

Oct 17 #1

Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press

Transformative Works and Cultures is an international on-line journal that publishes articles about popular media, fan communities, and transformative works; v. 23 (2017) <[www.tinyurl.com/y9hkz4ml](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9hkz4ml)> is titled "Sherlock Holmes, Fandom, Sherlockiana and the Great Game" and was edited by Betsy Rosenblatt and Roberta Pearson. There's cover artwork by Laurie Fraser Manifold, and an excellent mix of material by and about Sherlockians, and it's all available to read on-line or download without charge.

Alexis Barquin notes a two-minute British Pathé clip of Eille Norwood putting on a disguise in "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" at the Princes Theatre in London (1923) <[www.tinyurl.com/y8xnf9h7](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8xnf9h7)>; this seems to be the earliest known film/video from a Sherlockian play.

Kazuo Ishiguro has been awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Literature. He is best known for his novels THE REMAINS OF THE DAY, NEVER LET ME GO, and THE BURIED GIANT, and Sara Danius, the permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, said that "If you mix Jane Austen and Franz Kafka then you have Kazuo Ishiguro in a nutshell, but you have to add a little bit of Marcel Proust into the mix." In an interview published in the N.Y. Times Sunday Book Review in 2015 <[www.tinyurl.com/y7ux8nlm](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7ux8nlm)>, Ishiguro said that he discovered the Sherlock Holmes stories as a young boy in the local library, and that "I not only read obsessively about Holmes and Watson, I started to behave like them. I'd go to school and say things like: 'Pray, be seated' or 'That is most singular.' People at the time just put this down to my being Japanese." Mattias Boström has posted about Ishiguro at Scott Monty's "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" blog <[www.tinyurl.com/y9mbuzd8](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9mbuzd8)>.

Local conservationists are campaigning against a developer's plans to demolish the Lyndhurst Park Hotel in Lyndhurst, Hants., and build flats and affordable homes on the site. The campaigners are citing evidence that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle helped design the 1912 redevelopment of the building as a hotel; local historian Brice Stratford reports that he has discovered Conan Doyle's design sketches in the Richard Lancelyn Green archive in Portsmouth, and he has written a detailed and illustrated report that's available on-line at <[www.tinyurl.com/y97zljpc](http://www.tinyurl.com/y97zljpc)>. The Victorian Society is supporting the campaign <[www.tinyurl.com/yb5yvzve](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb5yvzve)>, and their web-site has a link for those who wish to comments on the developer's planning application.

A SINGULAR COUNTRYSIDE, edited by Nicholas Utechin, David Jones, and Heather Owen (London: Sherlock Holmes Society of London; 2017, 40 pp., £7.50), is the handbook for the Society's expedition to Norfolk; the Society's fortunate to have so many Canonical locales to visit on its expeditions, and to have so much scholarship available from its members. It's available at the Society's web-site <[www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk](http://www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk)>.

This may not qualify as Sherlockian theater, but: "it's ecdysiastical, my dear Watson." "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Scarlet Buttcheek" is a new, fully-scripted striptease that stars Nasty Canasta (Sherlock Holmes) and Sapphire Jones (Dr. Watson), for one night only, at the Bell House in Brooklyn on Nov. 3 <[www.thebellhousesny.com](http://www.thebellhousesny.com)>. "When you have eliminated the clothing, whatever remains, however improbable, must be naked."

Oct 17 #2 The Serpentine Muse continues to offer news from, about, and by The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes, and the contents of the fall issue include Evelyn Herzog's "The Second Case of the Speckled Band" (originally published in *Albertinum*, spring 1966, when the ASH were founded at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven); the Muse is published quarterly and costs \$15.00 a year from Evelyn A. Herzog (301 Warren Avenue #203, Baltimore, MD 21230), and a copy of the summer issue costs \$5.00 postpaid.

Don Hobbs, assisting the search for information about deceased members of The Baker Street Irregulars, is still seeking exact death dates for Irving M. Fenton, Robert G. Parker, and Frank F. Reilly. Nothing was found in The Baker Street Journal, the Social Security Death Index, and [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com); if any anyone knew, or has personal information about, any of the missing three, please get in touch with Don <[221b@verizon.net](mailto:221b@verizon.net)>.

There's always something new to be discovered, such as "Gli aristocratici e Sherlock Holmes" (published in *Il Corriere del Ragazzi*, Mar. 1975); it's an Italian comic strip that was written by Alfredo Castelli and drawn by Ferdinando Tacconi, and it's available on-line at <[www.tinyurl.com/ybssps5z](http://www.tinyurl.com/ybssps5z)>.

