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In December 2017 (No. 371) we were contacted by **Bernard Hornung**, the great-great-nephew of E.W. Hornung, ACD's brother-in-law. Bernard has been back in touch regarding an event taking place on **4th August in West Grinstead**: "There is a three-sectioned stained glass window in St. George's Church, West Grinstead, dedicated to John Peter Hornung, Arthur Houssemayne Du Boulay and Francis Spencer Collin. The window was commissioned by John Peter Hornung, "Pitt" as he was always known in the family circle, and by his Portuguese wife Laura, née de Paiva Raposo, in memory of their third son and both sons-in-law. Next Saturday I will describe the Hornung Windows when I deliver my illustrated talk on the Hornungs as an Anglo-Portuguese family during the First World War. Please view: memorialsforakingandacountry.co.uk." The event is on Saturday 4th August from 7 – 9:00pm at the Parish Church of St George, Rectory Lane, Steyning Road, West Grinstead, RH13 8LR. Admission is free, and more information is available at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-hornungs-an-anglo-portuguese-family-during-the-first-world-war-tickets-47903298054?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing

In issue 376 we reported that an English Heritage plaque was to be installed at the childhood home of actor **Peter Cushing**. We have been informed that the plaque was put in place on 4th July at 32 St James Road, Purley CR8 2DL. If you go to view it, please bear in mind that the house is a private residence.

You can, however, have a good look around **Charles Augustus Magnussen's** futuristic house, which featured in *Sherlock*. It will be open to the public for one day only on 16th September from 2.00 – 6:00pm. The 60-acre estate of **Swinhay House** in North Nibley, Gloucestershire, is owned by **Sir David McMurtry**, who does not reside there because his wife prefers more modest living. Entrance to the property must be booked in advance, and applications will be available from Stroud Tourist Information Centre on 01453 760960. Booking opens on 28th August at 9:00am and closes on 10th September at 5:50pm. Visitors will be given guided tours and can also wander in the grounds and gardens. More information is available at stroudcivicsociety.co.uk and at heritageopendays.org.uk

At Sotheby's, London on 10th July, the autograph manuscript of Conan Doyle's cricketing story, "**The Story of Spedegue's Dropper**" sold for £12,500. It consisted of 25 pages, signed on the last page *A Conan Doyle, Crowborough*, and was contained in a "collector's chemise and black morocco-backed slip case".

Marthina Elmqvist of **StoryTourist** brings us information about "a new app that provides an immersive, on-location storytelling experience through augmented reality. StoryTourist is launching with a Sherlock Holmes StoryTour set in London. The app is free to download, and the tour will be offered free of charge for the summer." The Sherlock Holmes Tour runs for approximately 90 minutes. For more details go to www.storytourist.com/#storytourist

Important news comes from **Randall Stock**: "The new **BSI website** is now live, at bakerstreetirregulars.com. As with all websites, we'll continue to add material and tweak it over time. The current *Baker Street Journal* site will stay live for a short transition period, and customers can order from either site for now. However, for any new publications, posting, or tweets, you should refer to pages at the new Baker Street Irregulars site." The BSI produce many excellent publications, not least of which is *The Baker Street Journal*. If you haven't already subscribed, why not do it today? A subscription entitles you to receive the *Christmas Annual*, which is a much-sought-after collectible.

Howard Ostrom recently found a charming film clip on YouTube, in which Terry Wogan interviews the legendary SHSL member Stanley MacKenzie, Sue Brown (who was then "Sherlock Holmes's Secretary" at Abbey House) and Peter Cushing. You can view it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJiox7hEgBA

Terry Hanstock has discovered that "The current issue of the *Journal of British Cinema and Television* (15(3) 2018, pp.308-327) includes an article by Christopher Smith (Lecturer in History at Coventry University) – "*Sherlock Holmes and the Nazis: fifth columnists and the people's war in Anglo-American cinema, 1942-3*". Focusing on three of Universal Pictures' films – *Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror* (1942), *Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon* (1943) and *Sherlock Holmes in Washington* (1943) – Smith argues that although receiving scant critical acclaim, the films can be viewed as subtle pieces of pro-British wartime propaganda. It looks like the full text is available via Coventry University's website: pure.coventry.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/13619272/Sherlock_Holmes_AM.pdf

Orlando Pearson writes to say: "I wanted to update you on my play, *A Scandal in Nova Alba*, which was performed at the Tolworth Festival of one-act plays in April. I have uploaded a performance onto YouTube, to which there is a link below." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIMc_w6CTwI&feature=youtu.be Orlando is also the author of a number of Sherlockian books which can be found on Amazon.

