



THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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THE STUPEFYING SMELL OF CHLOROFORM AND THE REMARKABLE WORM

The 2010 Richard Lancelyn Green Lecture will be held on **Thursday 7th October 2010** at 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 £8.50, or to dine beforehand at a cost of £35.50 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 Chicken Supreme Stuffed with Ricotta, Lemon and Spinach served with a Chive and Tomato Sauce, Fresh Fruit Savarin with Crème Chantilly followed by 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 Smoking Room on the first 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, also on the first floor and will be followed by the meeting itself from around 8pm.

Our speaker this year is Marina Stajić, Ph.D., DABFT, ASH, BSI who will enlighten us on is the forcible administration of poisons. The case of Dolsky in Odessa and of Leturier in Montpellier didn't occur to Dr. Stajić at once (or ever), which proves that she is not just any toxicologist.

Dr. Stajić earned her degree in Chemistry from University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia in 1972 and subsequently her doctoral degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Maryland in June 1977. In August of that year she joined the Commonwealth of Virginia Bureau of Forensic Science as the head of the Northern Virginia Toxicology Laboratory. After nine years she moved to the staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York, as Director of Forensic Toxicology in 1986. She plans, supervises and coordinates all the aspects of toxicologic analyses performed on specimens collected from approximately 5,500 autopsies each year. The laboratory also performs analysis of cases submitted by law enforcement agencies with the purpose of determining the absence or presence of ethanol and other drugs and evaluates their role in modifying human performance or behaviour (primarily as related to operation of motor vehicles and victims of alleged drug facilitated sexual assault). Dr. Stajić was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine (Toxicology) at New York University Medical Center in 1987 and Clinical Professor at PACE University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Forensic Sciences Program in 2010. She frequently lectures and provides expert testimony in the field of forensic toxicology. She has authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles on the subject of forensic toxicology and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Forensic Sciences. Dr. Stajić has been an active member of many professional organizations throughout her career, notably the American Academy of Forensic Sciences of which she a Fellow and Past President. She was honoured as the recipient of the 1997 AAFS Toxicology Section Alexander O. Gettler

Award. Dr. Stajić has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, Inc. since 1980 and currently serves as its President.

In Holmesian circles, Dr. Stajić favourite topic is the forceful administration of poisons, but about every fifteen years she does a public demonstration of the Victorian unmentionables. Her BSI investiture as Curare reflects her dabbling with poisons a good deal. Her ASH nom d'aventure is Lady Frances Carfax, not because she is a beautiful woman, still in fresh middle age, but rather because of her daily exposure to chloroform and her close relationship to coffins. Dr. Stajić is a member of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, an honorary member of The Sherlock Holmes Society of France (Mme Fournaye), a member of several BSI scion societies, a founding member of The Forensic Faces of Sherlock Holmes and a member of a few whimsical societies such as His Last Miaow, The Canonical Capricorns, The Consorts of the Kings of Scandinavia and The Twisted Lips. She is a passionate fan of the New York Yankees and lives in Manhattan with Altamont and Sigerson, her fabulous felines.

Applications should be sent to arrive not later than **Thursday 30th September.**

Anyone attending a Society function for the first time should bring along and display their yellow cards of introduction, so that we can identify them and introduce them to our members. They should also note that applications are not normally acknowledged nor are tickets sent. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night. If an acknowledgement is required, please provide an e-mail address or a stamped, addressed envelope with your application. Dress is smart casual and gentlemen are asked to wear a jacket and tie. As in most London clubs, tee-shirts and trainers are not acceptable. This is not our rule and we must comply with the club's.



DIARY 2011

15 th January	Annual Dinner
16 th January	Morning After
March	To be confirmed
19 th – 22 nd May	Jubilee Weekend
June	Cricket match
2 nd – 3 rd September	Trinity College, Oxford weekend
October	Richard Lancelyn Green Lecture
November	Film Evening

SOCIETY WEBSITE

The Society's website is at www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk



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FILM EVENING – THE STING OF DEATH!

The Society's 2010 Film Evening will be held **on Tuesday 9th November 2010** at **Shortwave**, 10 Bermondsey Square London SE1 3UN, off Tower Bridge Road. The nearest Underground stations are Borough on the Northern Line and London Bridge on the Northern and Jubilee Lines. <http://www.shortwavefilms.co.uk/> *Please note the new venue for our Film Evening.*

Members and their guests may opt to attend the film presentation only at £12.00, or to join us for buffet refreshments beforehand at a cost of £26.00 per head. There will be a cash bar. A light finger buffet will be served from 6.15pm and we will start the film presentation at 7.15pm.

Our host Matthew J. Elliott makes a welcome return. He is a scriptwriter well known for the US radio series "The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes". Matthew provided the adaptations of *The Yellow Face* and *The Three Students* for the Society.

This year we have an additional special guest speaker – Rick Leary, from Double Negative. Rick has worked on a number of films, including *Stardust*, *Kingdom of Heaven* and *Bridget Jones : The Edge of Reason*. Of most interest to us, he was CG Supervisor for Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes*, where his focus was in recreating Victorian London. Rick will bring some excerpts along and tell us about his work on the film.

We will then revert to our usual format and Matthew will introduce the films in this year's presentation, which, he feels, go from the sublime to the ridiculous and back again. We begin with the 1955 production *The Sting of Death*, starring Boris Karloff as a mysterious beekeeper who goes by the name of "Mr Mycroft". Next, America's favourite animated family, The Simpsons, give their own brilliant and hilarious interpretation of the Canon as Lisa Simpson dons the deerstalker for *Four Beheadings and a Funeral*. Finally, from 1949, *The Speckled Band* stars Alan Napier (better known as Alfred the Butler in the 1960s *Batman* TV show) as Holmes in a faithful adaptation of Conan Doyle's tale.

The evening should finish around 9.30pm.

Applications should be sent to arrive not later than **Monday 1st November**. Shortwave is a proper cinema, but has a rather small auditorium strictly limited to 50 people – *places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.*

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The Stupefying Smell Of Chloroform - Thursday 7th October 2010

I / We should like to attend the meeting with guests and **dine beforehand** and enclose the appropriate remittance of **£35.50 per head**, payable to *The Sherlock Holmes Society of London*.

I / We should like to attend the meeting **only** with guests and enclose the appropriate remittance of **£8.50 per head**, payable to The Sherlock Holmes Society of London.

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