



# THE Lamp-Post



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Compliments of the season from our family at THE BAKER STREET JOURNAL to yours. The Winter 2004 issue is in the mail; neither snow nor sleet nor dark of night will stop it from arriving on your doorstep.

In "The Blue Carbuncle," Holmes notes that "it is the season of forgiveness." We would argue that it is also the season of charity. As such, we would like you to consider giving a subscription to a worthy individual or library. In this newsletter, we'll share with you a success story that resulted from a gift subscription - it truly is the gift that keeps on giving. We hope you'll take this story to heart.

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Sincerely,

## IN THIS ISSUE

The online featured article for Winter 2004 is "[A MURDER WAS COMMITTED - BUT WHERE?](#)" by Jens Byskov Jensen. This is the second BSI contribution of Mr. Jensen's that has been featured online (his first, "THE AVANT-GARDE SHERLOCK HOLMES" appeared in the Spring of 2003). In his latest contribution, Jensen investigates where the murder of Cadogan West took place in "The Bruce Partington Plans" by building on past work by Wayne Swift, BSI and Bernard Davies, BSI.

In your print edition, you'll find John Baesch, BSI continuing this

rail journey as he investigates "The Underground Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." And it wouldn't be the holiday season without a nod to "The Blue Carbuncle" by William Waterhouse and Paul Smedegaard, BSI. Bill Cochran takes a stab at naming the author of "His Last Bow," while James Ravin makes his attempt at identifying the King of Bohemia. From the fairer sex we have Evelyn Herzog, BSI, ASH (the prettier half of Mr. & Mrs. John Baesch) who reports on the first BSI expedition to the Valley of Fear, while Catherine Cooke, BSI, ASH toast an Old Irregular.

Finally, the 2004 report of the Baker Street Irregulars Trust recaps

the success that the Trust has achieved in its inaugural year.

And of course our regular features are there as well: the Commonplace Book; you'll see the results of the 2004 presidential election had on Holmes & Watson in *Art in the Blood*; Baker Street Inventory; the wistful "Stand with me here upon the terrace..."; and a summary of the year's offerings with the Index to Volume 54 of the BSIJ.

Read the Editor's Gas-Lamp and the full table of contents [online](#) and order some of our fine publications while you're there!

As always, thank you for your support. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to anyone who might like it.

## **THE BSI PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES**

Since 2001, the BSI has embarked upon an ambitious endeavor – to return to its literary roots by publishing unique and otherwise unavailable works. The BSI Manuscript Series has introduced rare manuscripts together with insightful commentary from scholars and has thus far included:

- *The Angels of Darkness* brings to life an unpublished play by Doyle that was based on the American chapters of *A Study in Scarlet*.
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles: Chapter XI* exemplifies Doyle's style and confidence in writing.
- G.K. Chesterton's *Sherlock Holmes* showcases original artwork by the author of the Father Brown mysteries.
- The Napoleon Bust Business Again highlights a very popular, yet lightly studied story together with Victorian journalism, a history of black pearls, the role of Italians in Victorian London, and Conan Doyle's involvement in the bust-manufacturing business.

In January, the BSI will unveil the latest book in its publishing activities. This latest launch will be the first in a handful of similarly-themed books. Look for our table in the Vendors' Room during the Weekend.

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### **THE POWER OF GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS**

A subscriber to the JOURNAL made a gift subscription to the library at the Union League Club in Philadelphia, PA earlier this year. The response:

*"The Library Committee is most appreciative of your gift of the Journals to the Library. The Committee is also interested in the possibility of forming a chapter of the BSI's at the League. It was suggested that we have a Library Hour program dedicated to the subject."*

You can make a gift through the mail or online at [our website](#). Downloadable subscription forms are available online by [clicking here](#).

One note: please check with your local library to verify if they need and if they would like a subscription.

### **BSI WEEKEND**

We'll have a strong presence in the Vendors' Room this year. As usual, we'll have special Weekend prices on all of our merchandise. You'll find the following for sale:

- BSJ Christmas Annuals: 1999, 2000, 2002-2004
- The BSI History Series
- The BSI MS Series: Angels, Hound, Chesterton, Napoleon
- BSJ CD-ROMs
- **The New BSI book**

We look forward to seeing you there.

**The first 10 people who stop by our table and mention this newsletter will receive a free gift!**

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## **THE 2004 CHRISTMAS ANNUAL**

The 2004 Christmas Annual is now on sale! This year we continue society histories with *Dubious and Questionable Memories: A History of the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes* by Susan Rice, ASH, BSI ("Beeswing") will contain contributions by a number of ASH members. There will also be photographs and other illustrations from this remarkable Sherlockian society. The price remains \$11.00 for U.S. orders, \$12 for international orders. Order from The Baker Street Journal, PO Box 465, Hanover, PA 17331 or from our website:

[www.bakerstreetjournal.com](http://www.bakerstreetjournal.com)

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