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Halloo! This issue we have several interesting graphics sent to us by astute members. There's an intriguing article by Thomas Dandrew as to what Sherlock was actually doing with those bees in Sussex, a report on the Spring Gathering by our Representative, Carl Heifetz, and member Jeanette Pyle tells us of her Holmesian doings while in London this February. We hope you enjoy this hodge-podge, and don't forget to sign up for our Cassadaga Diogenes for July 11th. We'll be having a lecture on A.C. Doyle's role in the history of Spiritualism by Ben Cox, a Spiritualist historian, practicing medium and Sherlockian.

The Papers on the Sundial

The Joker, Vol 2, #6, Mar-Apr, 1976 sent by Tom Takach



Club History Calendar

May/June

6/73 - Round robin
COMMUNICATION abandoned as
scion grows larger & mail slower.

5/29/76 - 1st Annual Spring
Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben
& Joan Wood.

6/5/79 - *Tribute to Leslie Marshall*
published.

5/11/80 - 5th Annual Spring
Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben
& Joan Wood. Prior to meeting,
members attended Crucifer of Blood
play performed by Sarastoa Players.

6/80 - Diogenes Meeting

6/20/81 - 6th Annual Spring
Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben
& Joan Wood. *The Adventure of Priory
School.*

5/19/84 - 9th Annual Spring
Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben
& Joan Wood.

6/21/85 - Diogenes meeting in St.
Petersburg. Hosts: George (cont. page 4)

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WHAT MAKES A SHERLOCKIAN?

In *Communication #181* we ran an article by Brad Keefauver explaining just what was a "real" Sherlockian. The following are some additions to the list.

A real Sherlockian is someone who: *From Tom Takach:* ... has a desire to hear the clip clop of noble horses pulling a hansom cab rather than the cltrap of ignoble daytime T.V. talk show guests.

From Wanda Dow: ... upon seeing the letters "STUD" thinks of a Sherlockian novel rather than a male horse.

From David Stoner: ... has a long-suffering wife!

Anonymous: ... would rather wear anything with a picture of Holmes than something from any designer with logo of fame attached (Calvin Klein, Polo, Izod, etc.).

... sees Sherlock everywhere.

The Arkansas Valley Investor's, Ltd. are alive and well at as reported by Jason Roubly. He announces that "Time N' Temperature" won their *Silver Blaze* race.



June is officially **Penny Marshall / Wood Fund** month. For the month of June, take the pennies out of your pocket or purse daily and set them aside. At the end of the month, mail them to the club! If you don't want to mail a bunch of pennies, take count of the amount and write us a check. Send to Carl Heifetz, c/o the Marshall/Wood Fund,

ROSTER UPDATE

New: Shaffer, Tom, retired Educator,

Changes: Sprain, Mary Jane,

Please check the address on your mailing label to make sure the correct information is being held by the club.

HE'S EVERYWHERE

Keep an eye out in June when Playmates toys says they will be issuing a Commander Data doll (8") in deerstalker and cape as seen in the *Star Trek Next Generation* episode "Elementary My Dear Data"... If you go into www.biblioind.com and enter 'Sherlockiana' in Search, you will find volumes of used books for sale... an article in the April *Discover* magazine revealed findings of the best-preserved skull of a 500-pound, seventeen-foot-long beast which was the ancestor of today's Florida armadillo, discovered last August by Adam Black and Eric Taylor. The name? *Holmesina septentrionalis* ... The Edgar Allen Poe Awards presented by the Mystery Writers of America lists as Best

