



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LX – The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place

Bain, Sandy	Jockey at the Shoscombe stables; was given Lady Falder's favorite spaniel and told to take the dog to old Barnes
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Barnes, Josiah	Keeper of the Green Dragon Inn, where Holmes & Watson stayed during their investigation, and to whom the Spaniel was delivered
Berkshire	Southern county of England, almost entirely under cultivation; estate of Shoscombe Old Place was located there
Brewer, Sam	Well-known Curzon Street moneylender who was severely beaten by Sir Robert Norberton
Crendall	Town in Berkshire, near which the Green Dragon was located
Curzon Street	Street in Westminster, extending eastward from Park Lane to Half Moon Street; Sam Brewer lived there
Derby, The	Most important annual horse race in England, founded in 1780, and run at Epsom, in Surrey each year; Sir Robert Norberton's horse, Shoscombe Prince ran in the Derby
Evans, Carrie	Maid to Lady Beatrice Falder; according to John Mason, she was more devoted to Sir Robert Norberton than to Lady Beatrice; actually, she was Mrs. Norlett, and helped to conceal the death of Lady Beatrice
Falder	Ancient English family, dating apparently from the Saxon times, who maintained their seat at Shoscombe Old Place
Falder, Lady Beatrice	Sister of Sir Robert Norberton, held a life interest at Shoscombe Old Place, which reverted to her late husband's brother upon her death; she died of dropsy, a respiratory ailment

Falder, Sir James	Husband to Lady Beatrice Falder, who died toward the end of the 19 th century
Grand National	Annual steeple-chase run at Aintree, a suburb of Liverpool; despite his huge stature, Sir Robert Norberton seems to have ridden in the Grand National and finished second
Green Dragon	Inn near Shoscombe Old Place, where Holmes and Watson stayed during their investigation of the death of Lady Beatrice Falder
Harley Street	Street in the West End, inhabited largely by consulting physicians and specialists; when John Mason said he believed his employer had gone mad, Holmes reminded him he was on Baker Street, not Harley Street
Harvey	Shoscombe stable-boy, who also ran the central heating furnace for the house; found the human upper condyle of a femur, and gave it to Mason
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Watson described John Mason as their London acquaintance
Mason, John	Head trainer at the Shoscombe stables, who engaged Holmes over the strange behavior of Sir Robert Norberton and Lady Falder
Merivale, Inspector	Official at Scotland Yard, who asked Holmes to look into the St. Pancras case that had to do with the death of a policeman and glue; Holmes solved the case using his microscope to connect the suspect with a cap found at the scene
Newmarket Heath	Principal racing-ground of England, located at the Suffolk town of Newmarket; Sir Robert Norberton horse-whipped Sam Brewer there

Norberton, Sir Robert	Well-known eccentric and penniless baronet, who depended upon his sister Lady Falder for his livelihood; deep in debt, he found himself in danger of absolute ruin upon his sister's death, which he attempted to conceal until the race he had bet heavily upon; Norberton's increasingly odd behavior led John Mason, his trainer, to consult Holmes
Norlett	Actor who impersonated Lady Beatrice Falder after her death
Norlett, Carrie	Wife of the actor, Norlett, was Lady Beatrice's maid under her maiden name, Carrie Evans
Normans	Descendants of the Northman who established themselves in northern France, and who invaded England in 1066 under the leadership of William; a long line of Norman Falders were buried in the Shoscombe crypt
Queer Street	Imaginary place where persons in financial or other difficulties are feigned to live; Watson said Sir Robert Norberton was "so far down Queer Street that he may never find his way back again"
Regency, The	Regency era of British history officially spanned the years 1811 to 1820, though the term is commonly applied to the longer period between 1795 and 1837; Sir Robert Norberton should have been a "buck" in this period, according to Watson
Saxons	Teutonic race that in the 5 th century crossed from the Continent and laid the foundations of the Saxon kingdoms in Britain; one of the graves in the Shoscombe crypt appeared to be Saxon
Shoscombe Old Place	(Shoscombe Hall) Berkshire residence of Sir Robert Norberton and his sister, Lady Beatrice Falder; it lay in the center of Shoscombe Park and was the site of the famous Shoscombe stud and training quarters
Shoscombe Prince	Thoroughbred racing-horse owned by Sir Robert Norberton, which won £80000 at the Derby, thus saving Norberton's financial ruin by his creditors
Shoscombe Spaniels	Very exclusive breed of spaniel deriving its name from Shoscombe Old Place; they were heard of at every dog show and were the special pride of Lady Beatrice Falder; a Shoscombe spaniel helped Holmes solve the mystery
St. Pancras	Northern metropolitan borough of London, almost wholly residential; Holmes was consulted in the St. Pancras case, which involved a picture-frame maker who was accused of killing a policeman

Stephens	Butler of Shoscombe Old Place; Stephen and Mason found the portion of a human body in the crypt
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension