

'Sherlock' returns with murder, mystery — and a baby

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LONDON — There's something rotten in Baker Street.

It may just be the diaper of baby Rosamund Watson, whose arrival at the start of the fourth season of "Sherlock" disrupts the relationship between brilliant, demanding detective Sherlock Holmes and his long-suffering friend Dr. John Watson.

The offspring of John and his enigmatic wife Mary — with Sherlock as a somewhat skeptical godfather — is one of the few things program-makers are willing to reveal before the first of three new episodes airs Jan. 1 on the BBC in Britain and on PBS in the United States.

"The unofficial alternative title for episode one is 'The Three Watsons,' because the baby changes the dynamic," said Mark Gatiss, the show's co-creator. But, he stresses: "Not in a cutesy way."

Fears of domestic coziness are quickly banished in the opening episode, officially titled "The Six Thatchers." Its central whodunit involves half a dozen plaster busts of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

That's just the starting point for 90 minutes of virtuosic puzzle-solving, prickly friendship and the spectacular return of ghosts from one character's past.

The new episodes pick up where the previous season left off almost three years ago. Since then, fans



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In this file photo dated April 15, 2015, British actor Benedict Cumberbatch arrives to host the Laureus World Sports Awards in Shanghai, China. The first of three new episodes of "Sherlock" will be broadcast Sunday Jan. 1, 2017, on BBC TV in Britain, with Cumberbatch once again taking on the role of the brilliant, demanding detective Sherlock Holmes.

have had to make do with a one-time special last year that took the characters back to their Victorian roots.

The show's success means Benedict Cumberbatch, who plays Holmes, and his Watson, Martin Freeman, are in huge demand, and "Sherlock" must fit around their other projects. Cumberbatch jumped back into Holmes' deerstalker hat right after finishing work on the Marvel adventure "Doctor Strange."

Everyone involved in "Sherlock" is sworn to spoiler-free secrecy about the plot, although Cumberbatch offers that it finds the great detective "at the top of his game, at the very bottom of his soul."

He says viewers will see more of Sherlock's vulnerabilities as he faces crises both personal and professional.

filming. "There's some spectacular own-goals, misses and mistakes in this series."

Cumberbatch said over the four seasons, he's tried to probe what makes Sherlock tick — "What's his Achilles' heel?"

"It's been interesting how that person locked in a bit of glacial ice has slowly been thawed into someone we can actually relate to and understand," Cumberbatch said. "And there's a lot more of that in this series."

There is also a pivotal role for Mary, played by Amanda Abbington, whose secret past as a highly trained assassin was revealed in season three. There has been intense speculation about what will happen to her, inspired in part by the character's fate in Arthur Conan Doyle's original stories.

"I like the idea of her not being there forever," said

Abbington, who recently split from real-life partner Freeman after a 16-year-relationship. "She wasn't (there forever) in the books, so I don't think she should be in this. It's about Sherlock and John, and it should be about them."

"I don't want her to become the third wheel."

Co-creators Moffat and Gatiss still sound slightly bemused at the volcanic success of their modern-day take on the cerebral sleuth. When "Sherlock" debuted in 2010, Freeman had starred in the U.K. version of sitcom "The Office" but had yet to play Bilbo Baggins in "The Hobbit." Cumberbatch was best known for costume dramas and stage work.

"Benedict Cumberbatch went from 'Are you making that name up?' to the most famous man in the world, the most famous living

Englishman, in the space of 90 minutes one Sunday," Moffat said.

During the first series, Cumberbatch and Freeman could film in London's teeming Trafalgar Square without drawing much attention. Now, crowds gather outside the nondescript building that plays 221B Baker St. on every shooting day there.

All this means the arrival of new episodes of "Sherlock" is a major TV event — and now a movie one, too. The last episode of the new series, "The Final Problem," will be broadcast in U.S. cinemas on Jan. 16 and 18.

Gatiss says there's no formula for the show's success.

"It's like bottled lightning," he said. "It'll never happen again. We've all had hits, but this is just a phenomenon."

