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We hope you'll be joining us in November at the Fall Gathering. We have reports of a nice turn-out with toasts covering just about everyone in *The Man With The Twisted Lip*, including the sponge! A lot of info in this issue with vacation pictures from some of our members and reports on books and theatre. Enjoy!

The Papers on the Sundial

CITY ABLAZE

A New Pastiche from The Pleasant Places of Florida - Update

In part one, Mrs. Hudson is called away to a sick friend's bedside, while Watson awaits Holmes return from morning errands. The good doctor answers the door to find an elderly gentleman and a young lady. Before he realizes what is happening, Watson is kidnapped from 221B. With a book, matches and a candle in his pocket, he leaves behind a chair sitting in the middle of the foyer, companion to the note left on the table by the kidnappers. What conclusions will Holmes deduce from these items? How will he track down his good friend? Is it ransom? Or revenge? TELL US! We don't have enough interested parties to finish our pastiche! Contact Wanda Dow if you are interested!!!

On January 2, 1881, Dr. John Watson moved into the lodgings at 221B Baker Street, London, England. (*Study in Scarlet*) At least according to **The Sherlock Holmes Calendar 2002**. Order from the Sherlock Holmes Society of Charleston, 305 Highland Ave., S. Charleston, WV 25303 for \$13 plus \$3 shipping & handling.

P.P. of F. Calendar

November 3, 2001

26th Annual Fall Gathering

Pappas Restaurant

Tarpon Springs

Host: Carl Heifetz

Case: *The Man With The Twisted Lip*

January 19, 2002

The Fifth Annual Sunshine

Sherlockian Birthday Bash

Jesse's Dockside

Dunedin, FL

Hosts: Wanda & Jeff Dow

February 9, 2002

Wessex Cup XII

Tampa Bay Downs

Host: David McCallister

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

by C. Mikey Carroll



Somehow I had acquired the impression from John Bennett Shaw that Moriarty, New Mexico was not much more than an intersection of two roads, neither of which led anywhere. However, It seems to be a thriving community (despite its unfortunate name) of some 2,000 people. Obviously the late professor is (or was) an important man in the community. His name is on everything, as you can see from the meager evidence of my photographs. As you see, he even has his own museum, which is open only by appointment and we did not think we could wait for an appointment so we did not see the inside.

We also drove through Watsonville, CA on our recent trip, but could find no interest in Watson, Holmes or Doyle. Everyone there seemed more interested in raising fruits and vegetables. We had tagged it as a likely place to spend the night but although we drove up and down both main streets we could find no inn of any kind, so our acquaintance with it was brief and cursory.



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PICTURES FROM A VERMONT VACATION - TOM TAKACH

Calendar Sherlockiana

2001 Events

October 26-28 - Centenary Celebration of the publication of *HOUN* coincides with the 30th Anniversary of The ACD Collection at the Toronto Metropolitan Library.

October 27 - 29 - *Magna Cum Murder VII Weekend* at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Contact Kathryn Kennison, Ball State U., Muncie, IN 47306 for info on one of the Midwest's finest mystery author conferences.

November 1-4 - *Bouchercon World Mystery Convention*. Hyatt Regency Crystal City Washington, D.C. The granddaddy of all mystery conventions, Bouchercon offers four days of varied programming including a pre-convention

Halloween party, Nick and Nora Charles Martini Happy Hour, gala Anthony Awards Banquet and guided mystery tours of Washington, among other special events. Cost: \$135 (thru 9/1) <bouchercon 2001.com> or Bouchercon 2001, P.O. Box 11700, Washington, DC 20008.

November 3 - *26th Annual Fall Gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida*. Case of discussion: TWIS. Meet at Pappas' Restaurant in Tarpon Springs, FL at 11:30. Lunch at noon. Contact Carl Heifetz (address on back page).

December 4 - *Holmes for the Holidays* at Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL. At 2pm join PPoFer David Stoner to view the Rathbone/Bruce *Hound of the Baskervilles* in honor of the anniversary of (cont. page 5)

POUND NOTES Newsletter of the B.B.C.

