

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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As COVID restrictions are being lifted, please check the Society's website for news and updates on activities: www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk.

Our first in-person event for quite some time will be the **2021 Richard Lancelyn Green Lecture on Friday 15th October 2021** at the National Liberal Club. Our speaker is author **Catharine Arnold**, who will tell us about *Crime in London*, focusing on the 19th century. Members and their guests may opt to attend the meeting only at £14.00, or to dine beforehand at a cost of £48.00 per head. A cash bar will be open in the Smoking Room on the first floor of the building from 6.00pm. 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. For more details and to book go to <https://www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk/event/the-2021-richard-lancelyn-green-lecture/>

Randall Stock reminds us to register for the first annual **BSI Trust Lecture**, which will be held on **2nd October**. **Roberta Pearson** (professor of film and television studies in the School of Cultures, Languages, and Area Studies at the University of Nottingham) will discuss the multiple factors such as genre and production circumstances in *The Adventure of the Mutable Detective*, in which she examines the hundreds of actors who have played Sherlock Holmes on the screen since the silent film era. This free Zoom webinar is open to everyone but does require advance registration. www.bsitrust.org/2021/08/register-2021-lecture.html

Sherlock Holmes Under the Magnifying Glass: The Game's Afoot! is a Zoom presentation being offered by the Smithsonian Associates (part of the Smithsonian Institution) on 8th October from 6:30 to 7:45pm (Eastern Time). **Dan Stashower** will be discussing the Great Detective and actor **Scott Sedar** will read from some of Conan Doyle's works. You can find more details at: [Sherlock Holmes Under the Magnifying Glass: The Game's Afoot! - Smithsonian Associates](http://www.smithsonianassociates.org/2021/08/08-sherlock-holmes-under-the-magnifying-glass-the-game-s-afoot/)

The Epping Ongar Railway in Essex has confirmed that BR Class 20 locomotive, No. 20227 *Sherlock Holmes*, will be visiting them in October. The locomotive is currently in London Transport livery and will be in action at the Railway's **London Transport**

Weekend, from 8th to 10th October. The locomotive is the last to be built Class 20 and worked extensively on the London Underground network, carrying a 221B shed-plate.

<https://www.railadvent.co.uk/category/standard-gauge/epping-ongar>

Nicholas Utechin spotted news that the second *Enola Holmes* film will be shooting scenes in Hull city centre on 5th and 6th October. Hull City Council has granted permission for the temporary removal of modern street furnishings and signage, and Hull's High Street will be given a Victorian makeover. If you decide to go to take a look, be advised that High Street, Scale Lane, Bishops Lane and Chapel Lane will be closed to traffic, but pedestrians will be allowed in the area when the cameras are not rolling.

Steve Emecz of MX Publishing passes on some good news: "We have now raised over \$85,000 for **Stepping Stones School** enabling them to support many Conan Doyle related projects at the school. In addition, this summer Stepping Stones School was renamed '**Undershaw**' in honour of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legacy. You can see the new name and branding on the new school website - [Undershaw](http://www.undershaw.org.uk). We are absolutely delighted with this move and are very proud to have been a part of maintaining ACD's legacy at the school in the last ten years - we could not have done it without your help, support and generosity. This new era for Undershaw is extremely exciting and we have some ideas of how we can get more involved in the school."

I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere, episode 222, focuses on our good friend **Peter Blau** ("Black Peter") whose long-running newsletter, *Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press*, is known worldwide. Peter is a font of Sherlockian knowledge and a source of fascinating and entertaining anecdotes, including tales of his own research projects and early encounters with legendary Sherlockians. Tune in to hear his dulcet tones at <https://www.ihearofsherlock.com/>

We were recently the recipient of a highly unusual early Christmas gift from Spain – a **Sherlock Holmes caganer**. Its manufacturer's website explains: "*The caganer is a typical Catalan Christmas figure characterized by its cheeky position in the nativity scene. Amid this tradition, we usually spot a crouched*

man, more or less hidden, answering the call of Nature outdoors.” In its original tradition, the caganer was a shepherd, but one can now obtain models of celebrities, politicians, athletes and fictional characters. Learn more at Caganer.com where you can obtain your very own Sherlock Holmes caganer for €18.00.

