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Above: The Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce film “Terror by Night” is one of several Sherlock Holmes movies that is playing on Turner Classic Movies the next couple of months.

Important! New Location For Our October 9th Meeting

Be sure and note that we will be meeting at a new location for our October meeting. Here’s the meeting details:

Meeting Date: Monday, October 9, 2006

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Reale’s Pizza and Café
13450 Research Blvd.
Austin, Texas

Reale’s Pizza and Café is located on North Hwy 183, in the shopping center on the southwest corner of 183 and Anderson Mill Road.

Their phone number is 512-335-5115, in case you get lost or just want to order a pizza.

Canon Fodder

*Notes from Last Month’s Meeting...
and other items of interest*

by Earl Richards

We had a small turnout (just four of us) at the September gathering but still managed to have a great meeting and an excellent discussion of “The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter.”

Russ Harris provided an excellent overview of the game of rugby, this strange (to us) hybrid between soccer and American football. Good job, Russ! If we could only find some games on TV, I think we would actually be able to understand the game now!

Another thing you missed if you weren’t at our September meeting was one of the oddest pieces of Sherlockiana that I have ever seen—Sarah Ann brought in a real treat: an edition of *Sign of Four* that was in Gregg Shorthand. That would be a true prize from used bookstore browsing!

For those of you who don’t what Gregg Shorthand is, I can only repeat Shaw’s adage: “Youth is wasted on the young.”

In the Spring 2006 issue of *The Baker Street Journal*, Steven Rothman had written a bit about his visit to Austin and a couple of our monthly meetings. I brought my copy of that issue to the September meeting, as a couple of people asked to see what he had written. Being that it was a small meeting, I will go ahead and reprint the page in this issue of the *Waterloo Station Gazette*.

We’re tentatively discussing meeting at a society member’s house for our December meeting, in order to watch some film versions of the great Sherlockian Christmas classic, “The Blue Carbuncle.” More details will be forthcoming at our next meeting.



It looks like the Turner Classic Movies channel is showing some Sherlock Holmes films. These are always worth watching or recording, as TCM shows them unedited and commercial free. Here's what I found on the TCM website's schedule:

October 28, 2006 at 5:00 a.m.: **Sherlock Holmes and the Woman in Green** (1945), starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

October 28, 2006 at 6:15 a.m.: **Sherlock Holmes in Dressed to Kill** (1946), starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

November 18, 2006 at 10:45 p.m.: **The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes** (1970), starring Robert Stevens, Christopher Lee, and Genevieve Page. Directed by Billy Wilder.

December 11, 2006 at 11:15 p.m.: **Sherlock Holmes in Terror by Night** (1946), starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

Upcoming Schedule and Events

Monday, October 9th, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – Monthly Meeting. We will meet at Reale's Pizza, 13450 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas. (Located on North Hwy 183, in the shopping center, on the southwest corner of Hwy 183 and Anderson Mill Road). Topic of discussion: "Sherlock Holmes and Music" presented by Earl Richards.

Monday, November 13th, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – Monthly Meeting. We will meet at Reale's Pizza, 13450 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas. (Located on North Hwy 183, in the shopping center, on the southwest corner of Hwy 183 and Anderson Mill Road). Topic of discussion: "The Valley of Fear." This is a novel, not a short story; so don't wait until the last minute to start reading!

December 2006 meeting. – Monthly Meeting. Location of meeting to be determined. Topic of discussion: The "Blue Carbuncle" in Films. We're tentatively thinking of a film festival at someone's house; more details to come.

SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS



The Sherlock Holmes Society of Austin meets monthly (typically, on the 2nd Monday) to discuss Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson and their adventures.

If you are interested in joining us, please check out our web page at:

www.sherlockholmessocietyaustin.org

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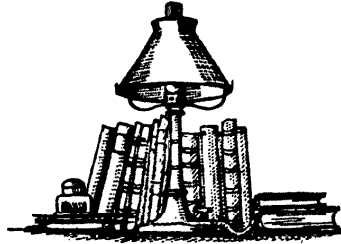
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“Deep in the Heart”

From “*The Baker Street Journal*”, Vol. 56, No. 1

by Steven Rothman



THE EDITOR'S GAS-LAMP

“DEEP IN THE HEART”

This issue of the JOURNAL comes later than either you or I might have wanted. Here's the reason: I was the recipient of an Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. This meant that for some nine weeks I was immersed in the papers of Christopher Morley. And where there are Morley papers, Sherlock Holmes is never very far. Indeed, I discovered several hitherto unknown articles about Holmes and Irregularity that I hope to share with you in the future.

But my real discovery was the strength and importance of the local scion. I went to Austin knowing no one. I e-mailed the Sherlock Holmes Society of Austin in the hopes of spending some time with congenial people who wouldn't look upon an interest in Holmes and Watson as something odd or, even worse, cute, quaint, and whimsical.

The group took me under their wing. They made sure I had rides to and from their monthly meetings. They involved me in their project of supplementing the teaching about Holmes in an undergraduate course on detective stories. (They even drove me to a grocery to help me fill other needs.) It can be too easy to forget how important and how much fun the local groups can be.

I met two members of the Austin group who subscribe to the JOURNAL—about the same proportion as among those who attend the Baker Street Irregulars' Dinner. I was pleased to be able to play Johnny Appleseed for the BSJ, handing out copies to all who wanted them. I have every hope of seeing a few more Austin ZIP codes next year among both our subscribers and contributors.

I encourage you to search out Sherlockian groups on your travels and hope you will find it as rewarding as I did.



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