



## THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

*Founded as The Sherlock Holmes Society in 1934*

### **CAPITAL, WATSON!**

**The London Mini-Festival Weekend**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

After the success of our previous London Weekends, the Society is putting on another weekend of Sherlockian events in London. All members and their guests are cordially invited – we hope you will find something of interest. As always, we have done our best to keep costs to a minimum. Inevitably London, like all capital cities, is expensive. It is, however, where Holmes and Watson lived and worked and there is, therefore, absolutely nowhere like it!

Applications for the various events must be received by Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May *at the latest*, together with the appropriate remittance, where applicable. All prices quoted are *per person*. We regret the numbers for some events are limited and will be on a *first come, first served* basis, so please apply early. Where a meal is specified, a vegetarian or fish alternative can be provided, provided they are ordered in advance. All prices are inclusive of room hire, service and VAT. All drinks are on a cash basis and must be paid for individually at the time. Dress at Society functions is usually smart-casual. In particular at the events at London clubs, gentlemen are asked to wear jackets and ties – trainers are definitely not allowed. This is a common requirement in London clubs and we have to abide by it.

### **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Society's AGM will be held at The **Savage Club**, housed in the premises of the National Liberal Club at 1, Whitehall Place, London, SW1, at 6.00 for 6.45pm. The National Liberal Club is located on the corner of Whitehall Place and the Victoria Embankment, not far from Embankment Underground Station, and also conveniently placed for Charing Cross main line station. It is usually possible to find a parking space in the vicinity at this time in the evening – although you may have to pay the congestion charge. <http://www.savageclub.com/>

Members and their guests may opt to attend the meeting only at no charge, or to dine beforehand at a cost of £35.00 per head. This includes VAT and service but not drinks, which must be paid for on the day. For those who choose to dine, the meal will comprise Pot Roasted Topside of Galloway Beef with Horseradish Dumpling and Guinness Gravy, followed by Fresh Fruit Savarin with Crème Chantilly, Coffee and Mints. A vegetarian

or fish alternative main course may be ordered in advance – please specify if you want this on the application form.

A cash bar will be open in the Savage Club Room on the ground floor of the building from 6.00pm. After the meeting, members may use the National Liberal Club bar. Dinner will be served promptly at 6.45pm in the David Lloyd George Room on the first floor and will be followed by the AGM, papers for which are enclosed, from around 8pm. We anticipate that the meeting will finish around 9.45pm, though many members stay on to chat.

After the formal business of the evening we will continue our tradition of adapting well-known television and radio shows for our own purposes. Having recently adapted the likes of “Just a Minute”, “Have I Got News for You” and “Twenty Questions” the Society now turns back to television with the BBC’s “Eggheads”, featuring the Society’s own Eggheads team of Catherine Cooke, Roger Johnson, Guy Marriott and Heather Owen, with their fellow team member Nick Utechin on the other side of the desk as question master. Two teams of volunteers have chosen to take on the “experts”, and we’ll be abiding strictly by the “Eggheads” rules, with the first three rounds on specific categories and the fourth on general knowledge. All questions will of course be on matters Holmesian and they’re deadly (Nick’s seen them!). Oh yes: one difference from the TV show. The teams *won’t* be playing for £1,000!

- **Meet at the Savage Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1 from 6pm onwards: nearest tube Embankment**
- **Charge for those opting to dine beforehand: £35.00 US\$70.00**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

### **Illustrating Sherlock Holmes**

Society member Ron Tiner will give an illustrated lecture in the challenges of illustrating the Sherlock Holmes stories, a task he himself has tackled. The talk will be held at The George Inn, 77 Borough High Street, Southwark. The George dates from the 17th century and is London’s last remaining galleried inn. Redolent with atmosphere, it is one of London’s essential sights. It lies on the east side of Borough High Street, near London Bridge Station.

There will be a cash bar in the George Room from 6pm and a buffet meal will be served - organic ciabatta rolls, hand carved Sussex ham, chicken drumsticks, Neal’s Yard cheeses, pork pie, warm potato salad, mixed leaf salad, coleslaw & pickle.

Members and their guests may opt to attend the meeting only at £4, or to dine beforehand at a cost of £19.00 per head. This includes VAT and service but not drinks, which must be paid for on the day.