Critical/Biographical Work: *The Secret Marriage of Sherlock Holmes* by Michael Atkinson (U. of Mich. Press) ... Jan. 11th *NY Times* reviews Laurie King's *The Moor* on page 19 ... April 14th's broadcast of Wheel of Fortune had a category of "fictional characters," the answer to which was "Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson" ... In the new *Star Trek* novel "Avenger," a fellow vulcan is surprised when Spock tells him about conferring with a holographic representation of an expert in Vulcan criminal investigations since Vulcan has no crime to which Spock replies "...very little. Nonetheless, I reconfigured several Vulcan expert systems in sociology and medicine to interface with a fictional human detective. He was quite illuminating in his

understanding of motive, opportunity, and technique. Though his violin skills are rudimentary at best." ... In **WANDERINGS OF A SPIRITUALIST** by Conan Doyle, the author writes that while in Manly, Australia, he picked up a jellyfish which had been washed ashore and received a violent sting from it ... San Francisco has closed down it's re-creation of the 221-B sitting room and is looking for new quarters in the Bay area, but will consider another city. You can contact Willy Werby at

... **What On Earth's** latest catalogue offers a t-shirt with the 3 *Stooges* wearing deerstalkers ... one of Minnesota's new state lottery tickets sports the slogan "Sheer Luck" (cont page 4)



Last Chance to contact the Cruise Committee about the **Fourth Occasional Sherlockian Cruise** leaving on June 20th! Speakers, quizzes, essay contests and companions Holmesian. Contact the Cruise Committee c/o Dorothy Stix,

Thomas Grebe, Zum Grind 71 a, Germany. Tel

Fax: is selling some of his S.H. collection. Contact him at the above address, phone or fax.

Update on the Reichenbach Cliff-Divers Convention: The Julian Hotel has been sold out. Fortunately the Creaking Springs Motel has offered to accommodate the overflow. Reservation requests should be sent to the motel at 1600 Bigelow, Peoria, IL 61606. The motel offers weekly, daily and hourly rates. Additional speakers have signed on. Violet Needles will be speaking on *Subcutaneous vs. Intravenous Administration of Crack: What Would Holmes Have Preferred?* Other speeches include *Locked Bowel Syndrome and British Grub* by Colin Block and *Who Has the Greatest Experience of Women: Watson or Clinton?* by Otis & Loreleen Fuddpucker. The Banquet Dinner will be held at the *Squat and Gobble Restaurant* with Special Musical Entertainment by Vocalist Kathleen Willey singing her most famous hits, including "*He Touched Me*"

EXIT SHERLOCK HOLMES, a

Agony Column

play by Colin R. Grimes will be presented at the Chapters Bookshop & Cafe in Orlando, FL. A Victorian Mystery-Play in Two Parts, part one will be presented May 8 & 15 for \$24.95, part two on May 9 & 16 for \$29.95. Comb. tickets \$49.95. Come see Holmes, Watson, Moriarty and Jack the Ripper. Call 407-246-1546 for reservations.

Simpich Character Dolls, 2413 West Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80904 sells Holmes dolls. Call 1-800-881-3879 or browse www.pikes-peak.com/simpich.

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Her e-mail is

Jennie C. Paton's **video lending library** is open for business. She charges \$5.50 per cassette for s/h & borrowers pay return postage. Send her a #10 SASE for info at

Or email at

To get a list of **Caliber Comics** Sherlockian graphic novels & comics, write 225 N Sheldon Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or email at [<caliber@calibercomics.com>](mailto:caliber@calibercomics.com)

The Toy Soldier Co., 100 Riverside Dr., NY, NY 10024, offers the figures of Holmes on a bicycle with Dr. Watson, 66th Foot and Afghan soldiers and a set of the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers.



To get the book, **Subcutaneously, My Dear Watson** (a careful study of SH & the use of cocaine at the end of the 19th century), write Jim Rock & Co., 113 N Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850 \$25.00 (cloth), \$15.00 (paper) postpaid

Sherlock Holmes and The Study of Death, a pastiche by Tony Lumb is available for \$6.00 (currency please), at

England.