Wednesday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane			Paid	Brain	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily (N)	
FOX	KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		The Rachael Ray Show	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?	
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live! With Kelly (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live! With Kelly (N)	
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.
PBS	59 OPB	13 Power	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI

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AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2½Men	Mike&M.	Pre-game	Football
FOX	KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News	Wendy Williams			The Dr. Oz Show	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Pre-game	Football
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
CBS	KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors	Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wilderness	Voyager	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		News	NBC News
NBC	KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes			Ellen DeGeneres		KGW News	NBC News
ABC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors			The Rachael Ray Show		Minute	Minute
ABC	KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Harry (N)			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Chow	F&Porter	Stretch	C.George	Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts
PBS	59 OPB	13 Paint		Cooking	Charlie Rose (N)	Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad

EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Indiana vs. Utah Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)					Last Man Larabee for School Board"	2 Broke G. "And the Life After Death"	FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Vanishing Act"	:35 Anger Management	
FOX	KPTV	3 NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Indiana vs. Utah Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)					Family Feud	Family Feud	10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Days of Future Future"	Undercover Boss "New York & Company" (N)	MacGyver	"Wrench"	Criminal Minds "Sick Day"	Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert	
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN Local 6 at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss "New York & Company" (N)	MacGyver	"Wrench"	Criminal Minds "Sick Day"	KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Heightened Emotions"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Broken Rhymes"	Chicago P.D. "All Cylinders Firing"	Local News	:35 The Tonight Show		
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.	Live at 7	NBC News	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Heightened Emotions"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Broken Rhymes"	Chicago P.D. "All Cylinders Firing"	KGW News at 11	:35 Tonight			
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Goldberg "George! George Glass!"	Speechless "P-I-PILOT"	Modern Family "Blindsided"	Black-ish "VIP"	Match Game	Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Garth Brooks, Casey Affleck, Laurie Hernandez	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News at 6	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Speechless "P-I-PILOT"	Modern Family	Black-ish "VIP"	Match Game	KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel	
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour	BBC World News	WealthTrack	Masterpiece Mystery! "A Study in Pink"	Nova "Building Pharaoh's Chariot"	Egypt's Treasure Guardians (N)	Rise of the Black Pharaohs			
PBS	59 OPB	13 Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Nature "Cold Warriors: Wolves and Buffalo"	Nova "Building Pharaoh's Chariot"	Egypt's Treasure Guardians (N)	Rise of the Black Pharaohs				
A&E	52	The First 48 "In Harm's Way/ Jealous Rage"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Going Siral (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Remini: Scientology "Golden Era"	:35 Duck Dynasty	
AMC	60	:25 Breaking Bad "Cornered"	Breaking Bad "Problem Dog"	Breaking Bad "Problem Dog"	Breaking Bad "Hermanos"	:35 Breaking Bad "Bug"	:40 Breaking Bad "Salud"	:45 BreakBad				
ANPL	24	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)	Finding Bigfoot: XL (N)
CMT	43	*** Speed Keanu Reeves.	Broken Skull Challen	*** Speed (94, Act) Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves.	Broken Skull Challen							
CNBC	72	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Paid	Paid
CNN	68	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom
DISC	51	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Bush People (N)	Bush People (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)	Alaskan Bush (N)
DISN	26	Hannah M. Hannah M.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick...	:50 Underc.	:20 Liv/Mad	:50 Friends	StuckMid	:50 Mickey		
