

## The Case Of The Delightful Evening Museum Celebrates Sherlock Holmes

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It is no mystery why a sold-out crowd thoroughly enjoyed An Evening with Sherlock Holmes at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on Nov. 15.

Lamp light gleamed softly as the Baker's Treat Players performed three vignettes from the famed detective's acclaimed oeuvre, as recorded by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in three of his tantalizing tales: *The Speckled Band*, *The Greek Interpreter* and *The Blanched Soldier*. A delicious three-course dinner, typical of the Victorian era when Holmes and Watson pondered all manner of murder and mayhem, was served during the performances.

Internationally-renowned Holmes expert Doug Wrigglesworth gave an entertaining and informative talk entitled *The Cinematic Sherlock Holmes: From The Silents to*

*Cumberbatch*. Film excerpts included everyone from Basil Rathbone and George C. Scott to Disney's *The Great Mouse Detective*. Mr. Wrigglesworth professed a particular affection for Scott's performance in *They Might Be Giants* and expressed great enthusiasm for Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman's recent interpretation of Holmes and Watson in the recent television adaptation, *Sherlock*.

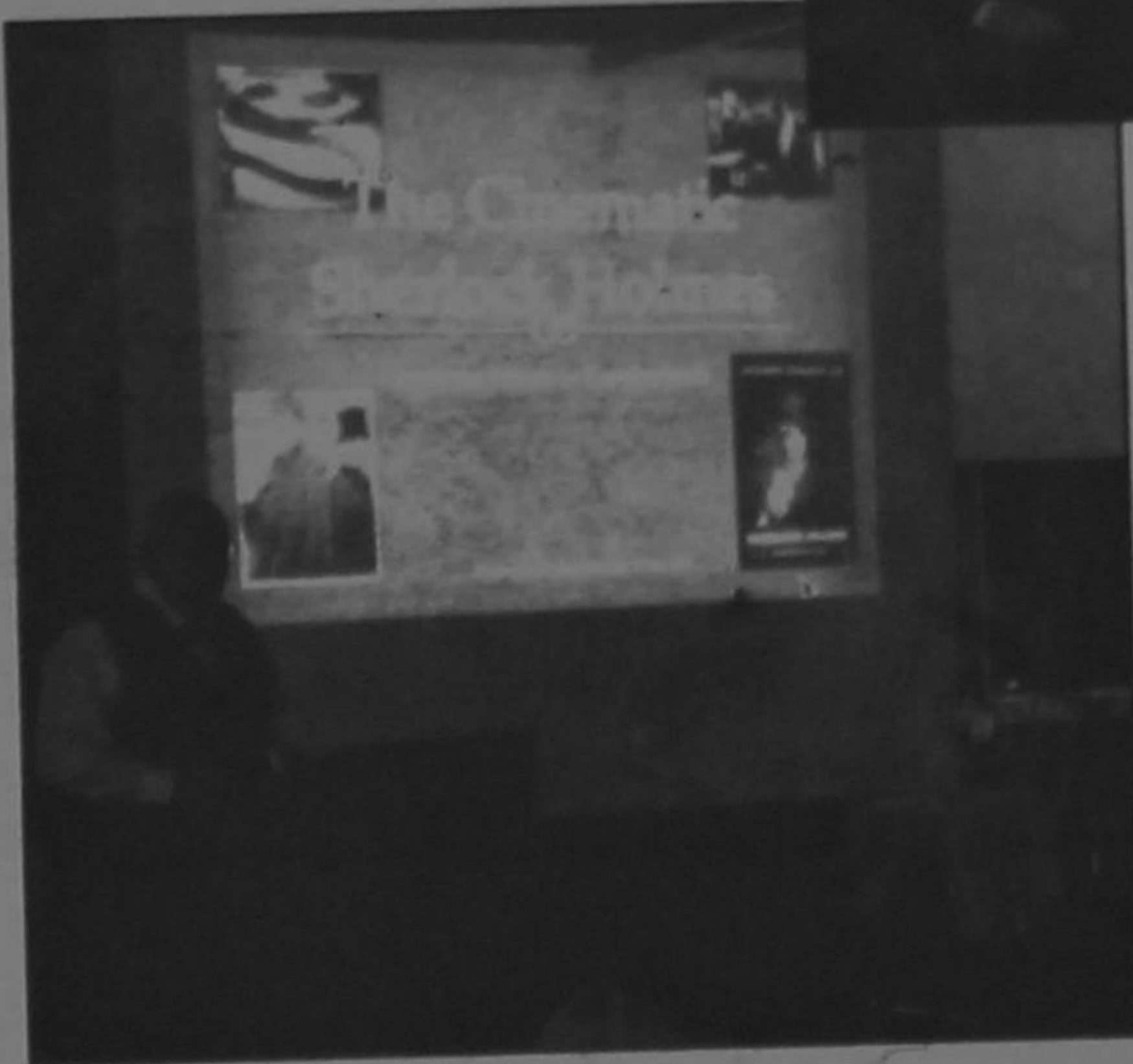
Stephen Sword, who helped to spearhead the event, devised a devilishly difficult quiz to challenge the many Holmes aficionados in attendance. The Baker's Treat Players, comprising Brock Harpur as Sherlock Holmes, Amy Barron as Helen Stoner, Doug Wrigglesworth as Mycroft Holmes and Stephen Sword as John Watson and James Dodd, provided the perfect atmosphere for a genteel evening of deft detection by one of literature's most enduring, enigmatic and beloved characters.