Check out **Calabash Press's** newest catalogue. Box 1360, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0, Canada

The **Mycroft Holmes Society Press** reminds us that they are always looking for authors. Contact Joseph A. Coppola,

or email him at

The **Daily Planet** catalogue (Box 64411, St. Paul, MN 55164) is offering deerstalkers for \$22.00 (#52184) Sizes M/L/XL available.

Want to rid yourself of that unsightly, unused well? Convert it to a dog kennel! Yes, put that area to use and give your best friend a new home! Contact J. Amberley, Lewisham. Will paint to suit.

Another Fine Mess (R.D.1, Box 1419, Freeland, PA 19224) offers poster & lobby cards from Rathbone's films. Send \$1. for list.

23rd Spring Gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida

by Carl L. Heifetz

Representative both with the Servants and with the Tradespeople

Twenty members of the Pleasant Places of Florida (a corresponding scion of the Baker Street Irregulars) gathered in Mike Carroll's beautiful home in St. Petersburg for its 23rd Annual Spring Gathering. The subject of consideration for this event - *The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone* - was particularly appropriate since our host, aka Count Negretto Sylvius, is a retired professor of music and is very knowledgeable in the area of classical music and recordings.

Our "Master of the House" David McCallister performed another sparkling job as our master of ceremonies for the occasion. The noted "video lady" Jennie Paton presented an elegant toast to "The Queen," followed by Tom Tackach celebrating "The Master," Charles Amick hallowing Dr. Watson, Ben Wood honoring "The Woman," sinister Jeff Dow toasting Moriarty, and appropriately for the occasion, Mike Carroll paying homage to his nom Count Negretto Sylvius. Wanda Dow, who with husband Jeff shares the title "Papers on the Sundial" led the obligatory recitation of the Musgrave Ritual.

Following these opening ceremonies, we (cont. page 5)

Canonical Calendar

May/June

On a Saturday evening in May, Morris came to see McMurdo. On a bright May evening, Holmes & Watson traveled to Shoscombe. In May, a burglar shot a page in cold blood in Folkstone Court.

5/1 - Lord Saltire arrived at Priory School.

5/2 - death of Elias Openshaw.

5/3 - Holmes & Watson reached Meiringen.

5/4 - Sir Charles Baskerville declared his intention of starting for London the next day.

5/4/1847 - a solitary traveler stood looking down from the Sierra Blanco.

5/4/1882 - an advertisement appeared in the *Times* asking for the address of Miss Mary Morstan.

5/6/1891 - The *Journal de Geneve* gave an (cont. page 5)

(from page 2) ... check out a 3-CD set titled *The Sign of 4*. It's jazz/avant-garde and some of the tracks have Sherlockian titles ... British police have started to use bloodhounds. Essex is training "Morse" and "Sherlock" now ... a *Step-Ahead Workbook* (Spelling, grades 2-3) offered by Golden Books has a beaver in Sherlockian garb on the cover ... Crowborough, East Sussex, England, has scheduled a Sherlock Holmes Festival from July 3 - 10 ... The *Wishbone Jumbo Fun Book* has several pages on the delightful dog's *Hound of the Baskerville's* investigation ... *Signals* catalogue (Box 1029, Des Moines, IA 50336) is offering a Holmes Bloodhound figurine.

(cont. from front page) & Mary Edwards.

6/1/86 - Founding Member Wanda Butts marries newcomer Jeffery Dow. Ceremony performed by Recorder Dr. Benton Wood.

6/28/86 - 11th Annual Spring Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood. First performance of the Dow Family Players.

5/2/87 - 12th Annual Spring Gathering at Holmes Beach. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood.

5/20-22/88 - 13th Annual Spring Gathering held during week-end celebration of 100th anniversary of *A Scandal in Bohemia* at St Pete Beach, Sirata Sands Hotel. Host: Bill Ward.

5/6-7/89 - 14th Annual Spring Gathering held at St. Pete Beach, Sirata Sands Hotel. Host: Bill Ward *The e Six Napoleons*.