ESPN	33	NCAA Football Texas Bowl Texas A&M vs. Kansas State Site: NRG Stadium -- Houston, Texas (L)					SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	NCAA Basketball UCLA at Oregon (L)					SportsCenter	S.Sci.	S.Sci.	30Shorts	NCAA Football	
FX	66	The Kelly File	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	The Kelly File	The Kelly File	Hannity	Hannity	On the Record		
FOOD	61	Cooks vs. Cons	Cooks vs. Cons	Cutthroat Kitchen (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Holiday Baking		
FREE	32	Movie	*** Despicable Me (10, Ani)	Steve Carell.	*** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian	The 700 Club						
FX	65	*** American Reunion Jason Biggs.	*** This Is 40 (2012, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Megan Fox, Paul Rudd.	*** This Is 40								
GOLF	88	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)	Fan Favorites: Rounds of 2016 "The 145th Open: Final Round" (N)
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage	Baggage
HALL	87	A Nutcracker Christmas	Christina Amy Acker.	A Crown for Christmas	Danica McKellar.	My Christmas Love (16) Meredith Hagner.						
HGTV	62	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	
HIST	50	American Pickers "Full Speed Ahead"	American Pickers "Risks and Rewards"	Vikings	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "All His Angels" (N)	Vikings "Two Journeys"	
LIFE	29	*** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (05, Act) Brad Pitt.	*** Taken (08, Thril) Liam Neeson.	*** Trapped Child (16, Thril) Katrina Bowden.								
NICK	27	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Sponge	Sponge	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends
ROOT	37	NCAA Basketball Boise State at Utah State Site: Dee Glen Smith Spectrum -- Logan, Utah (L)				Seahawk (N)	In Depth (N)	The Game 365	The Mark Few Show	Seahawks Press Pass	Seahawks Access (N)	NCAA Basketball (Geo./Marquette)
SPIKE	42	*** Training Day (2001, Thriller) Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn, Denzel Washington.	*** Snowpiercer (2014, Sci-Fi) Jamie Bell, Tilda Swinton, Chris Evans.	*** Four Brothers (05, Act) Mark Wahlberg. Four brothers reunite to track down their adoptive mother's killer.	*** The Expendables (10, Act) Eric Roberts, Steve Austin, Jet Li.							
SYFY	67	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2	Insidious: Chapter 2
TBS	59	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party	Search Party
TCM	56	*** Pleasure (Com) Roland Young, Merle Oberon.	*** Wedding Rehearsal (33, Com) Roland Young, Merle Oberon.	*** The Man Who Could Work Miracles Roland Young.	*** Topper (37, Com) Cary Grant, Constance Bennett.	:15 *** The Young in Heart						
TLC	49	My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life "Chay" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Pauline" (N)
TNT	57	:05 Animal Kingdom	Animal King "Animals"	Animal King "Man In"	Animal "Judas Kiss"	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Hawaii Five-0 "Ohana"	
UNI	21	Includo	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Despertar contigo	Vino el amor	El color de la pasion	Impacto	Noticie.			
USA	58	NCIS	NCIS "Crescent City"	NCIS "Crescent City"	NCIS "Page Not Found"	NCIS "Alleged"	Modern	Modern				
WE	118	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami "Dissolved"	CSI: Miami "Flight Risk"	CSI: Miami "Target Spec"	CSI: Miami	CSI "Chip/ Tuck"					
WGN		*** Troy (04, Act) Orlando Bloom, Brad Pitt.	*** The River Wild Meryl Streep.	*** Hondo John Wayne.	*** Monte Walsh							
STZ ENC	644	Movie	:40 *** The River Wild Meryl Streep.	:35 *** Hondo John Wayne.	*** Monte Walsh							
HBO	518	Sports	*** My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (16, Com) John Corbett, Nia Vardalos.	*** Real Sports	*** Fight (N) Boxing							
HBO2	520	Game of Thrones	Thrones "Second Sons"	Game of Thrones	Thrones "Mhysa"	:05 *** Keanu Keegan-Michael Key.	:45 Vice					
HBO3	521	Movie	:25 Patria O Muerte	:25 *** Bride Wars	*** In the Heart of the Sea	Chris Hemsworth.	:05 *** Self/ Less					
MAX	549	:20 *** Krampus (15, Hor) Toni Collette.	*** Crimson Tide	Gene Hackman.	*** American Gangster							
SHOW	578	Homeland "Crossfire"	Homeland	Homeland "The Vest"	Homeland "Marine One" 1/2	M. Jackson's Journey						
STARZ	621	*** There's Somethin...	*** Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas	*** Gangs of New York (02, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.	Movie							

NIGHT OWL

STATION	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 :05 Friends	:35 Hot In	:05 CR TV								CR TV
FOX	KPTV	3 2 Broke G.	TMZ	Dish	Queens	Raising	Celeb	Paid	Paid	Minute	News	Good Day Oregon at 5
CBS	19 KEPR	2 S. Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Paid	:05 CBS Overnight News						News	News
CBS	KOIN	19 S. Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Insider	:05 CBS Overnight News						News	KOIN 6 News at 5 a.m.
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Today Show	Mad Money			News		Wake Up Northwest	
NBC	KGW	8 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Steve Harvey	Mad Money			News			