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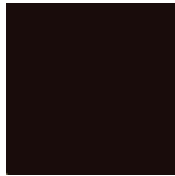
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Stevo

Post subject: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
 Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 3:58 am

Mafia Boss



We've all heard of Common Purpose. Their name became synonymous with the McCann Case for various reasons. Common Purpose share the same firm of auditors – Haysmacintyre to name the most obvious connection.

It's interesting to see how since over a year ago, some of the names we initially linked to the case have marched on silently in the background.

Armed with a year's worth of more knowledge we can assemble a few more pieces of the jigsaw:

1. Common Purpose have a couple of "famous" trustees:
 - a) Sir David Bell
 - b) Julia Middleton
2. Common Purpose's address is: Discovery House, 28–42 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8QE
3. A similar outfit to Common Purpose is the "Media Standards Trust".
4. The MST says about themselves:

Quote:

The Media Standards Trust is an independent **registered charity** that aims to find ways to foster the highest standards of excellence in news journalism on behalf of the public, and ensure public trust in news is nurtured.

5. Needless to say, the Media Standards Trust is also located at 28–42 Banner Street, London, EC1Y 8QE
6. Durrants Ltd also occupy the same address at EC1Y 8QE.

7. Info about Durrants in 2008:

Quote:

Durrants is part of Discovery Group and is backed by Kleinwort Capital Limited. Xtreme Information Services Limited, a leading global **advertising monitoring and information company**, is backed by Veronis Suhler Stevenson Inc. Senior debt for the transaction is from **Bank of Scotland**.

So, we have Common Purpose (an organisation infiltrating and sapping money from local authorities and masquerading as a charity), the Media Standards Trust (an organisation able to manipulate the news), and Durrants Ltd (a media monitoring outfit – a sort of "Clarence Mitchell" company).

Are there more connections other than the building?

You bet!

1. Sir David Bell and Julia Middleton are two Trustees of Common Purpose.
2. Sir David Bell and Julia Middleton are on the board of the Media Standards Trust. Here is that board;

- * **Chair Sir David Bell (Chairman, Financial Times Group)**
- * **Deputy Chair Julia Middleton (CEO, Common Purpose)**
- * Sir Cyril Chantler (Chairman, King's Fund)
- * Sir Robert Worcester (Founder, MORI)
- * Tim Waterstone (Founder of Waterstones bookstores and Daisy & Tom children's department stores)
- * Robert Peston (Business Editor, BBC)
- * William Davies (Goldsmiths College, London)
- * Roger Graef (Films of Record)
- * **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**
- * The Right Reverend Stephen Platten (Bishop of Wakefield)
- * Geraint Talfan Davies (Chair, Institute of Welsh Affairs)
- * Anthony Salz (Executive Vice Chairman, NM Rothschild)
- * Sue Stapely (Quiller Consultants/Sue Stapely Consulting)
- * Amelia Fawcett (Chairman, Pensions First)
- * Albert Scardino (journalist, editor)
- * Sir Philip Otton (retired judge)
- * Mary–Ellen Barker (Thomson Reuters)
- * Charles Manby (Goldman Sachs)

And what of Durrants?

Here is a piece from the front of their website:

Quote:

"The web service is powerful but also very accurate, and the ability to access RFU coverage and respond quickly, wherever we are in the world is invaluable. When we need to contact Durrants, our account manager is always available to help, ensuring we receive exactly what we need... we really value having Durrants as an important partner and wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to you."

Rugby Football Union

We all know of Brian Kennedy's interests in the Rugby Football Union.

