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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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At last - not one, but two (2 - count 'em - 2) Sherlockian theatrical productions! The first runs for a week from Monday October the 28th. Hence this issue of THE DISTRICT MESSENGER so soon after the last.

This is a new and original play called SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE QUEEN OF HEARTS, by Daniel Moar and Thomas Barnes, to be performed at the A.D.C. Theatre, Park Street, Cambridge. Mr Moar, of Clare College, also directs. The bad (or bad-ish) news is that it's a late-night production, starting at 11 p.m. Tickets are £1.50 each Monday to Thursday and £2.00 Friday and Saturday. The phone number of the theatre is Cambridge 359547.

More accessible for many of us is an adaptation of Arthur Conan Doyle's own play THE SPECKLED BAND, to be produced at the Copper Theatre Club, The Copper, 206 Tower Bridge Road, London S.E.1, from Thursday the 17th October to Sunday the 10th November at 7.45 p.m. There are no performances on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Seats are £2.50 each, and there is no advance booking. Be warned, though, that the Copper is a pub, and the clubroom seats only about 40. The adaptor and director is Rodney Archer, and the play is performed by The Operating Theatre Co.

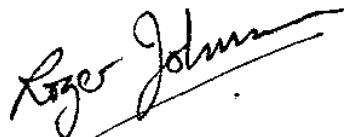
A couple of books of interest are forthcoming from the industrious and reliable Richard Lancelyn Green. Following his excellent selection of the best Sherlockian pastiches (THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, Penguin £2.50, published last month), Penguin are issuing Richard's selection of LETTERS TO SHERLOCK HOLMES on Thursday the 21st November at £4.95. I suspect that whoever is acting as Sherlock Holmes's secretary these days at the Abbey National Building Society may have given some help with this.

In collaboration with his fellow-bibliographer John Michael Gibson, Richard has also edited LETTERS TO THE PRESS by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, due out on Monday the 4th November from Seeker & Warburg at £15.00.

Right. That's all the news at present, so I'll take the opportunity to complete the list of currently available editions of the Canon. Regular readers will recall that there's only THE VALLEY OF FEAR left now. Here goes:-

THE VALLEY OF FEAR: Murray/Cape £7.95; Pan £1.25; Penguin £1.50; Longman Heritage of Literature series £1.95; Ulverscroft large print £5.00

Right, then. That's it until next time. Thanks to John Mayhew for the information about SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE QUEEN OF HEARTS. Please don't forget that THE DISTRICT MESSENGER is always grateful for information on matters Sherlockian.



PS: A letter in this morning's post (Tuesday the 15th) reminds me that the excellent Sherlockian board game "221B Baker Street" has been recommended in the latest Barclaycard magazine. I'll endorse that recommendation. The game is currently available at £8.50.