Copies of THE SHERLOCK HOLMES HEXALOGY have been shipped by the Thornwillow Press; it's a collection of Conan Doyle's six favorite stories, introduced by Randall Stock, letterpress-printed and hand-bound, and it's available in different bindings, ranging from paper (\$85) to half-leather (\$575), and a few individual stories still are available in even fancier bindings. More information at <[www.thornwillow.com/sherlock-holmes-hexalogy-1275](http://www.thornwillow.com/sherlock-holmes-hexalogy-1275)>.

The Marco Navos Studio offers a colorful collection of paper dolls showing 12 characters from the Canon (plus Conan Doyle) <[www.tinyurl.com/y93jvxe3](http://www.tinyurl.com/y93jvxe3)>; they are available in two sizes. The company also offers a variety of miniature figurines <[www.tinyurl.com/y9v1vmch](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9v1vmch)>, Sherlockian and others.

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny has published aerial footage of a luxurious hidden mansion called Villa Sellgren, located on an island near the border with Finland, and allegedly used by Vladimir Putin as a holiday retreat <[www.tinyurl.com/y6vtwr5d](http://www.tinyurl.com/y6vtwr5d)>. The [London] Sun had a colorfully-illustrated story about the mansion <[www.tinyurl.com/yb8kpj4o](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb8kpj4o)>, which has a Sherlockian connection, as the site of filming for an episode of the series that starred Vasiliy Livanov and Vitali Solomin.

Flicker Alley promoted its restored (and most complete) Blu-ray edition of "The Lost World" (1925) with its first animated video contest, encouraging fans to submit short animated videos inspired by the company's titles; the winner was Shane Fleming, whose "The Tyrant Lizard" can be seen at YouTube <[www.tinyurl.com/yalh587](http://www.tinyurl.com/yalh587)>.

H. H. Holmes is definitely dead. That was the alias used by Herman Webster Mudgett, who murdered a series of young women in the World's Fair Hotel in Chicago, and by Anthony Boucher, who was an author, critic, and early member of The Baker Street Irregulars (Jun 17 #1). The History Channel series "American Ripper" pursued a rumor that Mudgett escaped from prison and execution and ended with the exhumation of Mudgett's grave; forensic tests determined that the body was indeed Mudgett's.

Oct 17 #3 Alexander Orlov has noted an interesting on-line archive: the National Center for Biotechnology Information, which has 16 data-bases with citations for ["sherlock holmes"] and 13 for ["conan doyle"] <[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)>. Anyone interested in Sherlockian and Doylean medicine will find much of interest: just one of the data-bases, PubMed Central <[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc)> yields 623 hits for ["sherlock holmes"] and 461 for ["conan doyle"].

"The most beautiful diamond in the world" is Christie's description of the 163.41-carat diamond that will go to auction in London on Nov. 14; it was cut from a 404-carat rough diamond found in Angola last year, and you can read all about it at <[www.tinyurl.com/yb4g7yjl](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb4g7yjl)>. There's nothing Sherlockian about the diamond, but it's certainly more spectacular than the Mazarin Stone (a 77-carat yellow diamond that's part of the Iranian crown jewels, and was never owned by Cardinal Mazarin).

If you would like to know more about Mazarin, and the diamonds that actually were in his collection, you can consult the catalog for Christie's auction of "magnificent jewels" <[www.tinyurl.com/ycwzntl8](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycwzntl8)>; the auction will include the "Grand Mazarin" (a light-pink 19.07-carat brilliant-cut diamond) that's so magnificent that it's listed as "estimate on request."

Breaking news: the Russians used Sherlock Holmes to try to interfere with the U.S. election. It was a CNN Exclusive this month, illustrated with an image of Vasilii Livanov and Vitali Solomin <[www.tinyurl.com/yavs6mjr](http://www.tinyurl.com/yavs6mjr)>.

It was H. R. F. Keating, in SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE MAN AND HIS WORLD (1979), who explained that the modern Belgian masters whose pictures entirely absorbed Sherlock Holmes (in THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES) were the members of the XX Group. James Ensor was one of them, and Christie's has on-line an interesting "5 minutes with... A book of poems illustrated by James Ensor" <[www.tinyurl.com/y984kka8](http://www.tinyurl.com/y984kka8)>.