And why did I highlight Baroness Helena Kennedy QC? Here are some notable details:

1. She used to chair the Human Genetics Commission
2. Presenter, *Raw Deal on Medical Negligence*, BBC TV, 1989.
3. Chair, Reading Borough Council's Commission of Inquiry into the health, environmental and safety aspects of the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston (final report *Secrecy versus Safety*, published in 1994).
4. During the 1970s, she was a member of the Communist Party of Great Britain. (Wasn't Julia Middleton as well or was it her father?)
5. Honorary Doctorates of Law: **University of Strathclyde 1992**, University of Teeside 1993, Keele University 1994, Lancaster University 1994, Leeds Metropolitan University 1995, University of Bristol 1997, University of Wolverhampton 1997, The Open University 1997, **University of Abertay Dundee 1997**, Tavistock Centre under the auspices of the University of East London 1997, University of Derby 1998, **University of Leicester 1998**, University of York 1999, National University of Ireland 2000, University of Aberdeen 2000, Oxford Brookes University 2001, Caledonian University 2001, Robert Gordon University 2002, Judicial Academy of Russia 2002, Polytechnic University of Tomsk 2002, Middlesex University 2003, De Montfort University 2004, University of Sheffield 2005, University of Staffordshire 2005, University of Paisley 2005, University of Edinburgh 2005

For the conspiracy theorists out there there is quite a hive of activity in EC1Y 8QE.

The Media Standards Trust even made it in the BBC recently with a picture of Madeleine McCann accompanying this article:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7878090.stm

ETA: AstraZeneca are also a client of Durrants:

Quote:

"Durrants provides us with a comprehensive and reliable press cutting service. Their web delivery platform is easy to use and their support staff are always available and willing to work through your problems as a user. We would recommend them to anyone looking for these good service qualities."

AstraZeneca

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Stevo

Post subject: Re: Discovery House – Keep it all under one roof **Posted:** Sat Feb 21, 2009 9:28 am

Mafia Boss



Roy Greenslade and Lord Bell at a Media Standards Trust event. Note that Lord Bell is not the same person as Sir David Bell. Sir David Bell is the chairman of the Media Standards Trust and a Trustee of Common Purpose. Lord Bell is the chairman of Chime Communications – owner of Bell Pottinger and the employer of Alex Woolfall – the first person sent out to assist the McCanns after May 3, 2007.

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4:05 pm
Posts: 2241

Quote:

Journalists to blame, not PRs

Media Standards Trust, 11/04/2008

Debate panellists: Nick Davies, Roy Greenslade, Lord Bell, Phil Hall

When journalists and PR figures start questioning one another's integrity you know things are going to get fiery. And this week's debate – hosted jointly by the Media Standards Trust and Westminster University – did not disappoint.

FOR: 59

AGAINST: 164

ABSTAINED: 80 (approx)

The first sparks were thrown by Roy Greenslade, who, having rattled off the number of journalists killed, injured or jailed since the beginning of 2008 then asked "How many PR's have been killed in the line of duty?" Journalists, Greenslade argued, "try their best to tell the truth" – unlike PRs. Although he had not personally, he said, been lied to by people in PR, he had been blocked from finding the truth. He had also been distracted, diverted and generally manipulated.

This all used to be manageable, he and Davies agreed, in the days when journalists had the time and space to find their own stories and sources, and challenge PR versions of the news. But journalism has been "robbed of its resources" such that it is now much more vulnerable to manipulation by vested interests. "We're witnessing an imbalance between the seekers after truth and the gatekeepers to truth" Greenslade said. The gatekeepers have, in the last decade, increased their numbers and resources enormously. While at the same time, news organisations have cut bureaux, cut journalists and grown output.

Phil Hall, ex editor of the News of the World and now head of Phil Hall Associates (PR), did not disagree that journalism was in trouble. But, he argued, this was the fault of the "management consultants that [now] pass for proprietors" not the public relations industry. It is the owners' fixation with their share price and shareholders that has led to the decline of standards in journalism, and an "ever-increasing cynicism from the media", Hall claimed. As standards decline and newspapers rely more and more on 'fliers' – reports based on single sources or rumours – PR has had to step in to protect people's reputations and prevent wild inaccuracies. "We are the antidote to the journalistic flier" Hall said.