Ron Tiner is an illustrator of comic books, graphic novels, children's and young adult books. His work includes *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* (Paperback Classics), *Mind Reader Double*, *Bible Bad Guys* and *Forbidden Game* (Surfers). Most interestingly for us, he illustrated *Sherlock Holmes and the Sport of Kings* (Oxford Bookworms Library, Stage 1), a retelling of "The Adventure of Silver Blaze". Ron also has a successful career as a writer. His book *Figure Drawing Without a Model* has been much reprinted since its first appearance, while the book he co-wrote with John Grant, *The Encyclopedia of Fantasy and Science Fiction Art Techniques* has enjoyed similar success. This is to mention just two of his books. He also finds time to teach part-time at the Swindon College of Art. Ron is now working on a new project concerning Sherlock Holmes and will, it is hoped, give us some insight into his approach and methods.

- **Meet at 6pm at The George Inn, nearest underground station London Bridge.**
- **Charge for those opting to dine beforehand: £19.00 US\$38.00**
- **Charge for those not dining beforehand: £4.00 US\$8.00**
- **Please note that this event is limited to 48 people**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

#### **The Wallace Collection**

We have the opportunity to enjoy a private guided tour of the Wallace Collection at 3.30 pm. The Wallace Collection is at Hertford House, Manchester Square, just north of Oxford Street (nearest tube Bond Street) where the collections of the first four Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, the son of the 4th Marquess are shown in 25 superb galleries, filled with unsurpassed displays of French 18th century paintings, furniture and porcelain (the best outside France) as well as wonderful Old Masters (including 'The Laughing Cavalier'). There are also splendid medieval and Renaissance objects as well as a world class armoury. For Sherlockians though, the attraction is a small collection of portraits by Jean-Baptiste Greuze, which must surely include the one which once hung in the London town house of Professor Moriarty and is described in *The Valley of Fear* – the clue to the fact that the modestly paid Professor is in fact the Napoleon of Crime. The Wallace also houses 22 works by Holmes' own ancestor, Vernet, and although many of these will not be on display in May because of restoration work, nevertheless we shall be able to see some of the finest.

We are hoping to have reserved space in the Wallace Restaurant for members to relax with a cup of tea and a piece of cake after the tour, but the cost of this refreshment is not included in the price for the event and will be on an individual cash basis on the day.

- **Meet at 3.15pm at The Wallace Collection, nearest underground station Bond Street.**
- **Charge: £6.00 US\$12.00**
- **Please note that this event is limited to 25**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**“The Adventure of The Grace Chalice”**

**An apocryphal adventure of Sherlock Holmes  
Performed by the Old Court Radio Theatre Company**

Our Saturday evening gathering will be at The Old Doctor Butler’s Head, 2 Masons Avenue, Moorgate London EC2, commencing at 6.30 pm. A two-course dinner of steak and kidney pudding (alternatives: vegetarian lasagne or fish) followed by apple crumble and custard will be included in the price. We have exclusive use of this traditional English pub in the heart of the City of London.

After dinner, for one night only, the Old Court Radio Theatre Company presents a new and original Sherlock Holmes play, dramatised by Roger Johnson from his short story.

What is the connection between a stolen relic, an elusive blackmailer and a mutilated corpse? Stars of a dozen internationally acclaimed audio plays for our Society, Jim Crozier and Dave Hawkes return as Holmes and Watson, with M. J. Elliott as Lestrade and Roger Johnson as Henry Staunton. The announcer is your own, your *very* own, Nick Utechin.

- **Meet at the Old Dr. Butler’s Head, 2 Mason’s Avenue, Moorgate, London EC2. Bar opens at 6.30pm: theatrical performance at 8.30 pm: nearest tube Bank.**
- **Charge: £22.00 / US\$ 44.00 to include two-course meal with vegetarian/fish option.**
- **Please note numbers are limited to 70.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**The Criterion Restaurant and a Stroll**

“The sight of a friendly face in the great wilderness of London is a pleasant thing indeed...” So wrote Watson when he encountered one at the Criterion Bar. We may be assured of a great many friendly faces when we met for lunch at that same bar, now The Criterion Restaurant, [www.criterionrestaurant.com](http://www.criterionrestaurant.com) The Restaurant has recently undergone a major refurbishment. Opulent is the word - neo-Byzantine architecture, gold and marble shimmering alongside mosaics, mirrors and plaques. We will have reserved tables and partake of a 3-course meal from a set menu. The charge for the lunch covers food, VAT and food service – drinks are extra and must be paid for on the day.