6/90 - Due to a serious family illness, Bill Ward requests Ben Wood to "temporarily" return as Recorder.

6/2/90 - 15th Annual Spring Gathering at Parrish. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood. *The Speckled Band*.

5/2/92 - 17th Annual Spring Gathering at Ellenton. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood.

5/93 - *Handbook & Roster of the Pleasant Places of Florida* published.

6/93 - David McCallister has Sherlockian display at Tampa Central Library.

5/22/93 - 18th Annual Spring Gathering at Nokomis. Hosts: Laura Henderson & Judy Buddle. *Five Orange Pips*.

6/4/94 - 19th Annual Spring Gathering at Ellenton. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood. *The Empty House*.

5/20/95 - 20th Annual Spring Gathering at Sarasota. Host: Laura Henderson *Retired Colourman*.

5/11/96 - 21st Annual Spring Gathering held at Ellenton. Hosts: Ben & Joan Wood *Beryl Coronet*.

5/2-4/97 - Sunshine State Sherlockian Scion Symposium I held at St. Pete Beach. Hosts: Carl Heifetz, David McCallister, Darrell Gresham, & Jeff & Wanda Dow.

5/2/98 - 22nd Annual Spring Gathering held at Symposium to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of PPoF. Tom Stix presents Two Shilling Award to Ben Wood.

5/2/98 - 23rd Annual Spring Gathering held in St Petersburg. Host: Mike Carroll *The Mazarin Stone*.

(cont. from page 4) account of Holmes' death.

5/7/1891 - The *Reuter's dispatch* in the English papers gave an account of Holmes' death.

5/13 - Lord Saltire was last seen.

5/14 - *Devon County Chronicle* reports on Sir Charles Baskerville's death.

5/20 - Beppo was last paid.

5/23 - A cab dropped a fare around the door of the Foreign Office on Charles Street at 9:45pm

5/1884 - Neville St. Clair came to Lee.

On a warm June morning, the Latter Day Saints were "as busy as the bees whose hive they have chosen for their emblem." During a wet June, Holmes deduced that Watson had been ill. One morning in June Holmes came to visit Watson as he sat reading the *British Medical Journal* after breakfast. Miss Fraser and her maid arrived in London in June. At the end of June, Hilton Cubitt saw the signs of trouble for the first time.

6/3 - Napoleon casts were sold by Beppo's employer; McCarthy left his home at Hatherley about 3 PM.

6/19/1889 - Kate Whitney came to Watson to fetch her husband Isa from the opium den.

6/24/1872 -McMurdo was "made" in Chicago by Lodge 29.

6/1902 - Holmes refused a knighthood; the South African war came to a conclusion; Holmes inquired of Watson, "Have you

ever heard the name of Garrideb?"

6/1895 - The *Rock of Gibraltar* reached home port.

(cont from page 4) enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon prepared and served for us by Mike and his Countess Mary Carroll. We are all very grateful to Mike and Mary for the wonderful luncheon and for sharing their home with us for this august occasion.

Then, the group really got down to serious Sherlockian business. The assemblage attempted to solve the quizzes that were prepared by our quiz master David McCallister. The scholarly Chuck Amick took top honors at the difficult Mycroft level followed, in second place, by our noted author Tom Takach, with the brilliant pair of Caroline Everett and Jeff Sweeney tying for third place.

"Radio Man" David Stoner took top honors in the wimp Watson level quiz, followed by Carl Heifetz.

Then came the exciting presentations for the afternoon. Carl Heifetz led a vigorously interactive discussion concerning *The Application of the Methods of Research Scientists to the Solution of the Adventure of the Mazarin Stone*. Then, combining the apparently disparate disciplines of Eastern philosophy and interior design, David McCallister presented: *Feng Shui Analysis of 221B Baker Street*. David was very convincing as he showed us that the "Ba-Gua and its corresponding elements, body arts, colors, and life situations" bore a very significant resemblance to the layout of Sherlock Holmes' quarters. Could Mr. Holmes have designed his flat with Feng Shui (cont. page 6)



Tooth Care Can Be Deadly

Dr. Leslie Williams, London-born New York dentist, was preparing to take a wax impression of the right lower teeth of his patient, Dorothy Hoover. Silently the door behind him opened. A gloved hand holding an automatic appeared.

Two shots sounded. Miss Hoover slumped over, dead.

"We've got a suspect," Inspector Norton told the visiting Sherlock Holmes, "but I'd like your opinion. The elevator boy took a nervous man to the fifteenth floor where Dr. Williams is one of six doctors with offices. It was moments before the shooting. The description fits John 'Torpedo' Burton.

"Burton's out on parole and I had him picked up for questioning on what he thinks is a minor parole infraction."

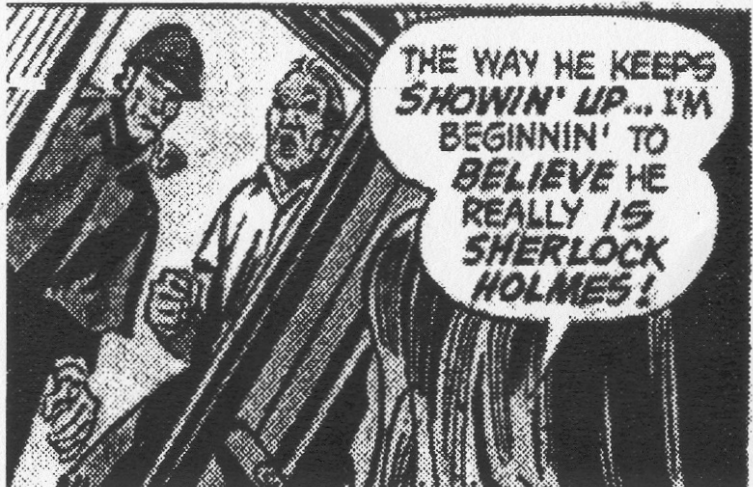
Burton was ushered in and angrily demanded to know what was going on.

"Ever heard of Dr. Leslie Williams?" asked the Inspector.

"No, why?"

"A patient of the doctor's, Dorothy Hoover, was murdered today as she sat in his chair. A man answering to your description was seen in the building just before it happened."

"It wasn't me," snarled Burton. "I look like a lot of guys. I ain't been near a dentist's office since Sing Sing. Did Williams say he



saw me?"

"No," said Sherlock Holmes standing, "but you've just said enough to convict yourself. You have the right man, Inspector. Congratulations."

What did Burton say to incriminate himself? (Answer found elsewhere in publication)

(cont. from page 5) in mind? Bringing their comedic talent to the fore, the famous "Dow Family Players" presented a Holmesian parody of *The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone* concerning a missing marzipan phone, according to the style of Jerry Seinfeld. Joining Jeff and Wanda in the hilarious tour de force was son Culver in his premier performance. Mom and dad should be very proud of this young thespian's performance.

Then, we were treated to a

very interesting discourse "Sherlock Holmes and Music" by the noted musicologist Prof. Mike Carroll. Assisted with recordings, Mike discussed such musical elements found in the Sherlockian Canon as the musicians, musical compositions, venues, and miscellaneous topics such as the gramophone that was featured in the story upon which this meeting was focused.

Following this delightful afternoon of Sherlockian study, the assemblage dispersed into the beautiful Florida sunshine happy in the knowledge that there will only be a brief two-month hiatus prior to the next gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida, on July 11, for a "Diogenes Meeting" in the Orlando area.

Elsewhere: If Burton had never heard of Leslie Williams, how did he know the doctor was a man and a dentist?

