

**"A Robin Redbreast in a Cage, puts all Heaven in a Rage"**  
*William Blake.*

Dear Fellow Campaigners,  
Season's Greetings to you all! We've had a really active year and the number of 'inside' campaigners is now over 360. The questionnaire had a good response back to Cardiff Pro Bono Unit so thank you all who responded.



2012 was an important year for the campaign especially because we have been instrumental in the DPP providing Guidance for Joint Enterprise charging. Every other area of law has guidelines but not JE. Simon Natas the human rights lawyer supporting our campaign, also met with Keir Starmer and he assures us that the guidance will make a difference and that JENGBA's campaign must take credit for it. So as crappy as it is that you are spending another Christmas in prison away from your loved ones, please know that your activism and participation in this campaign means we are responsible in some measure for highlighting and helping to stop the abuse of joint enterprise, especially with young children. The DPP told Jan and I (see full report opposite) that this is a political issue because he cannot change the law; that is for Parliament. However, the public are unaware of the disproportionate sentencing for JE charges and whenever we tell them they are outraged and agree it is abhorrent. So next year is all about political activism in parliament and the House of Lords. In fact Lord Ouseley is facilitating our first JENGBA meeting of 2013 in the House of Lords. Please keep writing and we'll list each MP as we gather support and keep you updated in the newsletter.



JENGBA campaigners at The Edge launch event

We will remain a peaceful campaign even though politics is a 'dirty' business, and we hope you also promote JENGBA's good reputation by spreading the word, helping each other and writing to us and policy makers including the DPP.

If you get moved please let us know, it is so frustrating when prisons return the newsletter; they know where a prisoner has been moved to but do not forward. The William Blake quote at top is apt for our Christmas card. JENGBA's colour is red, the robin like you should not be caged, and we will campaign relentlessly until we achieve a full enquiry and proper Justice for all.

With Love from Gloria and all the outside JENGBA campaigners!

**Meeting with Keir Starmer,  
Director of Public Prosecutions**

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 Gloria Morrison and I attended a meeting with Keir Starmer, the Director of Public Prosecutions, at his Office in London. It was something JENGBA had hoped for and worked towards since the Director announced that he would produce guidance for Prosecutors back in January this year. Many of you will have seen the draft guidelines and some of you contributed to the JENGBA response to these guidelines.

Looking back I think we all hoped this meeting would achieve something wonderful, that all our Christmas wishes would come true at once. Or maybe that was just me dreaming of a better future where innocent people do not languish in prison for crimes they did not commit. It was clear on meeting Mr Starmer that he was sympathetic, or at least appeared so, but that his hands were tied. He began the meeting by telling us that we would not like the guidelines, but he did promise to consider everything we told him.

As you can imagine both Gloria and I put up a good fight and we ended the meeting by looking him directly in the eye and telling him that we would NEVER give up until JENGBA achieved all it had set out to do.

I am now left wondering where we go from this point, I have a few ideas and I know the road to success will be bumpy, but then success should never be too easy or handed to you on a plate. I have spoken to a few people since the meeting with the DPP, from their reactions the opportunity to meet with him, is an amazing achievement. I sometimes forget how controversial this campaign really is and how controversial all our inside supporters are viewed as being. I know many of your stories because I read your letters and meet your families, I have even visited some of you, so because I know the truth I know the controversy is that the innocent are suffering whilst the rest of the country sits back and believes the lie. The truth makes me stronger and I am happy to talk all day everyday about the injustice of Joint Enterprise. And I find that people love to listen to the truth, rather than the pathetic lies that came before JENGBA.

This is the way forward, spreading the word, getting the message out. You all have to find a part of yourselves to become involved with this campaign. It's painful at first, writing those first letters to MP's and reading their ignorant selfish responses. After a while they become amusing and it's good to have a list of all those who do not give a damn about justice or the ordinary people in this country. So write these letters you will make a difference for yourselves, if you put the pressure on from inside.