Greg Ruby has reported at The Fourth Garrideb web-site that a portrait of Arthur Conan Doyle appears on a new Scottish £10 note, and offers colorful images and a detailed description <[www.tinyurl.com/ybp8jbhk](http://www.tinyurl.com/ybp8jbhk)>. It's a fantasy note created by Gabris Matej, and Greg includes a link to Matej's on-line shop, in case you'd like to buy one of the notes (\$8.90 postpaid).

Steampunk, first mentioned in this newsletter in 1996, is a modern Victorian science-fiction genre generally set in alternative universes, but there is real science in its history. Brandy Schillace explores that history in her CLOCKWORK FUTURES (New York: Pegasus, 2017; 300 pp., \$28.95); the subtitle is "the science of steampunk and the reinvention of the modern world" and (of course) she has a chapter on "The Science of Sherlock".

The University of Chicago Press has announced the Great Chicago Book Sale, and one of the books is Conan Doyle's 'DANGEROUS WORK': DIARY OF AN ARCTIC ADVENTURE (Jul 12 #4); if you don't have this excellent book already, here is a chance to get it at a discount: \$13.00 for the cloth edition (instead of \$35.00) and \$69.00 for the limited, numbered, and cloth slip-cased edition (instead of \$289.00). Go to <[www.bit.ly/UCPSale](http://www.bit.ly/UCPSale)>, search for [dangerous work] and use the keycode AD1647 to get the discount.

Oct 17 #4 Bert Wolder spotted an interesting item scheduled for auction at Sotheby's in London on Sept. 26 in The Vivien Leigh Collection: a photograph of David Niven, with a deerstalker (and bow and arrow) jumping into a swimming pool; They were close friends, and she was godmother to his oldest son. Estimated at £300-£500, it sold for £4,000, and you still may be able to see the photograph at <[www.tinyurl.com/yd42jma9](http://www.tinyurl.com/yd42jma9)>.

The Folio Society and House of Illustration have announced the 2018 Book Illustration Competition to illustrate THE SELECTED ADVENTURES AND MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES; details at <[www.tinyurl.com/yb5ss7ez](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb5ss7ez)>. The winner will receive a £5,000 commission to illustrate the book and design the binding, and the deadline for entries in the competition is Jan. 17. The selected long-list will be available at the House of Illustration web-site from Feb. 1, and members of the public will be able to vote for their favorite entry; the winner, however, will be chosen by a panel of six judges.

Breaking news: the Russians used Sherlock Holmes to try to interfere with the U.S. election. Okay: it was fake news (as you might have concluded if you observed the mention of "Sherlock Go"); someone had fun with the hoax, presumably inspired by the real CNN story about how the Russians used the game Pokémon Go to meddle in the election <[www.tinyurl.com/y8vux3at](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8vux3at)>.

And (speaking of Pokémon), the company's game "Detective Pikachu" has the title character in Sherlockian costume (Feb 16 #2), and a live-action film is reported to be scheduled to begin shooting in London next year. You can see a nine-minute trailer for the game at <[www.tinyurl.com/y9y5bk2v](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9y5bk2v)>.

The British Film Institute has launched a new Filmography data-base covering more than 100 years of feature films, starting in 1911, with details on more than 10,000 films and more than 250,000 cast and crew. Details available at <[www.bfi.org.uk/archive-collections/bfi-filmography](http://www.bfi.org.uk/archive-collections/bfi-filmography)>, and there are answers to all sorts of questions, such as: who are the most featured characters in British feature films? Sherlock Holmes ranks third (24 films); James Bond and Queen Victoria are tied for first (25 films), and Miss Monypenny ranks fourth (17 films). Old Mother Riley and the Prince of Wales are tied for seventh (13 films). And who was Old Mother Riley? Look her up at Wikipedia (I had to).

Steve Duke died on Sept. 21. A co-founder of The Sherlock Holmes Society of Victoria (aka The Elementary Victorians), he produced occasional cryptic messages he called "The Dark Rumours of Moriarty"; his article on "ACD in Melbourne" appeared in the 2012 issue of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and for many years he had great fun out there down under.

Dennis Pearce was the runner-up in the "detective" category in the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest in 2010: "As Holmes, who had a nose for danger, quietly fingered the bloody knife and eyed the various body parts strewn along the dark, deserted highway, he placed his ear to the ground and, with his heart in his throat, silently mouthed to his companion, 'Arm yourself, Watson, there is an evil hand afoot ahead.'" This has been in this newsletter before, but incorrectly, and the full version is better. The motto of the contest is "Where www means 'Wretched Writers Welcome'" and their web-site is at <[www.bulwer-lytton.com](http://www.bulwer-lytton.com)>.

