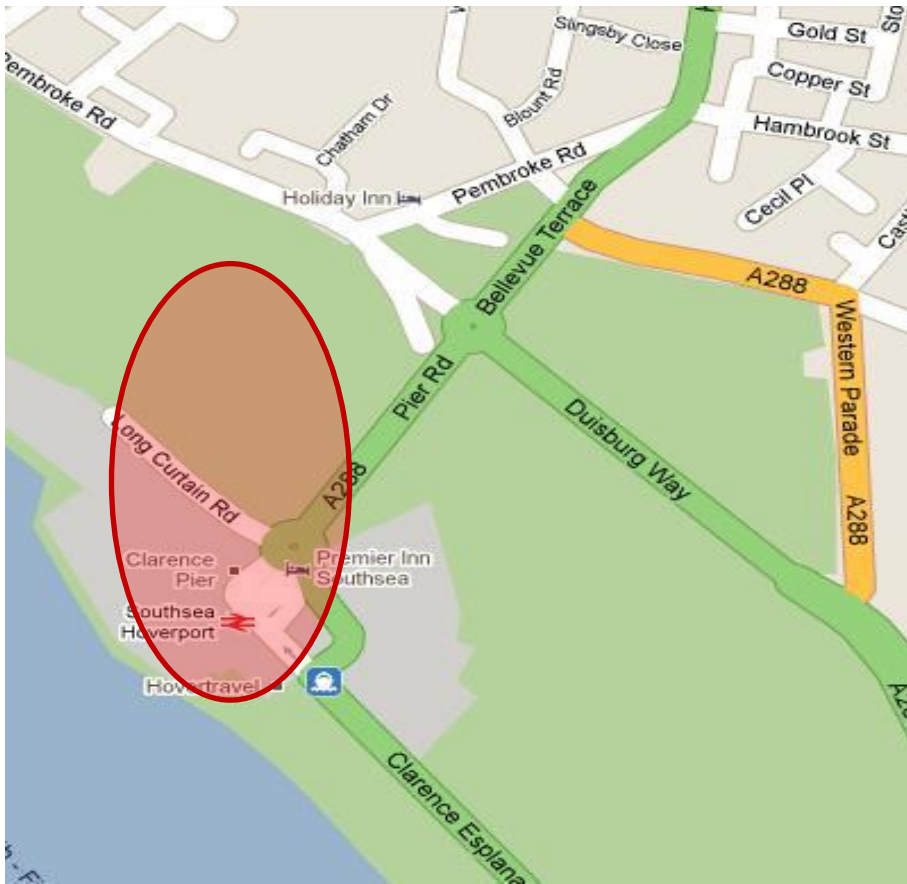
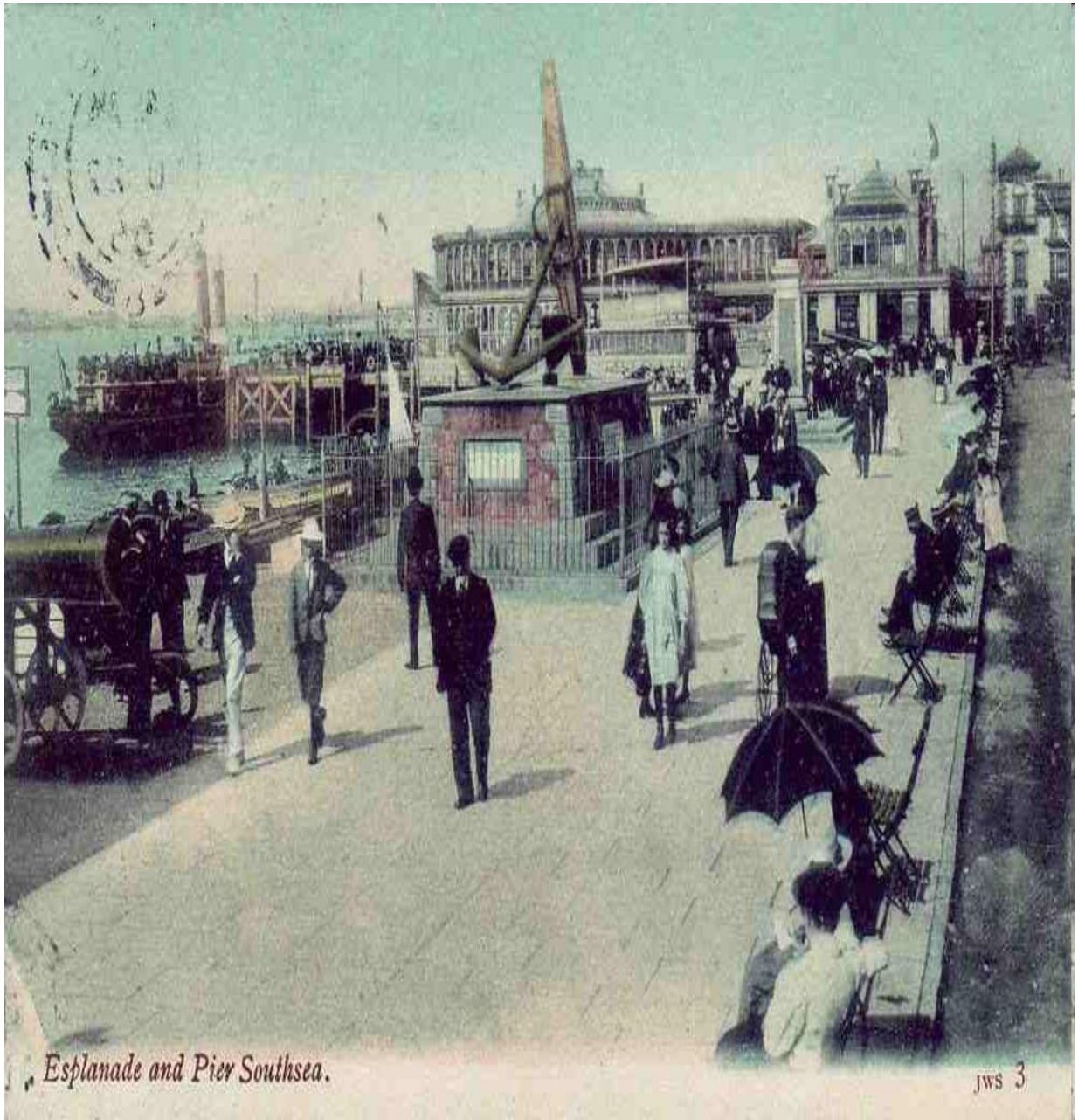