Edited by Howard Ostrom, *Sherlock Holmes on Screens* is described as “The only Sherlockian picture and stage newspaper in the world.” It’s a four-page broadsheet published by Mycroft’s Brother, 15 rue Grande, 03370 Saint-Sauvier, France. \$5 /€4 /£4 per copy. For additional information and to subscribe go to www.sherlock-holmes-on-screens.com

Books of Interest

A new correspondent, **Tony O’Connor**, says: “I have written a crime novel on the adventures of an ‘**Irish Sherlock Holmes**’ set in the West of Ireland of the 1950s. To date, four stories have been published and another five are ready to go. The book is on Amazon and in Irish bookshops. The characters are Sedgewick Harris (SH), Jonathan Wilson (JW), Inspector Hennessy and the housekeeper Miss Noonan. As a huge fan of Sherlock Holmes I have endeavoured to tackle the Irish mysteries in the manner he would. I am no Conan Doyle, but you know, one has to begin somewhere.” www.sedgewickharris.com. If you’re curious, Amazon offers the ‘Look Inside’ option for Tony’s book.

David Marcum has dedicated years of his own personal time to the compilation and editing of other authors’ work in the MX anthologies of new Sherlock Holmes stories. He’s finally taking time to look after himself! He explains: “I looked up a few months ago and realized that I hadn’t put out a collection of my own stories in my own book since 2015. While I’ve kept writing the whole time, I’ve been using my editing time for other projects. With that in mind, I started assembling a new compilation of my Holmes stories. Kickstarter for this collection, *The Complete Papers of Sherlock Holmes*, Volumes I through V, is now live. I’m very fortunate that Sherlockian legend **Nicholas Meyer** wrote a very kind foreword, and the book contains 77 of my stories, both previously published and a few new ones.”

[https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1427347530/the-collected-papers-of-sherlock-holmes?](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1427347530/the-collected-papers-of-sherlock-holmes?ref=project)

Obituaries

Peter J. Crupe died on 14th August. Invested as “The Noble Bachelor” by both the BSI and ASH, he was co-founder of The Montague Street Lodgers and a charter member (along with the late Thom Utecht and Marlene Aig) of The Occupants of the Full House. He was an enthusiastic and active member in many other societies,

and attended our own society’s unveiling of the Sherlock Holmes statue at Baker Street Station.

Actor **Robert Fyfe** died on 15th September at the age of 90. Best known as henpecked Howard in *Last of the Summer Wine*, he appeared in the series from 1985 to 2010. His long career included parts in many popular television programmes and films, including the clerk at Woolwich Station in Granada’s ‘*The Bruce Partington Plans*’ (*The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, ITV, 1988).

Periodicals Received:

The Bilge Pump – The Irregular Publication of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star, September 2021 (Steve Mason; mason.steve8080@gmail.com)

Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections, June 2021 (Suite 111, Elmer L Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, 222 21st Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, USA)

The Hansom Times, August 2021 (The official newsletter of **The Real Sherlock Holmes Walking Tour of Edinburgh**: enquiries@realsherlockholmes.com)

The Illustrious Clients News, September 2021 (**The Illustrious Clients**, Steven T Doyle, 9 Calumet Court, Zionsville, Indiana 46077, USA: IllustClients@gmail.com)

Ineffable Twaddle, September 2021 (**The Sound of the Baskervilles**, Terri Haugen; terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)

The Magic Door, Spring 2021 (**Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection**, Toronto Public Library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 2G8: www.acdfriends.org)

The Passengers’ Log, May 2021 (**The Sydney Passengers**, Erin O’Neill, editor: erin.index@gmail.com)

Scuttlebutt from the Spermacti Press, August 2021 (Peter E Blau, 7103 Endicott Court, Bethesda, MD 20817-4401, USA: blau7103@comcast.net)

Sherlockiana, Nr. 2-3 2021 (**Sherlock Holmes Klubben I Danmark**; Sven Ranild, editor: redaktion@sherlockholmesklubben.dk)

The Tankerville Times, Summer 2021, (**The Tankerville Club**, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dan Andriacco: tankervilleclub@gmail.com)

Timeline, September 2021, (The Official Newsletter of the **Sherlockian Chronologist Guild**; Brad Keefauver: bkeefauver@gmail.com)

The Whaling News, September 2021 (**The Harpooners of the Sea Unicorn, St. Charles, MO**; J Andrew Basford: pcairnes26@outlook.com)

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