

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

## Canonical Characters



Frederic Dorr Steele,  
March, 1927

## The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place



### “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 01

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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Frank Wiles,  
April, 1927

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## “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 02

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- 11 - Josiah Barnes
- 12 - Carrie Evans / Mrs. Norlett
- 13 - Sam Brewer
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## The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place



### “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 03

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The head trainer of the colt Shoscombe Prince comes to Baker Street because of the mad behavior of Sir Robert Norborton at Shoscombe Old Place.

A haunted crypt with burned bones, a missing invalid sister whose dog is given away.

Will Holmes be able to solve the mystery before the Derby?

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# “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 04

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### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
December, 1968	UK	Peter Cushing	Nigel Stock
March, 1991	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Hardwicke

### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March 30, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
1940	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
March 09, 1941	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
February 15, 1948	Mutual	John Stanley	Alfred Shirley
1959		George Descrieres	Pierre Destallies
August 25, 1959	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1970		Robert Hardy	Nigel Stock
1987	BBC	Roy Marsden	John Moffatt
March 22, 1995	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
2004	Old Court	Jim Crozier	David Hawkes
November 26, 2006	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

*“These are deep waters, Mr. Mason; deep and rather dirty.”*

*“Watson and I are famous fishermen—are we not, Watson?”*

*“In any case, my business is that of every other good citizen - to uphold the law. It seems to me that you have much to answer for.”*

*(Arthur Wontner, 1937, Silver Blaze)*

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John Watson



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

*“It's the upper condyle of a human femur.”*

“Holmes released the spaniel. With a joyous cry it dashed forward to the carriage and sprang upon the step. Then in a moment its eager greeting changed to furious rage.”

“In the glare of the lantern I saw a body swathed in a sheet from head to foot with dreadful, witch-like features.”

*(Ian Fleming, 1937, Silver Blaze)*

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John Mason



### “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 07

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Head trainer at Shoscombe Old Place. a tall, clean-shaven, came to Holmes after he found someone was burning human bones in the furnace at Noberton’s estate.

*“First of all, Mr. Holmes, I think that my employer, Sir Robert, has gone mad.”*

*“Why should Sir Robert want to dig up a dead body?”*

(Edward Woodward, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “Shoscombe Old Place”)



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Sir Robert Norberton



### "The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place" 08

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

A boxer, an athlete, a plunger on the turf, a lover of fair ladies and brother of Lady Beatrice Falder.

*"Who the devil are you?" And what are you doing upon my property?"*

*"I am running a dark horse for the Derby and that everything depends upon my success. If I win, all is easy. If I lose—well, I dare not think of that!"*

(Robin Ellis, 1991, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*, "Shoscombe Old Place")

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Lady Beatrice Falder



## "The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place" 09

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Norberton's widowed sister who died a week before Holmes got involved in the case.

Had a life interest in the Shoscombe Old Place estate.

Sir Robert and Mr. Norlett hid her body in a crypt on the property.

(Elizabeth Weaver, 1991, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*, "Shoscombe Old Place")

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Shoscombe Prince



## “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 10

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Best colt in England who won the Derby winning its owner, Sir Robert Norberton, eighty thousand pounds in bets.

“The Prince would prick up his ears when he heard the wheels on the gravel, and he would trot out each morning to the carriage to get his lump of sugar. But that's all over now.”

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Josiah Barnes



### “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 11

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Sporting host at Green Dog Tavern who entertained Holmes and Watson. Was given Lady Beatrice’s spaniel by Norberton.

“It's Sir Robert, sir. He's terrible jealous of touts. If you two strangers were as near his training quarters as that he'd be after you as sure as fate. He ain't taking no chances, Sir Robert ain't.”

*(Michael Wynne, 1991, The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, “Shoscombe Old Place”)*

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Carrie Evans / Mrs. Norlett



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Lady Beatrice’s maid for five years.  
Her maiden name was Carrie  
Evans. She pretended to  
accompany Lady Beatrice in her  
carriage after her death.

“A highly coloured young woman  
with flaxen hair and impudent  
eyes.”

*“Is this necessary, Sir Robert?  
Have you thought what you are  
doing?”*

*(Denise Black, 1991, The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes,  
“Shoscombe Old Place”)*

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Sam Brewer



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Old Place” 13

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Sir Robert Norberton’s  
chief creditor who was  
once horsewhipped by  
him on Newmarket  
Heath.

Norberton makes it clear  
Brewer would not assist  
him in dealing with his  
debts.

—  
(James Coyle, 1991, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“Shoscombe Old Place”)

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The Dog



## “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 14

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The creature was howling  
outside the old well-house.

Sir Robert gave the dog to  
Barnes at the Green Dragon.

“Well, Watson, that's done  
it,” said Holmes, as he  
fastened the lead to the neck  
of the excited spaniel. “He  
thought it was his mistress and  
he found it was a stranger.”

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Sandy Bain



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(*The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*)

Norberton, in one of  
his tantrums, caught up  
the spaniel and may  
have killed the dog if  
Bain, a jockey, had not  
Lady Beatrice’s dog to  
Barnes at the Green  
Dragon.

(Martin Stone, 1991, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“Shoscombe Old Place”)



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### “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” 16

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