Barker Street Regulars

A Review

by Luci Zahray

Susan Conant's *Barker Street Regulars* is not a pastiche. Remember Rex Stout playing the game in *Watson Was A Woman*? Holly Winter, canine enthusiast and writer for *Dog's Life Magazine*, enters the Sherlockian game in a hilarious variation.

Holly and her Alaskan malamutes Rowdy and Kimi begin therapy work at the Gateway Rehabilitation and Nursing Center where they meet Sherlockian/Holmesian (the terms are used alternately in a very PC fashion) nonagenarian Althea Battlefield. Holly is reintroduced to the Canon and discovers that the "Sacred Writings" are not always the American Kennel Club Obedience Regulations. When Althea's grandnephew is murdered, Holly is enlisted along with several of Althea's Sherlockian friends to investigate. Holly must also solve the mysteries of a canine spiritualist (shades of the literary agent's later life), a cat, cocaine, the late Lord St. Simon, and (lest we forget that this is a canine mystery), the footprints of a gigantic dog. Ms Conant uses Sherlockian references, many rather obscure, to guide Holly through the case. Midway in the book Ms Conant offers the answer to the mystery, in the form of an obscure reference puzzle, as a challenge to Sherlockian readers. This

Why Holmes Raised Bees In Retirement: An Unbee-lievable Theory?

by Thomas Dandrew

Just why Holmes chose to raise bees on the Sussex Downs in retirement has always been a subject of discussion among Sherlockians. The 1 December 1894 issue of the *Schenectady Daily Union* indirectly offers an intriguing possibility. It relates that in France at that time one M. Tagnac was carrying on research to see whether bees might be used as messengers in war, "not as substitutes for the carrier pigeon, but only when pigeons are not to be had or cannot be used."

The article goes on to point out that the diminutive size of the bee was its chief recommendation. His experiments underscored the fact that bees find their way back to their hives from distances of about four miles and that they fly at about thirteen miles an hour. Tagnac found a way to attach dispatches to said bees with fine lines, and, when released, they would fly immediately home.

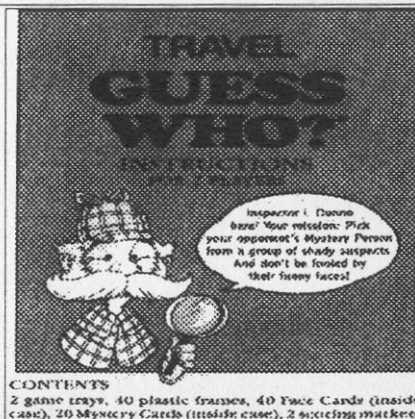
It seems obvious, given the above information, that Holmes' retirement was most likely not of his own choosing. The huge shadow of someone who at times *was* the British government was obviously in the background, urging his brother to perfect Tagnac's experiment (just in case it were ever needed). And, of course, what better place to conduct his secret researches than in the isolation of the South Downs!

We can now understand Sherlock's perhaps premature retirement in 1903 and his great interest in apiarian activities. We cannot know for sure, of course, how successful his experiments in this area were (since they undoubtedly would have been classified), but if we judge his accomplishments in this experiment by the outcome of war, it is difficult not to believe that he was entirely successful!

delightful admixture of metaphors allows one, as one eccentric to another, to laugh gently at the extremes.

Come Watson the game's
...err... paw's..... afoot.

The Barker Street Regulars by Susan Conant (11th in this dog lovers mystery series) available in March from Doubleday.



A London Trip

by Jeanette Pyle

Having heard that Jeanette spent a week in London recently, we invited her to write of her Sherlockian experiences. We hope you enjoy hearing about her trip.

I had the pleasure of spending a week in London in mid-February with members and friends of the Baker Street Breakfast Club of Bennington, Vermont. I was the only member of the Goose Club of the Alpha Inn of Burlington, VT, who could make the trip. We were a group of 16, about half of whom were dedicated Sherlockians.

