



COMMUNICATION NO. 253

ATTENTA!

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Grab your J-pen and purple ink or your Johann
Faber pencil and
**RECORD THESE SPECIAL EVENTS IN YOUR
CALENDAR NOW!!!!**

**Sept 10, 2005: Exciting Film Festival at the Clearwater
Main Library. See insert for details.**

**Oct. 29, 2005: 30th Fall Gathering of the *Pleasant
Places of Florida* from 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the
residence of Barry Edwards. See article for details.
Registrations and Checks Due to Barry by Oct. 22.
Deduce the location of the registration form and send
it NOW! Right Away! This Minute! Don't wait!**

**May 20, 2006: 31st Spring Gathering of the *Pleasant
Places of Florida*; *High English Teas* at the Garden
View Restaurant in Disney's Grand Floridian Resort &
Spa, Orlando**

SHERLOCK HOLMES FILM FEST AT THE CLEARWATER MAIN LIBRARY

Thanks to David Stoner for arranging for a Sherlockian Film Festival at the Clearwater Main Library. The following press release, by Carol Cortright, provides all of the information that we require. I hope to see all of you there.

**SHERLOCK HOLMES FILM FEST AT THE CLEARWATER
MAIN LIBRARY 8/9/2005**
Contact: Carol Cortright (727) 562-4970, ext. 5188

CLEARWATER, Fla. – Celebrate the world's most famous fictional (sic) detective at the Sherlock Holmes Film Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., Sept. 10, at the Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., downtown.

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BARRY EDWARD'S ESTATE SITE OF 30TH FALL GATHERING of the *Pleasant Places of Florida* ON OCTOBER 29, 2005:

A study of "The Problem of Thor Bridge," with a Traditional Afternoon English Tea Party, with traditional games such as Croquet. Since we are near Halloween, suggested attire is Victorian Garb or as your favorite character.

DEDUCE LOCATION OF FORM AND SIGN UP NOW

Thanks to the kind generosity of Barry Edwards, we will be able to enjoy English food and participate in a Victorian garden party, including an exciting game of croquet. Victorian garb is suggested as we relive the era of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, Dr. John H. Watson, and the other cast of characters that we have come to know through our study of the Canon.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, at 11:00 A.M. at the Edward's Estate, which is located at
Telephonic queries to Barry should be placed to or by E-mail

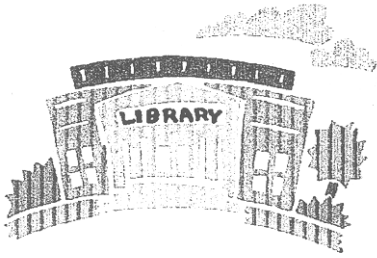
The cost is a mere \$10.00 for the event, including luncheon and wine. Contributions may also be made to the Marshall/Wood Fund to make certain that no child's library is bereft of Sherlockian literature. Directions will be sent to all registrants who request them.

The afternoon will feature quizzes on "The Problem of Thor Bridge," learned and not so learned discussions, songs, toasts, and other celebratory activities. Don't miss it!

Page through this issue of the *Communication*, find the form, and send t in NOW!

Can you believe that this will be the 30th Fall Gathering of this famous Sherlockian Society? What an event! Let's all try to get together for a big time of Sherlockian celebration, study, and merriment.

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Clearwater Library

Festival activities include screenings of film classics starring Basil Rathbone, Peter Cushing, and Tampa's own Rondo Hatton, and episodes of a rare French-produced TV show from the 1950s. Test your Holmes knowledge with trivia games and prizes. See if you have what it takes to be a detective by solving mini-mysteries. Popcorn and other refreshments available at Joffrey's Café, located in the library atrium.

The Sherlock Holmes Film Festival is cosponsored by the "Pleasant Places of Florida" (a local chapter of the Baker Street Irregulars), and the Clearwater Public Library System. Admission is free. For more information, call (727) 562-4970, ext. 5284.



Tampa's own Rondo Hatton as "The Creeper"

We will observe, dispute, and discuss the following films

- Pearl of Death (Rathbone, both Rondo Hatton and Dennis Hoey)
- Hound of the Baskervilles (Peter Cushing, Hammer films)
- Sign of Four (Wontner)
- Scarlet Claw (Rathbone)
- Ronald Howard TV episodes:
 - Red-Headed League
 - Case of the Eiffel Tower



Dennis Hoey as Inspector Lestrade with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce
Photo sent by Art Walker

30TH ANNUAL FALL GATHERING OF THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA
Saturday, October 29 at 11:00 AM

RESPONSE DEADLINE October 22

Come celebrate Sherlock Holmes, and his masterful solution to "The Problem of Thor Bridge," with a Traditional Afternoon English Tea Party, and traditional games such as Croquet. Since we are near Halloween, suggested attire is Victorian Garb or as your favorite character.

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The cost is a mere \$10.00 for the event, including luncheon and wine. Directions will be sent to all registrants who request them.. Please cut along the dotted line and fill in the form below. Send it with your check for \$10.00 per person (plus some for the Marshall/Wood Fund* if you are so inclined), made out to Barry Edwards and sent to: Barry Edwards,

*The Marshall/Wood fund was established to purchase youth editions of Sherlock Holmes stories to be donated to children's libraries to help "keep green the memory of the master." The fund is administered by Mike Bryan, Director of the Seminole Library.