Oct 17 #5 EVERY CLUE COUNTS: A CHILDREN'S SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY (2017; 210 pp., \$9.99 at Amazon and elsewhere) was written and published by the 5th-grade class of Downes Elementary School in Newark, Del., and it is nicely done indeed; the 5th-graders know their audience, and obviously have had great fun creating an interesting book.

Terry Downes died on Oct. 6. A British middle-weight boxing champion who was nicknamed the Paddington Express, he became wealthy outside the ring by investing in legal betting shops, and occasionally acted in films, including "A Study in Terror" (1965), in which he played Chunky.

The next 221B Con will be held in Atlanta, Apr. 13-15, 2018; it's promoted as "a fan con for all things Sherlock Holmes" and (by all accounts) it is never boring <[www.221bcon.com](http://www.221bcon.com)>.

The Napoleon of Crime now has a grave marker. Jerry Klinger, in an article in the San Diego Jewish World (Oct. 8) <[www.tinyurl.com/y9lmxvm6](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9lmxvm6)>, reports that he has installed a grave marker at Highgate Cemetery in honor of Adam Worth (the master criminal who was known as the Napoleon of Crime well before Prof. Moriarty).

An addition to the list of members of The Baker Street Irregulars who have acted in films (Sep 17 #6): Sonia Fetherson (as an extra). And to the list of children of members of the BSI: James Utechin (as an actor).

Joe Ide's IQ won an Anthony award (for best first novel) at Bouchercon this month. His protagonist is Isaiah Quintabe, "a street-smart Sherlock" (according to one reviewer) who lives in Long Beach, Calif., and the book has many Canonical echoes. Lenny Picker interviewed Ide for Publishers Weekly last year <[www.tinyurl.com/ydhmsope](http://www.tinyurl.com/ydhmsope)>.

Bouchercon was held in Toronto, and the schedule included a nice Sherlockian panel moderated by Angela Misri; there also were opportunities to visit the "Pop Sherlock!" exhibition and the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library. Congratulations to Peggy Perdue on her promotion; she now is senior department head of the special collections department.

The next Bouchercons will be in Saint Petersburg ("Crime in the Sunshine") Sept. 13-16, 2018; in Dallas ("Denim, Diamonds and Death") on Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2019; and in Sacramento ("Where Murder is a Capitol Crime"), Oct. 15-18, 2020. Bouchercon is the largest gathering of mystery authors and readers, and there's (almost) always a Sherlockian panel.

David Marcum, author of the upcoming THE PAPERS OF SOLAR PONS (Sep 17 #4), blogs at "A Seventeen Step Problem..." and has a nicely illustrated post about August Derleth and Solar Pons <[www.tinyurl.com/yczk1xeq](http://www.tinyurl.com/yczk1xeq)>.

Donald A. Yates ("The Greek Interpreter") died on Oct. 17. He was a professor of Romance Languages at Michigan State University, where he resurrected The Greek Interpreters, and was an expert on the writings of Jorge Luis Borges. Don contributed to our literature with scholarship, poetry, and pastiche, and was the founding chair of The John H. Watson Society; he received his Investiture from The Baker Street Irregulars in 1972.

Oct 17 #6 Reedsy (which describes itself as "a full ecosystem for authors and publishing professionals") has celebrated the 125th anniversary of the publication of THE ADVENTURE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES by asking a dozen professional book designers to create new book covers for each of the stories in the collection. The designs are thoroughly attractive, and you can see them in full color at <[www.tinyurl.com/ybzbvvgw3](http://www.tinyurl.com/ybzbvvgw3)>. Alas: there are no plans (at the moment) to publish books with the colorful covers.

Arthur Conan Doyle, J. M. Barrie, and P. G. Wodehouse were members of the Authors XI Cricket Club, founded in 1892 and dissolved in 1912. The club was revived in 2012 and has an active schedule, a page at Facebook, and a web-site <[www.authorscricketclub.com](http://www.authorscricketclub.com)>.

Anatoly Mikhailovich Eliseev has created some colorful and striking illustrations for Sherlock Holmes stories, apparently not published, but Howard Ostrom notes that you can see them on-line at <[www.tinyurl.com/yajeztnu](http://www.tinyurl.com/yajeztnu)>.

