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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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And a Happy Independence Day to you all. Just think, I could have been down at The Bay Horse right now, claiming my free glass of Budweiser. . .

Once again, we're not actually snowed under by Sherlockian news. Even the second part of the Granada TV series continues to elude us. Apologies, by the way, for the false information in the last DM about the starting date for the series. It was given to me and passed on in good faith.

The biggest news at present is that Geoff Bradley's latest catalogue of second-hand crime fiction is just out, full of good things as usual, and available from Geoff at 9 Vicarage Hill, South Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1PA. Please send a stamped & addressed envelope. Even better is the news that Geoff's long-awaited magazine has at last achieved publication. It's called CADS (Crime & Detective Stories), runs to 56 pages of A4, and features contributions by H.R.F. Keating, Bill Pronzini, Douglas Greene, Catherine Cooke and Geoff himself, among others. Bound to become a collector's item. The price is £2.20 inclusive; US prices are \$3 surface, \$4 air mail (dollar bills are acceptable; please add \$1 if sending a cheque).

Two books of interest appeared last month. The first is called THE SHERLOCK HOLMES QUIZ AND PUZZLE BOOK, compiled by Nigel Bartlett, published in paperback by Abson Books at £2.50. The second, by Michael Shepherd, is based on the Squibb History of Psychiatry Lecture, as reported last year. The title is SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF DOCTOR FREUD. It's a paperback of 32 pages, published by Tavistock Publications at £2.50.

(While checking the above information in BRITISH BOOKS IN PRINT I found the following entry, which I offer without comment:-

WATSON, T.F.: Holmes' Essentials of English)

Due out sometime in the autumn is the first major anthology of Sherlockian pastiche since THE MISADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES. The editor is the industrious Richard Lancelyn Green; the title (I think) will be THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES; the publisher is Penguin.

Those who take the T.V. TIMES will have noticed that Leslie Halliwell has acquired for showing on Channel 4 this autumn a copy of the classic Arthur Wontner film THE TRIUMPH OF SHERLOCK HOLMES. And where did he get it from? Why, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, of course.

Please note that all contributions to THE DISTRICT MESSENGER will be welcomed - even if you think I must already know about it. . .

Thanks to Catherine Cooke and Geoff Bradley for help with this issue.

I have copies of all back issues of the DM available, going back to the end of 1982, if any new subscribers are interested. Please send £2 to cover the cost of copying.

PS: On the 9th - 11th of August,
at Stevens Technical Institute,
Hoboken, New Jersey, John Bennett
Shaw will conduct one of his famous
Sherlockian seminars, supported by,
among others, Michael Hardwick and Edith Meiser. I envy those who can afford to go.