Yes! Yes! Yes! I must attend the 30th Fall Gathering of the *Pleasant Places of Florida* on October 29 at the home of Barry Edwards. I filled out the form below and have enclosed my check for \$10 per person to cover luncheon (and have added a few bucks for the Marshall/Wood fund) as well.

Name(s)

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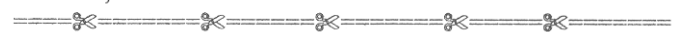
I've got a paper to present on _____

I want to toast _____

I have a show'n'tell _____

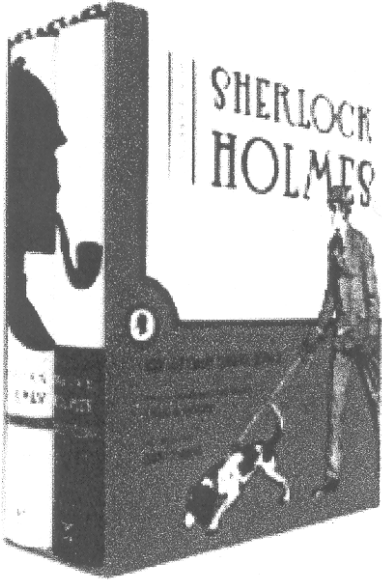
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ participants and \$ _____ for the Marshall/Wood fund. For a total of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable Barry Edwards and sent to: Barry Edwards,



The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes *The Novels*

Edited with a foreword and Notes by Leslie S. Klinger; Published by W. W. Norton & Company New York London 908 Pages; <http://www.wwnorton.com/catalog/fall04/005916.htm>



Once again, I have been given the distinct privilege of reviewing an early copy of a new Sherlockian Book. This time, the item is *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, The Novels*. Even before I got it, I knew that I would like it, and I find that this expectation was more than fulfilled. In fact, I was so very pleased that I couldn't wait to peruse its pages. All I can say is this: If you are a Sherlockian, and if you can afford it - Get it!

It has everything you would need: up-to-date erudite discourses on the novels from many different perspectives, explanations of Victorian and Edwardian nuances that may have eluded our 21st century mind sets, and a huge selection of drawings that were often difficult to get a hold in one place before.

This item completes the three volume set. The previous two volumes were dedicated to the 56 short stories. Although the editor, Les Klinger, claimed that this set of annotations were more geared to the general reader than to Sherlockian scholars, I have previously found the original volumes to be of immense help in researching material for a recently published article. Thus, these wonderfully constructed editions will form a worthy addition to my primary sources of Sherlockian wisdom including: The "Doubleday" *Complete Sherlock Holmes*, William S. Baring Gould's original *Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, the *Oxford Sherlock Holmes*, Jack Tracy's *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, and William D. Goodrich's *The New Good Old Index*, and Leslie Klinger's *Sherlock Holmes Reference Library*.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Leslie Klinger for the extensive labor that he put into providing us with this award-winning and valuable Sherlockian tool.

Nate the Great

Sherlockian primers for beginning readers



Imagine my surprise and delight when, while checking in books at the Palm Harbor Library where I volunteer, I saw an image of Sherlock Holmes as a young boy. After a double-take, I noticed that the title of the book was *Nate the Great*, and that it was one of a series of books that have been published since 1972.

The author, Marjoie Weinman Sharmat, has provided beginning readers, children who

are just starting to experience the joy that books have to offer, with a great introduction to detective fiction and mystery. They hopefully will also indoctrinate the youth with the rightful image of a deerstalked detective. Let's hope that this will lead to a further interest in the adventures of our favorite private consulting detective and spur a new generation of Sherlockians to "keep green the memory of Sherlock Holmes."

ILLUSTRIOUS CLIENTS FILM FESTIVAL

While visiting my son in Muncie, IN, I took the opportunity to attend the Illustrious Clients Film Festival on July 30, 2005, at the Nora Branch Library in Indianapolis. The truth be told, I actually timed my visit to coincide with this event.