Harry Rountree's original artwork for one of his illustrations in "The Lost World" in The Strand Magazine was offered at Heritage Auctions this month, and you can see at their web-site <[www.tinyurl.com/ydgbhzoc](http://www.tinyurl.com/ydgbhzoc)> how spectacular the artwork in inkwash and gouache is, compared to what readers saw in the Strand; it sold for \$5,500 (including the buyer's premium)

"Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century" (1999-2001), a British animated television series that ran for two seasons on CITV and Fox Kids, still has its fans, including Patrick Morris, who posted The Arcanist web-site on Oct. 6 <[www.tinyurl.com/y9rnynhb](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9rnynhb)> about "how a forgotten cartoon predicted the future." And he makes some interesting points.

Just in time for holiday hinting (or shopping), Randall Stock's annual informative nominations for the best Sherlock Holmes books/DVDs of the year will be on-line soon at <[www.bestofsherlock.com/sherlock-gifts.htm](http://www.bestofsherlock.com/sherlock-gifts.htm)>.

Mattias Boström didn't have room for all of his research in the 571 pages of his FROM HOLMES TO SHERLOCK (Apr 17 #4), and he's now posting all sorts of additional material at his Facebook page, which is well worth visiting <[www.facebook.com/fromholmestosherslock](http://www.facebook.com/fromholmestosherslock)>.

Roy Dotrice died on Oct. 16. He had a long career as an actor, noted for appearing as John Aubrey on stage in the one-man show "Brief Lives" (which opened in 1967 and ran for 1,700 performances), and as Hallyne the Pyromancer in two episodes of the television series "Game of Thrones" in 2012. He also played Douglas Stone in the BBC-2 dramatization of Conan Doyle's "The Case of Lady Sannox" (1968), Simon Carne in "The Duchess of Wilshire's Diamonds" in the ITV television series "The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes" (1971), and Conan Doyle in the television film "Young Harry Houdini" (1987).

The fall meeting of The Sons of the Copper Beeches in Philadelphia was enjoyed by all, including the toastmaster, who for the first time in the history of the society was able to call the meeting to order by saying "ladies and gentlemen" (all of the six traditional toasts were given by ladies, and all the ladies on hand, having attended their first meeting, are on their way to becoming full members of the Sons.

Oct 17 #7 The traditional forecast for the Sherlockian birthday festivities in New York in January is considerably shorter than usual, because details are not yet available. But they will be, on-line early in November, at [www.bakerstreetjournal.com/bsiweekend.html](http://www.bakerstreetjournal.com/bsiweekend.html). The long weekend will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 10 with the ASH Wednesday dinner, and end on Sunday, Jan. 14 with the ASH brunch, and the schedule may or may not include some surprises.

Paste magazine has reported [www.tinyurl.com/y7bw5l2y](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7bw5l2y) that next year Dark Horse will publish a graphic-novel adaptation of Neil Gaiman's pastiche "A Study in Emerald"; visit the web-site to see the cover artwork.

Conan Doyle sailed from Sydney to Auckland in 1920 on the SS Maheno while on his Spiritualist tour of Australia and New Zealand; in 1935 it was sold for scrap, caught in a cyclone, and beached on Fraser Island, off the coast of Queensland. It's still there, and Bill Barnes has reported that Google Maps has panoramic views of the wreck today [www.tinyurl.com/yd5wls57](http://www.tinyurl.com/yd5wls57).

Pattie Tierney's "Mystery Jewelry and Gifts" [www.pattietierney.etsy.com](http://www.pattietierney.etsy.com) offers imaginative items, Sherlockian and otherwise, including a new "Sherlock Noir" charm bracelet.

Ted Bergman ("The Honourable Philip Green") died on Oct. 22. He was one of the founders of The Solitary Cyclists of Sweden, and an energetic member of The Baskerville Hall Club of Sweden. Ted was a dedicated Sherlockian, an expert bibliographer, and proud of his miniature recreation of 221B Baker Street, and he was awarded his Investiture by The Baker Street Irregulars in 1978.

Judge Richard A. Posner retired in September after more than three decades on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago; you can read the Chicago Tribune's story at [www.tinyurl.com/y7g47vrj](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7g47vrj), and Adam Liptak's "Exit Interview with Richard Posner, Judicial Provocateur" in the N.Y. Times at [www.tinyurl.com/y79aln54](http://www.tinyurl.com/y79aln54). Posner wrote the Court of Appeals decision in *Leslie S. Klinger v. Conan Doyle Estate, Ltd.*, in 2014, ruling that copyright protects only characters and story elements unique to the ten stories still under copyright, and awarded Les more than \$30,000 to cover his legal fees; you can read the decisions at [www.free-sherlock.com](http://www.free-sherlock.com). Posner also reviewed THE NEW ANNOTATED SHERLOCK HOLMES for The New Republic in 2004 and offered a decidedly unfavorable opinion of the scholarship and pseudo-scholarship detailed in Les' annotations.

