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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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Information from David Stuart Davies and Mark Purvis: filming has begun on the 3rd series of THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES from Granada TV, with Jeremy Brett as Holmes and Edward Hardwicke as Watson. The seven stories are "The Empty House", "The Man With the Twisted Lip", "The Priory School", "The Reigate Squires", "The Abbey Grange", "The Second Stain" and "The Musgrave Ritual" No transmission date has yet been set, but keep an eye on your TV TIMES.

The November issue of STARLOG magazine contains the first publicity still I've seen of Nicholas Rowe in YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES. Comparing his appearance with that of Guy Henry in Granada TV's YOUNG SHERLOCK, I'm not desperately impressed. Well, the film's due for a Christmas release, so we'll see then what it's all like. (I wrote weeks ago to Paramount for further information, including a stamped & addressed envelope with my letter, but have had no reply.)

BBC Radio 4 VHF for schools will be broadcasting a version of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES in 5 episodes starting on Thursday the 13th February 1986 from 9.30 am to 9.50 am. Episode 1 will be repeated on the 20th, and thereafter episodes 2-5 will be broadcast weekly. Further details as they reach me.

On Wednesday the 4th December at 6.30 pm at Marylebone Public Library, Marylebone Road, London N.W.1., Rosemary & Trevor Beattie will give an illustrated talk on THE MAGIC LANTERN. Yes, this time it really is a Magic Lantern Show. The history of the device will be explained and demonstrated with both modern slides and genuine magic lanterns adapted to use electricity. All are welcome; admission is free.

There are three books of interest recently published in America; who knows? they may eventually be available over here. From Vantage Press of 516 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001, comes FIRST PERSON SINGULAR: A REVIEW OF THE LIFE & WORK OF MR SHERLOCK HOLMES, THE WORLD'S FIRST CONSULTING DETECTIVE, & HIS FRIEND & COLLEAGUE, DR JOHN WATSON, by British author Roger Butters. The price is 10 dollars. Yet another pastiche featuring both Sherlock Holmes & Harry Houdini (at least the third!) is THE ADVENTURE OF THE ECTOPLASMIC MAN by Dan Stashower, published by Morrow at 10 dollars 95. Finally, there is GOD AND SHERLOCK HOLMES by Dr Wayne Wall, described as "a study in the life and literature of Arthur Conan Doyle", published by The Hansom Wheels (P.O. Box 5439, West Columbia, South Carolina 29171) in a limited edition of 500 copies at 25 dollars each.

Finally, a DM subscriber (apologies; I've forgotten who!) noticed that the Hardwicks' play version of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES was omitted from the recent list of currently available editions of the Canon. However, you will find it included in the following (surprisingly brief) list of currently available Sherlockian plays.

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE & WILLIAM GILLETTE: Sherlock Holmes (French's Acting Edition, £3.60)
MICHAEL & MOLLIE HARDWICK: Four Sherlock Holmes Plays (Murray, £1.75)] The Game's Afoot -
Four Sherlock Holmes Plays (Murray, £1.75); Four More Sherlock Holmes Plays (Murray,
£1.75);

The Hound of the Baskervilles & Other Sherlock Holmes Plays (Murray, £1.75)

TIM KELLY: Sherlock Holmes - freely adapted from the classic stage comedy by Arthur Conan Doyle & William Gillette (Hanbury Plays, £2.50)

TERENCE MUSTOO: Sherlock Holmes In The Deerstalker (Ian Henry, £3.50)

(Not listed in the latest BRITISH BOOKS IN PRINT, but possibly still available through Samuel French or other theatrical bookshops are the following: THE CRUCIFER OF BLOOD by Paul Giovanni (French's Acting Edition); SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CURIOUS ADVENTURE OF THE CLOCKWORK PRINCE by Cleve Haubold (French's Acting Edition); THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES by Tim Kelly (French's Acting Edition); THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES by F. Andrew Leslie (Dramatists Play Service Inc.); SHEERLUCK JONES by Malcolm Watson & Edward La Serre, introduction by Richard Lancelyn Green (Peter Schoffer).)

Good hunting.