We flew out of Boston and arrived at the Tara Copthorne Hotel in Kensington Sunday morning. That afternoon, about half of us went to the Sherlock Holmes Pub on Northumberland Avenue, where we peered at the 221B sitting room recreation through a window, had an excellent pub lunch, and looked at souvenirs, rather pricey (as were all we saw). Unfortunately, the hanging pub sign with Rahtbone's Holmes profile is missing; it was stolen a few years ago after being taken down for cleaning.

Monday, we had a coach tour of Oxford, Stratford and Warwick Castle, and in the castle gift shop I found a card of the Holmes coat of arms (leading to some interesting speculations). Five of us had supper in Kensington at the Prince of Wales pub (with a tip of the hat to the possible *Illustrious Client*).

Tuesday morning we toured

Baker Street and environs. The guide pointed out numerous Canonical locations, including possible sites for the original *Empty House*/221. Four of us lunched at Hudson's Restaurant, visited the Sherlock Holmes Museum upstairs (quite well-done, we thought), and the souvenir/gift shop there and another across the street.

Thursday, six of us met Catherine Cooke at the Marylebone Library to see the Sherlock Holmes Collection. Housed in a small basement room, it was mostly books by and about Doyle and Holmes, many autographed or otherwise noteworthy. Catherine talked about the books but never opened the locked bookcases to show them

1998 P.P. of F. CALENDAR

July 11

*Diogenes Meeting
Cassadaga Hotel & Spiritualist
Center, Cassadaga*

Host: Dave Scott

September 12

*Diogenes Meeting
Sarasota*

Hosts: Charles & Marilyn Amick

November 7

*23rd Annual Spring Gathering
Dunedin*

*Hosts: Jeff & Wanda Dow
The Red Circle*

to us. Nor did she show us the two Doyle manuscripts in the vault, on loan. The visit was interesting but could have been much more so.

Four of us lunched in Moriarty's (cont. page 9)

The plaque reads: *At this place New Year's Day, 1881 were spoken these deathless words: "You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive." by Mr. Sherlock Holmes in greeting to John H. Watson, M.D., at their first meeting. The Baker Street Irregulars — by the Amateur Mendicants at the Caucus Club.*



(cont. from page 8) pub in the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, really modern with a few Canonical touches.

Our last group engagement was breakfast at the hotel with Bob Ellis, membership secretary of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, and his wife, a pleasant visit. He told us about the society, which has a worldwide membership, and spoke of the statute of Holmes the society has commissioned for Baker Street near the underground station. He said fund-raising is going well and they hope to have it in place next year. (ed. note: see Comm.#175)

There was lots of free time, and warm, dry weather with green grass and blooming flowers. Some people shopped, toured London landmarks, went to museums, etc.; I had my own agenda of must-do things.

First, since my scion comes from the *Blue Carbuncle*, I attempted to trace Henry Baker's route from the British Museum, with the aid of a small walking tours guidebook. I lunched at the Museum Pub, one of the prime candidates for the Alpha, but failed to locate a second, the Ploughman. Then I walked along several streets to Tottenham Court Road and down that to Goodge Street, where Baker lost his goose

and his hat.

Second, I sought the plaque in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. I had directions from the guidebook; I also had heard it was hard to locate. When I got into the pathology building, the first people I asked had never heard of the plaque but helpfully phoned around until they found someone who said it probably was in the museum, in another wing and not open to the public. But I went to that wing and talked to a man who did know about it, and who phoned until he found that a Dr. Norton was in his office and would let me in. (ed. note: Hmmm.... Dr. Norton? Could Irene's grandson be a keeper of the flame?)

The plaque was in Dr. Norton's office, a small room, over a fireplace. As the photo shows, it is surrounded by several illustrations, and a photo of an old laboratory. If it in truth was placed on the meeting spot, I think perhaps it has been relocated. Dr. Norton was most welcoming, and said there were frequent visitors, most recently a group of Japanese who signed the big guest book in that language.

