

Dear Inside Campaigners

Another really busy few months and huge apologies to those of you who have written if we have not responded yet. We do get a lot of mail – which is great, we want to hear from you, we try to respond to queries if urgent or generally here in the newsletter. Our big news is that JENGBA have been granted permission to Intervene with R v. Jogee the case in the Supreme Court in Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This means we can make submission to the Court about why we believe “Joint Enterprise over criminalises Secondary Parties” which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> question the Judges will be considering. The Court has directed that we “are at liberty to include reference to recurrent types of scenario, but reference to individual case histories (anonymised or otherwise) is inappropriate and will not be accepted.”

So this means our lawyers (Simon Natas, Tim Maloney QC & Jude Bunting) cannot highlight specific cases which we know some of you have been concerned about. Please, please understand JENGBA is not about individual cases anymore – whether high profile or not. It is about the wrongful convictions of hundreds if not thousands of people and our fight is for all of you. And for those of you like Sean Ferdinand who wants to know what if you were not even a secondary party but played NO PART at all; you need to realise you are not alone! We have lots of cases where defendants like Sean were not at the scene, in fact he was at a BBQ and witnesses attested to that. We have lots of cases where people are asleep at home with partners, we have lots of cases where the CPS knows they have no proof against a defendant so joint enterprise is trumped up so they get a ‘result’. The lawyers think this question is actually easier to answer as it goes to the heart of the problem – how do you prove ‘foresight’? We have to stay positive and believe that the Supreme Court will sort the mess out that is JE and they are the ones to do it as it is common law and therefore judge-led. If they don’t want the reputation of their legal establishment to be tarnished with antiquated doctrines that have no place in modern society where evidence of mobile phone calls and YouTube footage is enough to prove one person would *know* what another person ‘might’ do in a given situation – it will continue to make a sham of the law. And if we do get a positive outcome there is no point speculating at this point what it will mean for the rest of us and particularly you doing the time.

Let’s wait and see – but we are not ever going to give up and as we have said many times this is a 2 way fight! JENGBA inside campaigners are making a difference with letters to MP’s and Press are now taking a big interest in what is going on in prisons.

By the time you are reading this the Labour leadership will have been decided and as you can imagine loads of us have voted for Jeremy Corbyn. In the picture on page 3 he is actually saying JEZZA FOR JENGBA! He has been the one consistent MP who recognised the dangers of joint enterprise charging even though there are problems with knife crime in his constituency. But he also recognised that JE is fragmenting communities, it is not a deterrent to young people who have no hope for a decent future. Let’s hope as you read this he is Labour leader, his support is a phenomenal boost for a campaign like ours.

There has been another acquittal at the Court of Appeal, Rikko Marks. Well done Rikko – we know you did the battling yourself against the odds – but his murder conviction was quashed and he is now on remand while the CPS try to decide what trumped up charge they can come up with to justify their decision to charge him with murder in the first place when the prosecution’s own witness said he had stopped the fight. We are trying to get hold of the Judgement.

Huge congratulations for Ameen Jogee and his QC Felicity Gerry for getting this far, you have thousands of us praying for a positive and just outcome in October.

Please put Emma Hall in your prayers (if you do) as she is very poorly in hospital. Also loads of lads from Swinfen Hall have been diagnosed with TB, some very serious so we are highlighting that atrocity as well. If you’ve been affected lby TB et us know!

*.Gloria Morrison*

**JOINT ENTERPRISE IS A COURT FULL OF LIES!**

## KEVAN THAKRAR

Last month saw Kev Thakrar back in Manchester Crown Court regarding the allegations made against him by a prison guard. You may recall details from the last newsletter. This time the judge's wishes that Kev was to attend were adhered to.

As the hearing unfolded it was clear the judge was no longer going to tolerate sitting in on a hearing like the last one or all the others that came before. It was quite refreshing to see justice being served and with humour on the judge's part.

The first and most serious charge was dropped and a date has been set for the second charge. We all left court feeling positive. If these hearing are a performance directed at the public gallery it just shows how important it is for **JENGbA** to be there. Last month's performance was all about upholding British justice and letting it be seen to be done. With this in mind the student-watch over trials and hearings is all the more important because in my opinion those dispensing justice want to be seen to be doing so fairly. *Jan*

## WIGAN DIGGERS' FESTIVAL

The 5th annual Diggers festival (Saturday 12th September) will again be attended by **JENGbA** campaigners. We have a stall pitched in the same place as last year and anticipate that an even greater number of families will turn up with flyers and posters of their loved ones.

This year is important for **JENGbA** because our Patron and writer of the BBC film **COMMON**, Jimmy McGovern, is the winner of this year's Wigan Digger Award. We all plan to stand on stage with him when he gets up there to receive it. I'm sure he will direct his acceptance speech not only towards the fabulous Wigan Diggers who organise this wonderful event every year, but also towards **JENGbA**.



