mystery involving a Sherlockian theater production; Steve Steinbock’s reviews of some Sherlockian (and other) books, Dean Jobb’s “Stranger Than Fiction” column about a mystery that intrigued Conan Doyle; John Shen Yen Nee and S. J. Rozan’s pastiche “The Killing of Henry Davenport”; an editorial happy birthday from Janet Hutchins; Terence Faherty’s parody of “The Reigate Squires”; and an Amlingmeyer Brothers story “Can the Cat Catch the Rat?” by Steve Hockensmith.

● **THE FALL ISSUE OF THE MAGIC DOOR** (published by the friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library) offers full reports on the Jubilee@221B conference, news from the Library and the Collection, and much more. You can request a copy of the newsletter from Cliff Goldfarb c/o Toronto Public Library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto M4W 2G8, Canada.

● For those who like word-search puzzles, try **“BRAIN GAMES: SHERLOCK HOLMES WORD SEARCH”** (Morton Grove: Publications International, 2018; 192 pp. \$7.99 instead of \$12.98 at Amazon).

● **JERRY MARGOLIN** has reported a nicely Sherlockian (and affordable) collectible available in Oregon; 

the question for collectors is: do you keep it in mint condition? Get details at: [www.oregonlottery.org/scratch-its/cash-hunt](http://www.oregonlottery.org/scratch-its/cash-hunt)

● **“TIDE: FOR DETECTIVES WITH SENSITIVE SKIN”** is a new television commercial reported by Jerry Margolin and found on-line by reader Jennie Paton. View it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxPyxgh9xgA>.

⇒ **From Jean Upton of the London Society’s District Messenger:**

● Many of us are missing **NICK UTECHIN** rather badly. If you would like to be reminded of his dulcet tones and learn about his life as a Sherlockian, you can listen to an interview conducted in May 2014 for The Baker Street Irregulars Trust Oral History Project: <http://www.bsitrust.org/2023/02/nicholas-utechininterview-oral-history.html>

● **THE BEACON SOCIETY** has launched a webpage which enables students and younger Sherlockians to learn more about the original stories by ACD. **“A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE 60 STORIES OF THE CANON”** gives the complete texts, story summaries, illustrations, study guides, index of characters and locations, and much more. <https://www.beacon-society.com/comprehensive-stories.html>

● **BART’S HOSPITAL, THE SITE OF HOLMES AND WATSON’S HISTORICAL FIRST MEETING**, was 900-years- old on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. St Bartholomew’s Hospital has provided continuous patient care on the same site for longer than any other hospital in England. It was founded, with the Priory of St. Bartholomew, in 1123 by Rahere, formerly a courtier of Henry I. Rahere (or Raheer or Raherius), was an Anglo-Norman priest and monk. ◆ As the hospital’s website notes at <https://barts900.org/>: “To mark nine centuries since the foundation of these iconic institutions, we’ve launched a series of landmark fundraising projects. Our ambitious plans span world-leading medicine and research, wellbeing for our dedicated NHS teams and education that will benefit millions of Londoners and secure our proud heritage for future generations. Find out more about our projects and how we’re celebrating nine centuries of Britain’s oldest hospital and London’s oldest parish church.” *Go to their website (above) to donate!*

⇒ **From PFL David:**

● **THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: DEATHLY RELICS** by Sam Siciliano, \$14.<sup>99</sup> is an atmospheric, intricately plotted ... Continued on Page 8



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...new mystery in which Sherlock Holmes and Henry Vernier race to catch a villainous murderer at large in the Vatican and Rome.

● **"SOMETHING'S AFOOT"**: Should you come across an ad for this musical, don't presume that because it contains the word "Afoot" that it has anything to do with **Sherlock Holmes**. This musical spoof does poke fun at a mystery writer, but that writer is **Agatha Christie**. Prepare to laugh until it hurts with this musical spoof of the whodunit genre.

● **JEWELS OF THE CROWN**: On Thursday, April 27 Tacoma's PBS station KBTC will, in anticipation of King Charles' coronation, air an evening of royal history. *Times shown are Pacific Coast for U.S. & Canada; others, check your local listings.*

6 p.m.—Victoria & Albert: The Wedding (Part 1 of 2)  
7 p.m.—Victoria & Albert: The Wedding (Part 2 of 2)  
8 p.m.—Queen Victoria: Passion and Power (Part 1 of 3)  
9 p.m.—Queen Victoria: Love, Lust & Leadership (Part 2 of 3)  
10 p.m.—Queen Victoria: Love, Loss & Leadership (Part 3 of 3)  
11 p.m.—Secrets of Her Majesty's Secret Service

## Puns from SOB Jerry Thorpe for "Lexiphiles"

- ◆ Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
- ◆ A boiled egg is hard to beat.

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Says SOB James Romnes (above), "Here I am  
with what son Bryan says he will use in his office  
for a waste basket. It is a World War II 5" shell  
that was fired by a battleship. Purchased at the  
WA Cartridge Collectors Show, where I also I  
saw lots of Victorian collectibles."

- ◆ When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- ◆ Acupuncture: a jab well done.
- ◆ If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.