- **Gather at the Criterion Restaurant, 224 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9HP (by Eros) from noon, ready to eat at 12.30.**
- **Charge: £30.00 / US\$ 60.00 to include three-course meal with vegetarian/fish option.**

### **“We Started off Together.”**

We will leave The Criterion Restaurant at 2.30 in the company of member Richard Burnip, an actor and historian who devises guided walks for London Walks ([www.walks.com](http://www.walks.com)), especially on film and literary subjects. His various lectures include ‘Conan Doyle At War’ (National Army Museum) and he has narrated numerous documentaries. He has recorded over 50 unabridged audiobooks, many of them detective stories, and among his theatre roles he fondly remembers touring as Dr Watson in *Sherlock's Excellent Adventure*.

This special walk follows the adventures of Holmes, Watson and Conan Doyle in the West End: the Diogenes Club and a possible location for Mycroft's lodgings; the German Embassy and Von Bork's ‘little door’; the cinema which hosted a Sherlockian ‘first’; one theatre where the Great Detective triumphed, and another where a future screen Sherlock had an early contest with one of his Moriartys; the venue for one of the most important speeches in Conan Doyle's life, and another which brought him face to face with the man he called a ‘masterly’ Holmes. Clubs, libraries, publishing houses and film locations combine to bring the world of our heroes and their Literary Agent to life. The walk is an exclusive tour for The Sherlock Holmes Society of London, blending elements from two of Richard's standard walks.

- **Meet at The Criterion Restaurant, 224 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9HP (by Eros) at 2.30pm**
- **Charge: £5.50 / US\$ 11.00**
- **Please note numbers are limited to 30**

### **DIARY 2010-11**

20 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket Match
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Surrey Weekend
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Richard Lancelyn Green Lecture – Marina Stajic
November	Film Evening

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15 <sup>th</sup> January	Annual Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning After



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**“CAPITAL, WATSON”**

*Please delete or specify as applicable*

<b>Thursday 13 May</b>	<b>AGM – Eggheads</b>	Total
I / We should like to attend the AGM and dine beforehand with ..... guests		£ / \$
I / We would like to order ..... fish / vegetarian meals		
Charge: £35.00      US\$70.00 for those opting to dine beforehand.		
NAME(S).....		
I / We should like to attend the AGM and meeting only with ..... guests		
NAME(S).....		

<b>Friday 14 May</b>	<b>Illustrating Sherlock Holmes</b>	£ / \$
I / We should like to attend the talk and dine beforehand with ..... guests		
Charge: £19.00      US\$38.00 for those opting to dine beforehand.		
NAME(S).....		
I / We should like to attend the talk only with ..... guests		
Charge: £4.00      US\$8.00		
NAME(S).....		

<b>Saturday 15 May</b>	<b>The Wallace Collection</b>	£ / \$
I / We should like to visit the Wallace Collection with ..... guests		
Charge: £6.00      US\$12.00		
NAME(S).....		

<b>Saturday 15 May</b>	<b>“The Adventure of The Grace Chalice”</b>	£ / \$
I / We should like to attend “The Adventure of The Grace Chalice”		
with ..... guests		
I / We would like to order ..... fish / ..... vegetarian meals		
Charge: £22.00      US\$44.00		
NAME(S).....		

**Sunday 16 May      The Criterion Restaurant and a Stroll**

I / We should like to lunch at The Criterion Restaurant with ..... guests      £ / \$

Charge: £30.00p      US\$60.00

NAME(S).....

I / We should like to join the walk with ..... guests      £ / \$

Charge: £5.50      US\$11.00

NAME(S).....

**TOTAL PAYMENT**      £ / \$ .....

I enclose the appropriate remittance payable to The Sherlock Holmes Society of London.  
*Please note, cheques are not generally presented until after the events have taken place.*

As numbers at some events are limited, please provide contact details, so we can let you know if your application for any event has been unsuccessful.

E-mail address, telephone number or postal address:

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**Please print or write clearly - especially if giving an e-mail address as these can so easily be misread!**

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