

Sherlock Holmes Dinner

To coincide with the Isle of Wight Literary Festival



Saturday 14 October 2017

7pm for 7.30pm

Jacket and Tie | £22.50

**After dinner Matt Wingett will talk about
'Conan Doyle and the Mysterious World of Light'**

Why did the man who created Sherlock Holmes also believe in ghosts?

From early in his medical career Arthur Conan Doyle was fascinated by the paranormal. In 1887 – the year his first Sherlock Holmes novel was published – he became convinced of the existence of spirits. Even as the fame of his ultra-rational creation grew, Doyle investigated poltergeists, spirit photography and much more. Then, as the deaths of the Great War mounted, he announced to a shocked world that Spiritualism was a “New Revelation”.

Yet, still he continued writing Sherlock Holmes stories. How could this apparent contradiction exist in one man’s mind?

Drawing on Conan Doyle’s original articles and letters for the Spiritualist magazine ‘Light’, you will meet the men and women who supported, agreed and argued with him, including the press, the church, scientists and writers. This fascinating talk by Matt Wingett traces Doyle’s Spiritualism from his early experiments in Southsea in the 1880s to his leaving the shores of the UK to dedicate his life to Spiritualist missionary work in 1920.

Mrs Hudson’s Victorian Vegetable Soup



Lord Baskerville’s Blade of Beef served with Horseradish Mashed Potato,
Roasted Heritage Carrots, Kale and Hearty Beef Gravy

or

Irene Adler’s Vegetarian Homity Pie served with Sauté Potatoes,
Roasted Heritage Carrots, Kale and a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce (v)



Sherlock’s Sherry Trifle



Coffee, Tea and Mints

(v) The vegetarian option will be available if it has been pre-ordered at the time of booking

Please apply for tickets on line via the Members Area of the website or through the Club Office