# Arthur Conan Doyle: Pompey Lad





- In June 1882 Arthur Conan Doyle fell out with his business partner and fellow doctor, George Budd. He left the practice they had together in Plymouth and arrived at Clarence Pier, Portsmouth by steamer.
- Doyle arrived with £10 in his pocket, which is the equivalent of £900 in today's money
- He intended to find a place to live and set up part of the house as a doctor's surgery



Clarence Pier c. 1890s



Elm Grove c. 1880; Bush Hotel; Bush Villas  
and Elm Grove Baptist Church

# Elm Grove c. 1883 and now



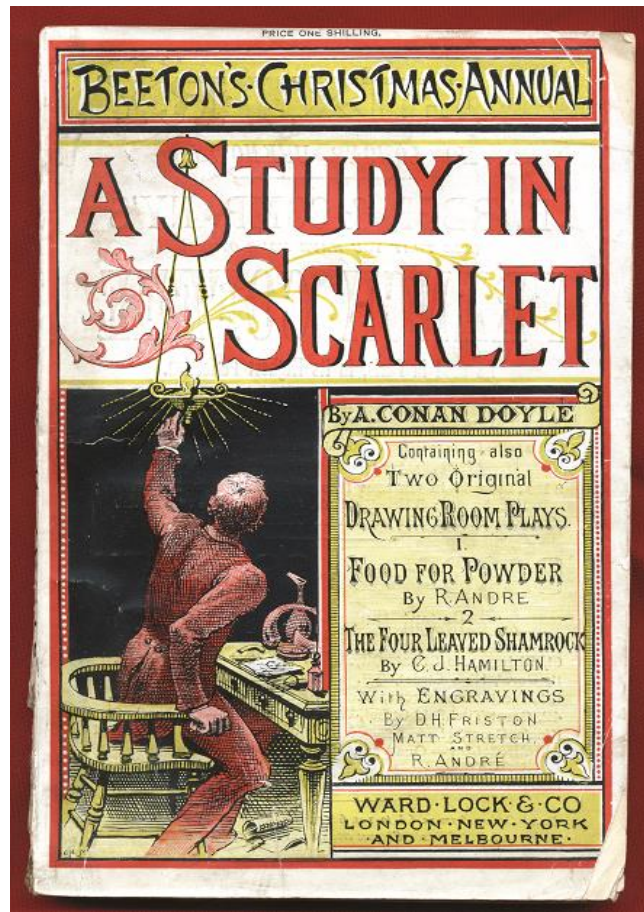
Dr Arthur Conan Doyle  
outside  
1 Bush Villa, Elm Grove