"Work is the best antidote to sorrow, my good Watson." Mr. Sherlock Holmes to Dr. John Watson (EMPT)

In light of the recent tragic events, the Baskerville Bash Committee is following the advice of Mr. Holmes and is hard at work on the upcoming Baskerville Bash.

We look forward to having our many friends join us here in NYC during the Birthday Weekend, and to celebrating the many festivities with Sherlockians from all over the world.

To join us at the Bash please send your check for \$75 per person made payable to Baskerville Bash Committee, to P.J. Perry,

Make sure you include the name of your scion/organizational affiliation and that your reservation is post-marked by 12/15/01. Also, include your email address for acknowledgement of receipt.

We will be gathering on Jan. 11, 2002 at 6:30pm at the Manhattan Club, 201 West 52nd St.

Remember back in #214 the comic book that Tom Takach sent? Well, here's another installment.



DOYLE CREATED THE CHARACTER SHERLOCK HOLMES, NAMED AFTER OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, BUT...

THIS PUBLISHER WILL ONLY PAY ME 25 POUNDS* FOR MY NOVEL, **A STUDY IN SCARLET**, BUT I'LL TAKE IT. THREE OTHER PUBLISHERS REJECTED IT.

*ABOUT \$70.

SHERLOCK HOLMES CATCHES ON SLOWLY, BUT BY 1891 HIS POPULARITY MAKES DOYLE FAMOUS.

I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE UP MEDICINE AND LIVE ENTIRELY BY WRITING.

HIS MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE IS NOT WASTED. IN 1899 WHEN ENGLAND WARS WITH TWO OF HER SOUTH AFRICAN COLONIES....

WE'RE ORGANIZING A HOSPITAL TO GO TO THE FRONT. WILL YOU GO WITH US?

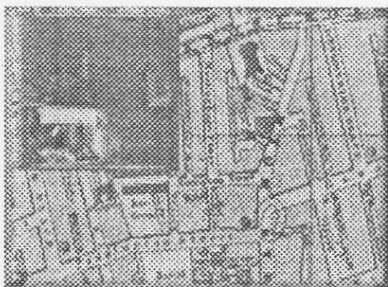
OF COURSE, I WANT TO SERVE MY COUNTRY.

SOON DOYLE IS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS WILL BE YOUR HOSPITAL.

THE HOSPITAL FILLS TO OVERFLOWING. FLIES AND EPIDEMICS SPREAD DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL THEM.





THE WORLD OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

Here's something interesting. A group of Sherlockian colleagues are producing an interactive, multimedia CD ROM program about the world of Sherlock Holmes. Using live action video footage, audio, stills, graphics and interviews with shoe manufacturers,

hatmakers, violin dealers, medical specialists and the like, they say they hope to illuminate the world of the Master and his companions. The program contains sections on 221B Baker Street, Holmes' bedroom and living room, Holmes' horoscope, maps of central London from 1888 and 1827 as well as a comprehensive reference section.

Hoping to appeal to Holmes fans as well as having a strong educational element, it may also be useful to those who are planning a visit to London since it contains a great deal of information about places in London connected with Holmes.

This seems to be an ongoing project, since the Publisher, Peter Brown, invites those interested to visit their website www.worldofholmes.com to find out more details about the program, including viewing screenshots and photographs, taking part in their bulletin board and making suggestions for future content.

Anyone obtaining this program is encouraged to write in and let us know what you think about it.

HE'S EVERYWHERE...



As advertised on the Disney Store website, this is a beanbag set of

"Inspector

Mickey and Super Sleuth Goofy." The ad reads, "Never fear, Inspector Mickey and Super Slueth (sic) Goofy are on the case. The mystery will be solved in no time flat. Irresistible to big kids and

small. Imported." Maybe they can solve the case of the proper spelling of "Sleuth" since they use two different ones in their ad. Cost is \$14. Go to DisneyStore.com to find them... We've gotten notice from Blanca Olivieri, Marketing Coordinator, that Carroll & Graf are back with more adventures for Holmes and Watson in the "tradition begun by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle." Due out in December this year is *Sherlock Holmes and the Giant Rat of Sumatra* by Alan Banneman (\$24