I took my photos with a great feeling of accomplishment.

Submission Deadlines

July/August Issue

Postmark by 7/6/98

Email by 7/12/98

September/October Issue

Postmark by 9/8/98

Email by 9/14/98

Halloween Special Issue

Postmark by 10/2/98

Email by 10/8/98

November/December Issue

Postmark by 11/2/98

Email by 11/9/98

Christmas Special Issue

Postmark by 12/1/98

Email by 12/6/98

PUBLISHED PPOFers

The Scientific Detective Solves the Sign of Four by **Carl Heifetz** was published in The Wigmore Street Post Office #11.



The Pleasant Places of Florida is taking up a collection of funds to be used to purchase Sherlockian books for local libraries, schools or adult facilities. If you would like to donate, send your monetary assistance to Carl Heifetz, c/o The Marshall/Wood Fund. Collections will also be made during club events. Disbursement of books will be made once a year at the discretion of The Last Court of Appeals. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Carl.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If you have a red check on the back page, your club membership is up for renewal. Please check the information below to insure that you are listed in the club records as you wish to be listed.

Return this section to CARL HEIFETZ,

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CARL

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*(as of 1/1/98) If you have more than one member living at the same address and require only one Communication, you may pay only \$10.00. If you wish a Communication for each person residing at the address, you must pay \$10.00 each.

July 11th, 1998
Commune with the Spirit of Conan Doyle

This Summer, the Pleasant Places of Florida will seek the spirit of the Literary Agent in Cassadaga, a unique community founded by Spiritualists 104 years ago. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was one of the first public figures to embrace and promote the Spiritualist religion. Our main program will be delivered by noted Spiritualist historian and Sherlockian Ben Cox, who will describe Doyle's role in the history of the Spiritualist movement.

The venue for this event is the Cassadaga Hotel, in the heart of the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp. Built in 1927, it is not only a charming inn but a psychic center, with gifted mediums and spiritual enrichment classes. Our hostess, proprietor Diana Morn, will greet us at 11:30 AM in the Banquet Hall of the hotel's Lost in Time Cafe. We will dine a la carte from the Cafe's selection of appetizers, colossal salads, hearty soups and super-sized country sandwiches. Following the meal, Ben Cox will inform and entertain us with insights into a much-misunderstood aspect of Conan Doyle's life. For the balance of the afternoon, we can explore the hotel's gift shop, the Spiritualist Bookstore next door, or wander through the Meditation Gardens, parks and nature trails. For those who wish it, mediums will be available (at extra cost) for personal readings, and Diana Morn will offer advice on choosing a medium.

If you have a ways to come, or just want a weekend away, rooms at the Cassadaga Hotel are \$59/night plus tax. If six rooms are booked by PPoF members, the price will drop to \$50/room. For those who stay over Friday night, there is a candlelight Healing Service in the Colby Temple on Friday Evening. Hotel reservations can be made at (904)228-2323, and be sure to mention PPoF.

Arrangements

Program reservations must be made with David Scott, no later than July 1st, by:

Phone:
E-mail:
Mail:

Please provide the following information:

Names of attendees

At least one contact per party, with address and phone number

Do you plan to stay overnight at the Cassadaga Hotel?

Do you plan to have a reading?

Whether you reserve by phone, e-mail or post, you must mail your registration fee to the address above, postmarked by July 1st. Since each person or party will pay for their own lunch, the PPoF's fee for this event is only \$5. This will cover our speaker and postal expenses. Paid registrants will receive the Annual Program of the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

This 44 page booklet includes a map and directions, as well as a wealth of information about the Camp and Spiritualism in general.

The Pleasant Places of Florida

*Founded: 1972
by Leslie Marshall (dec.)*

Recorder Emeritus: Dr. Benton Wood

For the record:

THE LAST COURT OF APPEALS

David McCallister, Master of the House,

Jeff & Wanda Dow, The Papers on the Sundial,

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