Hannelore Voipe of the Stouffville Free Press (left) at An Evening with Sherlock Holmes with daughters Grace and Laura Voipe.



Doug Wrigglesworth, Stephen Sword and Brock Harpur investigate a mystery at the museum on Nov. 15.



Holmes expert Doug Wrigglesworth presents *The Cinematic Sherlock Holmes: From The Silents To Cumberbatch* at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

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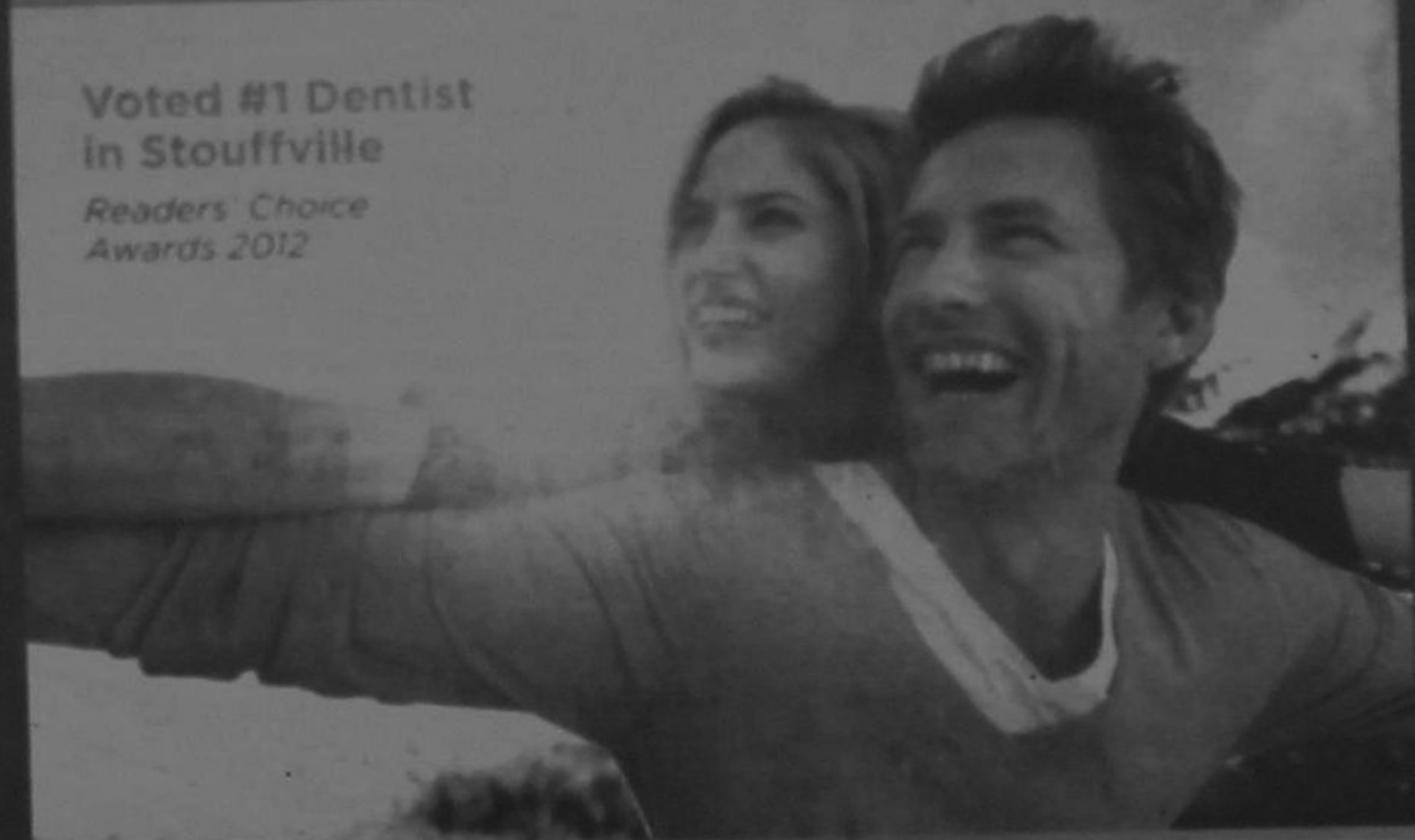
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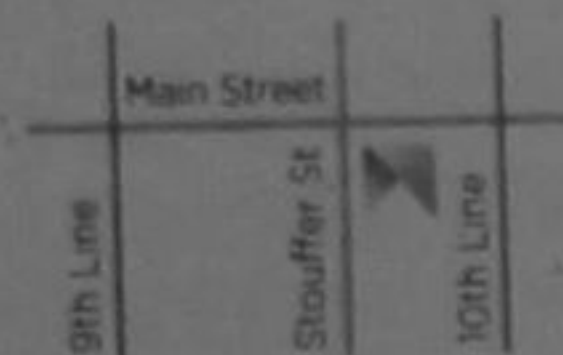
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