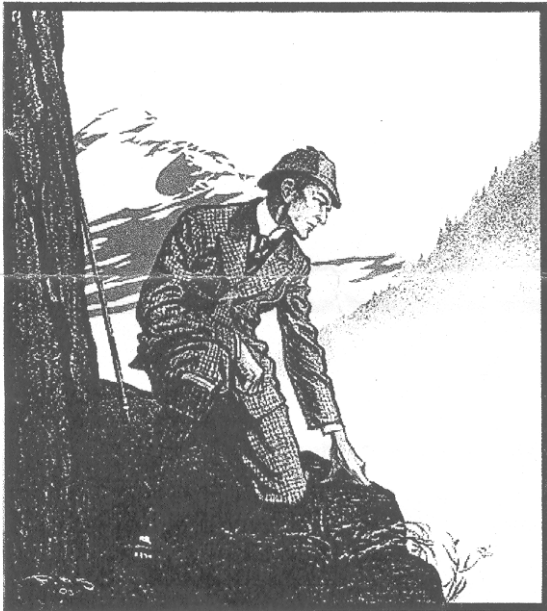
I had the pleasure and opportunity to meet several delightful well-recognized Sherlockians, many of whom I knew indirectly from Sherlockian E-mail groups or various publications. These noted folk included Pat Ward, Don Curtis, Steven Doyle, and Mark Gagen. The Illustrious Clients are noted for their publications, *The Illustrious Clients' Case Book*. They are now assembling the Fifth Case Book, and are soliciting contributions. Several members are affiliated with the Gasogene Press, responsible, among other noteworthy items, for Les Klinger's *Sherlock Holmes Reference Library*. Case Book Contributions may be sent by E-mail to Illusclients@aol.com, and hard copy contributions should be sent, along with SASE, should be sent to: The Illustrious Clients, 9 Calumet Court, Zionsville, IN 46077.

The films shown, all 16 mm celluloid, were the Hammer Studio "Hound of the Baskervilles" with Peter Cushing as the Master, "Deduce, You Say starring Daffy Duck as "Dorlock Homes" and Porky Pig as "Watkins," a Gilligan's Island episode "Up at Bat, "The Devil's Foot" starring Eille Norwood, and "Sherlock's Home" with Jack Haley.

Between reels, There was also an ongoing audio quiz with participants attempting to identify recorded voices of actors from the past. There was popcorn donated by one of the members as well as cold drinks, and most of all, congenial discussion of Sherlock Holmes in film.

***The Bedside Companion to Sherlock Holmes*
Recommended by Art Walker**

A note from Art Walker: "Hello Carl, The other day I was perusing the shelves at "Barns and Noble" when I came across this great little 215 page book titled " *The Bedside Companion to Sherlock Holmes*" by Dick Riley & Pam McCallister. "\$7.98" What a wealth of information for the "novice" Sherlockian. Now you know I have been a member of the PPOF for years and have a large collection of books and material but I am still in the order of Watson tests. The book covers all the Canon; each story with its "principal predicament", "notable features", "quotable quotes", "oddities and discrepancies". It also offers a look into the life of Doyle, his family and life in Victorian England. Its such a handy reference not only for the bedroom or bath but it is easier to take on a trip in place of the two volume set of Baring-Gould. Just thought that other Sherlockians might be interested in picking up a copy. Art Walker



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**From Bert Coules on the newsgroup alt.fan.holmes
BBC RADIO SHOWS
NOW AVAILABLE
ON CD**

"Forgive the blatant advertising but since I've had quite a few enquiries on the subject I thought people might like to know that the BBC audio Sherlock Holmes shows will be released in the UK as a series of (mostly) four-CD sets on Monday 18th July. Each set will contain either four short stories or one complete novel.

"Some of the programmes have been available in this form for a while, but this is the first time that all the shows have been released on CD for more-or-less individual purchase; ideal if you don't fancy shelling out for the big complete CD box set.

"The two series of the follow-up shows *The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* will be out on the same date.

"There are more details and direct-purchasing links to Amazon UK on my website, at <http://www.bertcoules.co.uk/cassette.htm> .

"OK, plug over. If you have been, thanks for listening.

Bert
<http://www.bertcoules.co.uk>"

SHERLOCKIAN HUMOR FROM BOB BURR

Posted by our old friend Bob Burr on the new irreverent Sherlock Holmes discussion group ShamLock Holmes on May 14, 2005. This item originally appeared in (Plugs&Dottles #s 242 & 243, Nov-Dec 1998)

Q: When Holmes, as Altamont, left Chicago, did he go by Buffalo?
A: No, he went by train.

Q: What old song was inspired by the name of Percy Phelps's hometown?
A: "I've Been Working On The Railroad."

Q: What is a growler?
A: A peckish rumble from a stomach suffering a food deprivation attack.

Q: What do you call a doxy with a pronounced southern accent?
A: A hookah.

Q: Did Holmes have a choice of cartridge lengths for his hair-trigger?
A: Yes, they came in Boxer longs and, though seldom mentioned in polite Victorian society, Boxer shorts.

Q: What proposition did the "Gold King" make to Miss Grace Dunbar?
A: He offered to make her a Gibson Girl overnight.

FANS OF MAD COMICS

According to Charles Prepolec, aka the Exasperated Groundskeeper at Pondicherry Lodge, "Yup, (the) classic Kurtzman and Elder piece from 1954 is available. If you haven't seen it, you, can find the whole thing available for viewing/reading online at <http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~ina22/SSHB-Main.htm>" Cheers."

SHERMLOCK SHOMES in THE HOUND OF THE BASKETBALLS Published in MAD MAGAZINE, October, 1954

"Every kid of my generation learned about satire from Mad Magazine, which, in the early 60's, was much smarter than it is today. This piece appeared in Mad before I was born; I found it in a paperback Mad collection when I was a mere sprite. It's still one of the funniest pieces I've ever read, working on a lot of different levels, something I can go back to for the umpteenth time with enjoyment. Be sure to study all the background details."

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