The Blackeyed Theatre Company will begin touring during the autumn with a production of *The Sign of Four*, adapted for the stage by Nick Lane. "Named one of *The Hundred Definitive Novels in English* by The Guardian in 2014 (at number 26), *The Sign of Four* has everything you'd want for a breath-taking piece of theatre; adventure, romance, comedy and of course one or two rather brilliant deductions!" The play opens on 10th September at the Stahl Theatre in Oundle, and will tour until April 2019 at locations all over the UK. You can find a full listing of dates and venues at:

www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk/future-shows/sherlock-holmes-the-sign-of-four/

Brian W. Pugh brings news that "My book, *A Chronology of the Life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: Revised & Expanded Edition for 2018* will be published on 28 September 2018, and now contains 454 pages. It was first published in 2009, was fully revised, expanded in 2012 and 2014, and an Addenda & Corrigenda was published in 2016. This 2018 edition has been completely updated and revised and supersedes all previous editions. Also included is information located during research since 2016. New photographs have been added to those already published and *The Times* is now listed in the sources with the date of publication. The index has been compiled professionally by **Geraldine Beare**. It will be published by MX publishing and will be available from them or Amazon."

Brian Pugh also recommends *The Adventures of Two British Gentlemen in Germany*, published by the Deutsche Sherlock Holmes Gesellschaft: "The second volume of three I think, has been published, edited by Nicole Glücklich. This is the sequel to *The Adventures of Two British Gentlemen in Switzerland*. Both books can be ordered from Deutsche Sherlock Holmes Gesellschaft. Contact Olaf Maurer by email at dshc221b@yahoo.com to order and for payment details. In my opinion this is the best ACD/Holmes book to be published this year so far."

Hackney Books, who publish classic literature online, "*All Free All The Time*," have been in contact to let us know that '*A Scandal in Bohemia*' is now posted and ready to view at www.hackneybooks.co.uk/ They say: "We release three books/stories per week and are coming up on our first anniversary."

SHSL member **Robin Rowles**, who is a City of London Guide Lecturer, has let us know that "Pen & Sword has published my book about the Civil War in London. Apart from references in '*The Musgrave Ritual*' and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, there's *almost* no crossover between the Civil Wars and Sherlock Holmes. But I'm dead chuffed." You can find Robin's book at: www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/The-Civil-War-in-London-Paperback/p/14569

COMPETITION WINNER

Last month, Profile Books provided a copy of *Conan Doyle for the Defence* by Margalit Fox as a prize giveaway. Congratulations go to **Roger Kilshaw**, the winner drawn at random from the correct entries, who identified the quote from '*The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*.'

You can hear an interview with the book's author, Margalit Fox, on *I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere*, episode 149 at www.ihearofsherlock.com/

OBITUARIES:

Ronald Burt De Waal died on 3rd July, aged 85. Ron loved classical music and dancing, and often referred to himself as 'The Holmes and Dance Man.' He made a significant contribution to Sherlockian literature by taking on the mammoth task of compiling *The World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson: A Classified and Annotated List of Materials Relating to Their Lives and Adventures*, published in 1974 by The New York Graphic Society. This was followed by *The International Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson* in 1980 from Archon Books, followed by the five-volume *The Universal Sherlock Holmes* in 1994, published by the Metropolitan Toronto Library. In 1969 he received the Irregular Shilling and the BSI investiture "Lomax, the Sub-Librarian". We always enjoyed encountering Ron at BSI events in New York, and extend our condolences to his family.

Joel Senter died on 23rd July, just a few days short of his 50th wedding anniversary. For 32 years Joel was Professor of Psychology at the University of Cincinnati and made significant contributions to scientific literature. Upon retirement, in 1988 Joel and his wife Carolyn founded Classic Specialties, a mail-order store selling a selection of clever and tasteful Sherlockian items. They also began publishing *The Sherlockian Times*, which eventually became the *Sherlockian E-Times*. Joel was well known nationally in the Sherlock Holmes and Old Time Radio communities, and will be sorely missed by many. We extend our deepest sympathy to Carolyn.

Periodicals Received:

The Bilge Pump – The Irregular Publication of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star, July 2018 (Steve Mason; mason.steve@epa.gov)

Ineffable Twaddle, July 2018 (The Sound of the Baskervilles, Terri Haugen; terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)

The Irregular Newsletter, July 2018 (The Conan Doyle (Crowborough) Establishment, Brian W. Pugh, 20 Clare Road, Lewes, Sussex BN7 1PN; brianpugh140@btinternet.com)

Memoirs et Documents 2017 (Société D'Études Holmesiennes de la Suisse Romande, Vincent Delay, Ch. De la Chaumiere 1, 1010 Lausanne, Switzerland)

The Passengers' Log, May 2018 (The Sydney Passengers, Erin O'Neill, editor; erin.index@gmail.com)

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