cloth) and in March, 2002, *Sherlock Holmes and the Voice from the Crypt and other tales* by Donald Thomas (\$25 cloth). They remind us of their other publications, *The Mammoth Book of New Sherlock Holmes Adventures* (\$10.95), *The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (\$13.95), *Holmes and Watson* (\$24), *The Secret Cases of Sherlock Holmes* (\$12.95), *Dr. Mortimer and the Barking Man Mystery* (\$24), and *Murder in Baker Street* (\$25) which are still available.... The mother country is ruling supreme with Holmes & the theatre! A new stage version of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Nick Scovell, at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth, *Holmes and the Ripper* by Brian Clemens at King's Langley Community Centre, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Tim Kelly at the Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clock Tower, Roger Llewellyn is still touring with *Sherlock Holmes - The Last Act!*, Paul Lehmann is touring with two one-act plays, one of which is *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* containing *BLUE & ENGL*. On the home front, *The West* (cont. on page 5)

LETTER/E-MAIL CAMPAIGN!!

For some time now four films from the 1968 Peter Cushing/Nigel Stock tv series have been surviving in the BBC archives, with no hint of ever being released on video. Now a fifth film has been discovered (recovered?), *A Study in Scarlet*. (The other four were *The Blue Carbuncle*, *The Boscombe Valley Mystery*, *The Sign of Four* and a 2-part *Hound of the Baskervilles*. Here's where we come in. BBC Worldwide is considering releasing them on video through its subsidiary BBC Learning. Send suggestions of format release (DVD, NTSC & PAL video) as well as messages of support (Yes! Do it!) to Gavin Collinson at BBC Worldwide, Room A-3022, 80 Wood Lane, London W12 0TT; or e-mail him at <gavin.collinson@bbc.co.uk>

problem with Pearson's portrayal of his father. While Pearson's "man on the street" portrayal of Doyle may have been too simplistic an approach, Adrian's view of his father as a "paragon of virtues" could hardly be considered unprejudiced either. By reading both men's writings, however, we may come to a close approximation of just what ACD was like. This is very nicely read by Tim Pigott-Smith. Naxos says that early next year they will be releasing an unabridged (always nice to hear) reading by David Timson of *A Study in Scarlet*.

(cont. from page 2) HOUN. There will also be a small discussion and quiz. Call 727-669-1290 for directions.

Telegraph, actor Kevin Spacey credits Holmes with his choice of career. Seems that on a trip to London at the age of 10, he saw a production of Gillette's *Sherlock Holmes* in which the revolving scenery fell on Dr. Watson; the actor extracted himself, strolled upstage, lit a cigarette, and declared, "I knew I should never have moved to Kensington." Spacey recalls, "I thought it was incredible, the funniest thing I'd ever seen; that's what I wanted to do." And when Spacey told the story in the dressing room during a 1998 revival of *The Iceman Cometh* in London, Tim Pigott-Smith turned and said, "Yes, Dr. Watson was me."

M.J. Trow's Sholto Lestrade has come out in paperback (well, 3 of them) - *Lestrade and the Sawdust Ring*, *Lestrade and the Ripper* and *Lestrade and the Sign of Nine*.

Romancing the Hound is a collection by such notables as Don Hobbs, Pasquale Accardo, Peter Blau, Catherine Cooke, Julie McKuras, Peter Wood and more, published by The Parallel Case of St. Louis. \$10 postpaid. Send checks to Joe Eckrich,

You might want to e-mail him to make sure there are still copies available.

Virgin Books has re-issued a special edition of *The Hound of the Baskervilles According to Spike Milligan*.

Barry Day has added a 4th to his series of pastiches titled *Sherlock Holmes and the Apocalypse Murders*.

(cont. from page 4) *End Horror* based on Nicholas Meyer's novel and dramatized by Anthony Dodge & Marcia Milfrom Dodge playing at the CAP21 Theatre in NY or down south, *A Study in Scarlet* by John Chaffin at Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre in Nashville, TN... We hear that The Sherlock Holmes Society of London is offering a lot of items for sale. Request a list from Lynne Godden at

England... and here's a great story: In a January issue of the *Sydney Sunday*

BOOKS

Naxos AudioBooks (18 High Street, Welwyn, Herts. AL 6 9EQ) has recently released the controversial *Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life* by Hesketh Pearson. If you recall, Adrian Doyle had quite a

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