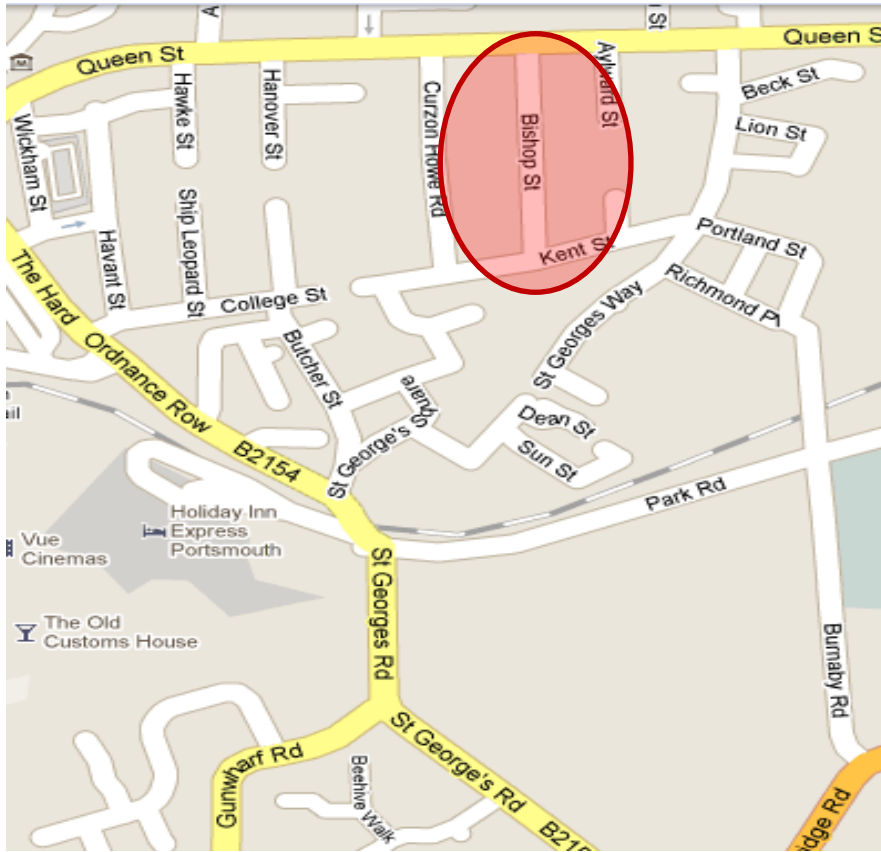
Elm Grove was bombed in  
WWII so the building no  
longer exists. There is now  
only a memorial plaque.



- Arthur Conan Doyle worked as a doctor from his home
- He met his first wife, Louisa while treating her brother at Elm Grove
- Although Doyle made enough money to live from being a doctor, he often wrote stories for magazines for extra income
- It was during this time he wrote his first Sherlock Holmes novel, *Study in Scarlet*
- He wrote another Sherlock Holmes novel, *Sign of Four*, in 1890



- *A Study in Scarlet* was published in 1887 in the Beeton's Christmas Annual
- Unlike today, most stories were first published in a magazine. Dickens, for example, published his works in instalments in his magazine *All the Year Round*
- Christmas editions were much larger than normal monthly magazines, so *A Study in Scarlet* was published in one instalment
- Doyle's later stories were much shorter and published as a whole in the *Strand Magazine*. Doyle was the first writer to do this and many magazines copied this style



- While living in Portsmouth Arthur Conan Doyle became involved with the Portsmouth Literary and Scientific Society
- This was a society for professional men in the area, who would give papers on various topics at meetings held on Bishop Street
- Doyle hoped to meet fellow professionals who would help progress his medical career
- It was here that Doyle met a man called Dr James Watson, who may be the inspiration for the character Dr Watson in his Sherlock Holmes stories



# Creative Writing Exercise 1



- While living in Southsea, Arthur Conan Doyle often wrote to his mother.
- Imagine you are Arthur Conan Doyle and you want to write to your mother about a patient who came to see you.
- Who was the patient?
- What were they like?
- What was wrong with them?

# Creative Writing Exercise 2



- Look at this photograph. Teddy Holmes and Dog Watson are on a new case!
- Using this scene write the beginning of a detective story.
- What's happened?
- What are they investigating?
- Who are they trying to help?