Lord (Tim) Bell, the chairman of Chime Communications, took Hall's argument still further. "The integrity of public relations", Bell said, "is being threatened by the lack of resources in the press". This was only one of Bell's tidy inversions. "The growth of PR has made the press more honest [not less]", he claimed. And yes, PR conceals, but it "openly conceals". "We openly admit our bias", Bell confessed, unlike journalists who conceal theirs. The PR advocate is working on behalf of his/her client, and will do that as honestly and as straightforwardly as s/he can.

And, as the panellists said in their round-ups, this was the real difference between the PR and the journalist. The former represents a client's private interests to the best of their ability. The latter, when they're doing their job, represents the public interest. The problem is

that this is exactly what many journalists aren't doing (or aren't able to do).

Yet the audience was not in sympathetic mood. Journalists should take responsibility for their own faults, not seek to blame PRs. So Davies and Greenslade lost their motion, by 164 votes to 59. PR did, in the end, do good PR.

Link to this original article: <http://www.mediastandardstrust.org/proj ... ?sid=14941>

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Steve

Post subject: Re: Discovery House; Connecting Bell Pottinger to Common Purpose
Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 10:20 am

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Mods....I put this in the wrong forum...it should be moved to the Madeleine forum. Thanks.

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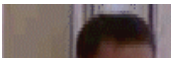
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Steve

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 4:29 pm

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Leicester Constabulary disclosure under FOI that they spent money with Common Purpose:



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Our Ref: 1084/08

Your Ref:

Date: 21 August 2008

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Mr Clark,

I write further to your request for information dated 18 July 2008.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please detail the total expenditure by Leicestershire Constabulary, on Common Purpose courses/training for each of the following years: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date.


By Common Purpose, I am referring to the training organisation that name (www.commonpurpose.org/home.aspx)

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Constabulary to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that Leicestershire Constabulary holds the information you have requested. Please accept our apologies for the response being over the time specified for this type of request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

No information is held prior to 2004.	
2004	£6286.25
2005	£4641.25
2006	No information held.
2007	£4935.00
2008	£15568.74

The Leicestershire Constabulary provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Ch. Supt., Professional Standards Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.


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mrc

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 7:49 pm

Suspect

Very interesting connections. The complexities of this case appear boundless.

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2:57 pm
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Laffin Assassin

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 7:55 pm

Fund Manager

[\(Wasn't Julia Middleton as well or was it her father?\)](#)



Or was it Julia Hobswarn of Editorial Intelligence ???

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Laffin Assassin

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
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Just a small article involving Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

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newperson

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sat Feb 21, 2009 8:07 pm

PR Spokesman



stevo that letter from LP refers to these people

<http://www.commonpurpose.org/home/about.aspx>

Joined: Sat Dec 15, 2007 1:47 pm
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the slave

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sun Feb 22, 2009 12:10 am

Local Lag



Do you think the good folk of Leicester are aware of this little gem?
Maybe someone should send it to the Leicester Mercury.
I may try enquiring how much Warwickshire spent on said organisation.

It's a bit rum dontchya think??!!!

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Steve

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sun Feb 22, 2009 12:53 am

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Yes, Common Purpose figured early on in forums discussing the McCann case. They seem to have their fingers in so many pies that it is hard to rule them out. Freemasonry figures a lot but there seems to be more connections with CP than any other group. The links to Bell Pottinger was something I didn't notice before but now we see that Sir Tim Bell (the Bell in Bell Pottinger) is linked to them via the Media Standards Trust it's easy to see why Woolfall may have been over in PDL.

I find it interesting that their logo is a bullet hole and they have so many connections to the Communist Party.

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Steveo

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sun Feb 22, 2009 12:57 am

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Common Purpose – a Fraudulent Charity:
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Steveo

Post subject: Re: Leicestershire Constabulary, Bell Pottinger & Common Purpose
Posted: Sun Feb 22, 2009 12:59 am

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For Laffin Assassin (north Lincs)

An FOI request was made here:

Quote:

John Walker

8 November 2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of North Lincolnshire Council's handling of my FOI request 'Common Purpose graduates'.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/co...>

Yours sincerely,

John Walker

The reply:

Quote:

Debbie Searles
North Lincolnshire Council

8 December 2008

Freedom of Information Request
URN: 284794

Date Received: 11 November 2008

Thank you for your request, in which you asked for information on
Common
Purpose graduates.

