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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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Yes, I know that it's All Fools' Day, but I assure you that the information in this issue is accurate to the best of my knowledge!

Marylebone Library's Sherlock Holmes Festival will consist of three events, as follows:-

Thursday 15th May: Illustrated talk on "Sherlock Holmes on the Screen" by Roger Johnson

Tuesday 20th May: Sherlock Holmes films introduced by Stanley MacKenzie

Thursday 22nd May: Guided tour of Sherlock Holmes's Marylebone conducted by Bernard Davies

All events are free, commencing at Marylebone Library at 6.30 pm (doors open at 6 pm, which will give you a chance to inspect the Sherlock Holmes Collection).

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN THE DEERSTALKER by Terence Mustoo & Doug Flack will be at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, Essex, on Thursday 17th, Tuesday 22nd and Friday 25th July, at 8 pm. Tickets are £3 and £3.50. Box Office 04024 43333 - or contact Catherine Cooke at Marylebone Library (01-798 1028), as she hopes to get up a party for the Friday night, with the possibility of meeting the cast afterwards.

A note from Catherine concerning YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES: "Do not walk out during the closing music - do stay and watch the credits out!" (Comments on the film from Sherlockians have so far been very favourable.)

Vincent Mattocks of 166 Ryde Park Road, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8RJ (who himself makes admirable individually styled miniatures of Holmesian figures to order) tells me that an English craftsman now has available a range of Victorian figures 54mm tall, called "Great Britain & The Empire" and including figures of Sherlockian interest as follows:-

AH370 Sherlock Holmes; AH371 Dr Watson; AH372 Professor Moriarty; AH373 Inspector Lestrade; AH374 The Hound of the Baskervilles

Additional figures to complement the scene; AH375 London Policeman; AH376 Police Constable; AH377 Flower Seller; AH407 Street Urchin; AH408 Street Lamp; AH409 Pillar Box; AH410 Postman; AH411 Newspaper Seller; AH412 Billboard Man - and finally AH308 Queen Victoria.

The figures are in metal, priced at £2.50 unpainted or £3.50 gloss painted (price 10% post & packing painted or plain) from A.P.N. Humphries, The Vicarage, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3RB (0799 40339). (Vince, who knows about these things, doesn't recommend the gloss painted finish.)

M.J.Trow, author of THE ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE, has a sequel due out on the 1st May. This is BRIGADE: THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE, to be published by Macmillan at £8.50.

Finally, although Tyburn Films haven't been polite enough to reply to my letter of enquiry, I have it directly from Mr Peter Cushing that a follow up to THE MASKS OF DEATH is being made, to be called THE ABBOT'S CRY. It should have been completed last year, but the awful summer weather made outdoor filming impossible. Shooting will recommence in May. The splendid John Mills will again play Watson to Mr Cushing's Holmes.