Bill Barnes has reported from Australia that Sherlock Holmes, a six-year-old chestnut gelding (Sep 17 #6), is continuing to race in Australia: he was the favorite in a field of 12 on Oct. 11, but finished fourth, and came in fourth again in a race on Oct. 18. His lifetime earnings are AU\$42,296.

The Practical, But Limited, Geologists (also known as The Friends of Sherlock Holmes) met to honor the world's first forensic geologist with drinks and dinner at Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant in Seattle on Oct. 25, during the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, welcomed by members of The Sound of the Baskervilles. Our next meetings will be on May 23 in Salt Lake City and on Nov. 7 in Indianapolis.

Oct 17 #8 Robert Guillaume died on Oct. 24. He earned a Tony nomination in a production of "Guys and Dolls" in 1977, and went on to win an Emmy for best supporting actor as the butler Benson DuBois in the television series "Soap"; he then won a second Emmy as best actor in the spin-off "Benson" and in an episode of the second series he was seen briefly in Sherlockian costume impersonating a Scotland Yard inspector.

Denny Dobry has kindly reported a 3-minute Sherlockian segment in the History Channel's series "Pawn Stars": in the episode "Chum's Risky Business" (Cot. 23, 2017), Chuck Kovacic (founder of The Baker Street Builders) sold Rick Harrison a gasogene.

Theatrics: "The Hound of the Baskervilles" (a new play by Thomas Moore) is running at the King's Arms in Salford, Manchester, through Nov. 25; their website's at <[www.thehoundofthebaskervilles.co.uk](http://www.thehoundofthebaskervilles.co.uk)>.

Christophe Delort's dramatization of "Sherlock Holmes et la mystère de la vallée de Boscombe" is running at the Théâtre du Gymnase Marie-Bell in Paris through Jan. 27 <[www.billetreduc.com/194998/evt.htm](http://www.billetreduc.com/194998/evt.htm)>; there's a trailer trailer at <[www.vimeo.com/233013768](http://www.vimeo.com/233013768)>.

Ken Ludwig's "The Game's Afoot, or Holmes for the Holidays" is due at the Lion's Club in Key Largo, Fla., Nov. 1-11 <[www.thekeyplayers.org](http://www.thekeyplayers.org)>; and at the Frank Venables Theatre in Oliver, B.C., Nov. 2-4; their web-site is at <[www.venablestheatre.ca](http://www.venablestheatre.ca)>. It's also at the Otter Valley Playhouse in Tillsonburg, Ont., Nov. 2-12; <[www.theatretillsonburg.com](http://www.theatretillsonburg.com)>; and at the nTelos Theatre in Staunton, Va., Nov. 3-12 <[www.shenanarts.org](http://www.shenanarts.org)>.

Katie Forgette's "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily" will be performed at the Reuben Cordova Theatre in Beverly Hills, Calif., Nov. 16-Dec. 17 <[www.theatre40.org](http://www.theatre40.org)>; and the Ottawa Little Theatre in Ottawa, Ont., May 2-19 <[www.ottawalittletheatre.com](http://www.ottawalittletheatre.com)>.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Christmas Goose" (by Duke Ernsberger and V. Cate) will be performed at the Greenville Little Theatre in Greenville, S.C., on Dec. 7-17 <[www.greenvillelittletheatre.org](http://www.greenvillelittletheatre.org)>.

Steven Dietz's "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" will be performed in the script-in-hand play-reading series at the Westport Country Playhouse in Westport, Conn., on Dec. 11 <[www.westportplayhouse.org](http://www.westportplayhouse.org)>.

Ken Ludwig's comedy "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" will be performed at the Ashton Community Center in Ashton, Iowa, Nov. 2-5; web-site at <[www.offoffboardwayinc.com](http://www.offoffboardwayinc.com)>. And at the Manoa Valley Theatre in Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 11-28, 2018 <[www.manoavalleytheatre.com](http://www.manoavalleytheatre.com)>; then at the Long Wharf in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28-Mar. 25, 2018 <[www.longwharf.org](http://www.longwharf.org)>.

David MacGregor's new play "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear" is due at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, Mich., Mar. 29-May 6, 2018 <[www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)>.

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