The Wigan Diggers Festival aims to raise local awareness of the work of local man Gerrard Winstanley and his "Diggers" who fought for common ownership of land. Today it is celebrated by a huge range of activities and this year will include the official unveiling of a new Gerrard Winstanley sandstone mounted plaque to mark Wigan Council's re-naming of the garden area of the festival site "Gerrard Winstanley Gardens"

## JENGBA's visit to Belfast

I have never been to Belfast before, so it was a great honour to be invited over to speak at the Craigavon2 annual Conference at the beginning of August. I had spoken at length on many occasions with the Belfast Campaigners and they've kept JENGBA up to date. On arrival both myself and Gloria were met by the wonderful Joanne and Alec, who kindly took us for an enormous full Irish breakfast and then to the lovely B&B that generously hosted us for two nights free of charge.

I will be honest and say as we drove through the outskirts of Belfast it was nothing like I expected. With its terraced streets and the hills in the background I felt I could have been in Rochdale and at other times parts of Wigan. In fact Belfast resembled many towns in the North West of England. For the first few hours I struggled with the dialect of those who drove us around the city showing us places I had only ever heard about on the news in years gone by, but that meant I had to listen carefully. By the time I reached the venue for the conference my head was full of tales of internment, injustice and politics; most of which I could hardly get my head around. On walking inside I was greeted by a foyer full of worn-in shoes. Each with a name and photograph attached. I rushed over thinking in some stupid way this was some sort of art installation. My heart crumbled when I realised I was looking at the shoes of dead men, women and children .... at that point all the stories of the day hit me like a ton of bricks.

This wasn't a town like one that reminds me of the North West, it was Belfast and very different to any place I had ever visited before.

With this in mind I became nervous about what I could tell the friends, families and supporters of the Craigavon2. What could I say about injustice that they did not already know? When everything I had discovered in a single day had driven me to tears. I did the only thing I could, I told them about my son Jordan Cunliffe. I was surprised to see the look of shock and horror on the faces in the crowd, people who had witnessed a trial without a jury followed by an appeal that led to John Paul being given extra years on his life sentence. I went on to explain how me and Gloria met, to the beginnings of JENGBA, where we are today and how Brendon and John Paul were just like the hundreds of others we support, who have been wrongly convicted because of Joint Enterprise.

Some of the audience until that moment had not been aware that joint enterprise was what their two boys had been convicted of, let alone perhaps something they could be focusing on. I can only hope me and Gloria gave them a fresh fight in a new direction and that we inspired them to learn about the JENGBA campaign. I do not know if I was right or wrong to do so, but I told them not to fight their injustice as if it was political, but to fight it purely as a miscarriage of justice, because that is what it is. I hope the fight for the truth with the Craigavon2 is not one they do standing alone but one with all of us by their side.

I learned a couple things from my two days in Belfast that filled me with cheer, one of which was why the Craigavon2 do not have prison numbers. It is because they are not a number, they have names just like all the rest of us and refuse to be called by anything else. The other was its an amazing city full of hospitality, history, wisdom and passion and all of which is etched in the faces and voices of those who live there.

Jan

## TEN THOUSAND TIMES 'YOU'RE NOT ALONE'

In our last newsletter JENGBA informed every one of our intervention at the Supreme Court on the important question of 'the harm the concept of Joint Enterprise causes Secondary Parties'.

Well amazing news our intervention was granted but that's not all we were then tasked with raising £10,000!!!!!! On 14<sup>th</sup> July we launched ourselves onto the CrowdJustice site, immediately JENGBA supporters and families came out in force with love and determination, digging deep into their pockets and contributing to this important cause. All forms of Social media was buzzing day and night as JENGBA supporters rallied the troops far and wide. And not only did we reach the target in style but we had 6 days to spare!!! Our grand total was £10,145 a phenomenal amount in such a short space of time.

So who loves you all baby? Clearly there are a lot of people who do, so never feel alone.

## GOOD LUCK JEREMY CORBYN!



*Gloria with Jeremy Corbyn at the House of Commons*

Sending good luck wishes to Jeremy Corbyn on his bid for the Labour leadership. An honest, genuine MP who helped to push the Justice Select Committee into calling on the Government to urgently reform the law on Joint Enterprise.

## LIBERTY AWARDS 2015

We were delighted recently to be shortlisted for a Liberty Human Rights Award for Campaign of the Year. We attended the awards ceremony on Monday 7th September and had lots of support from our JENGbA families. We didn't win the category (boooo!) but had a wonderful evening meeting a few famous people and spreading the word about our campaign and the struggle we are up against. Congratulations to the Detention Centre who did win, a well deserved recognition of their work.



The JENGbA 4 preparing for the Liberty Awards, 7th September '15

We may not have won, but we hope we did you proud.

*As one of our family members said on Facebook:*

We won when we got over 10,000 people behind us and went to Downing Street, we won when Jimmy McGovern wrote a drama based on JE, we won when we finally got papers printing the true side to JE, we won when soaps started using JE in story lines.

So in my eyes we were already winners

### **IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!**

**2nd October 2015**

**Marches in London, Bradford and Liverpool**

**17th October 2015**

**Bradford Conference**

**Please ask your supporters to check our website for updates**

## More pics from the Liberty Awards Ceremony



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