Based on information held by the council, three employees have attended
the
Common Purpose South Humber Matrix Programme:

Grade: 11

Attended: 2003/2004

Cost: £ 4406.00

Paid for by: North Lincolnshire Council

Grade: 12

Attended: 2004/2005

Cost: £ 4523.75

Paid for by: North Lincolnshire Council

Grade: 12

Attended: 2004/2005

Cost: £ 4523.75

Paid for by: North Lincolnshire Council

The names of individuals have not been included. The council considers
that
this is exempt information under Section 40 of the Freedom of
Information
Act as personal data relating to a third party.

If you have any complaints in respect of your information request, please
let me know and I will refer the matter to the council's complaints
procedure. Alternatively, you can email [North Lincolnshire Council
request email] .

If your complaint is not resolved to your complete satisfaction, you have
the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision.
Should you have any queries regarding the information provided, please
do

not hesitate to contact me.
Debbie Searles
Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
Human Resources

North Lincolnshire Council

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why did it name me ? isn't this against the D.P.Act. 😊

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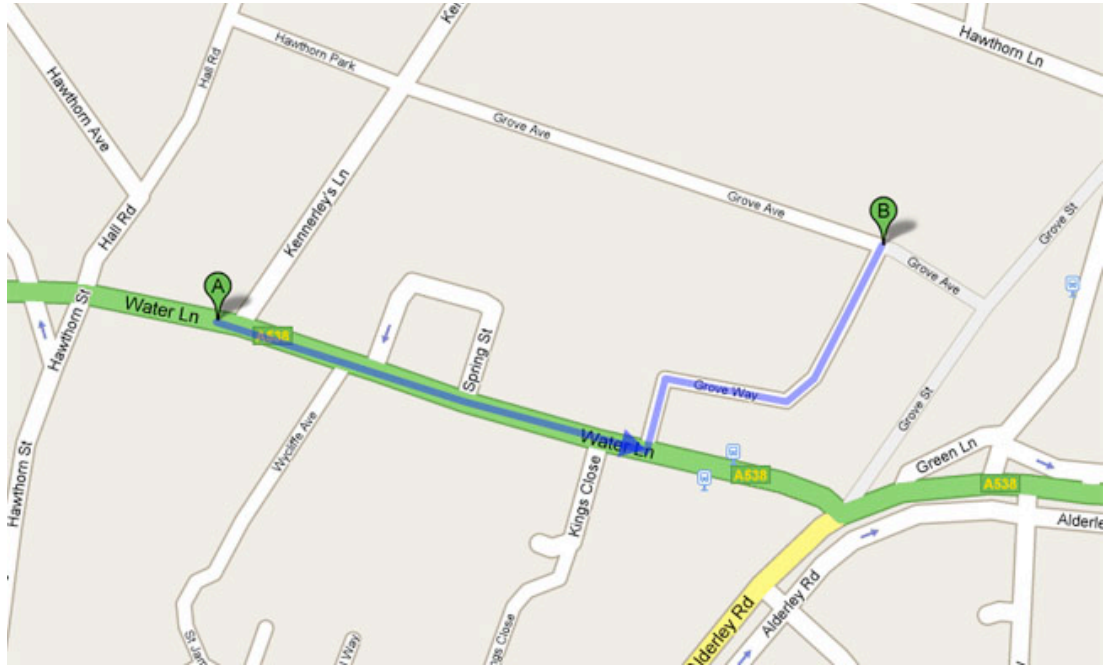


When making Freedom of Information requests (FOI), there is a complaints department at the Information Commissioner's Office. This is located in a place already familiar to 3A's readers – Wilmslow, Cheshire.

In fact, it is virtually spitting distance from Latium Medical:



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