Those of you that already push the boundaries of campaigning from the inside will never know how much we value and need your support. I would never have made it to London to meet the DPP on your behalf if it was not for Ray Gilbert (HMP Guys Marsh). Some of you are beginning to realise that we on the outside, now need you as much as you need us. We want your help and support. Please, together we can do this. Let 2012 mark the END to JE INJUSTICE, and 2013 herald a new way forward for JENGBA.

*Janet Cunliffe*

**Visit to Canterbury Christ Church University  
June Parsons**

My husband Jess and I have a son convicted of Joint Enterprise who received a 30 year prison sentence on the part CPS call "Foresight".

On 20th November Gloria Morrison, Jess and myself were invited to Christ Church University Canterbury to give law students who were working on their module for "Miscarriages of Justice" an insight into the way that Joint Enterprise is being abused throughout the justice system. Gloria went through various heart-breaking stories that JENGBA know about and as I looked around at the students in the hall they all seemed engrossed in what Gloria was telling them.

When Gloria had finished, the students asked questions about some of the cases and they also asked about Antony and his case which we at times found it hard to answer not because we did not have the answers but it was more of an emotional thing for us but we done the best that we could and am sure Antony would have been proud of us.

Here is part of an email that was sent to Jess and myself from Sam Poyser the students tutor.

*"I saw a student after I said good-bye to you both, who said that she and other students could not believe what was going on and that they had really had their eyes opened. I think you may have some more people joining your campaign very soon".*

Also from another student who emailed us:

*Gloria Morrison, June and Jesse Parsons from JENGBA came to my university today to tell us about Joint Enterprise for my module 'Miscarriages of Justice' and I have never had a guest speakers or a lecturer catch my attention with a subject like this one did today! I came out of the lecture, my head rammed full of information and I just can't stop thinking about it. I think this campaign is something I really want to get involved with. I have never felt the need or urge to get involved in anything like this before but this campaign and subject has really got to me!*

As you all can see JENGBA is gaining ground all the time and as far as Jess and myself are concerned we will never ever give up any ground we have gained.

One last comment Jess and I would like to wish everyone who has been wrongly convicted a very Happy Christmas.

June and Jess Parsons

**Just to keep you in the picture, here's just a few of the things JENGBA has been up to in the last few months:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> November Canterbury Uni – Gloria gave talk to Law Students with June and Jesse Parsons.
- Anglia Ruskin Uni 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 JENGBA talk to Law students was met with disbelief and offers of help.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – Invitation to the Howard League Conference with DPP in attendance.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December Sodiq Film – Gloria invited by Diane Abbott MP – Justice Select committee members also invited
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Edge Fund Launch party, JENGBA's input "Prisoners' Voices" · 17<sup>th</sup> December – Attending Leveson Inquiry Discussion, Bindmans Solicitors invitation.
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 This is Not a Gateway Festival

- After talks by Glo and other volunteer campaigners, we now have links with Birkbeck College, London Law School, NCVYS (National Council for Youth Services).
  - Letters and articles have been published in the Guardian, Socialist Review, Justice Gap.
  - Intelligent Submissions have been made in response to the DPP's draft guidelines from major organisations all in support of JENGBA. Legal professionals are making themselves available with expertise of the law in support of the innocent.
  - UniteResist Conference – Deb and Patricia attended and were given donations for stamps.
  - Presence at numerous Court hearings to support families, including Kevan Thakrar's Judicial Review.
  - Gloria's contribution to handbook for Community Justice, So We Stand campaign.
  - Awaiting response from requested meeting with Sadiq Khan, Shadow Justice Secretary.
  - Continually supporting new families and prisoners who contact us.
  - Represented at Criminal Cases Review Commission Stakeholders' Conference on
  - Cardiff Uni – support by law students and Pro Bono Unit who have had an overwhelming response from prisoners who want their voices heard.
  - Support of MOJO Scotland – Paddy Hill described JENGBA as the biggest Miscarriage of Justice group in the UK today.
  - Getting the word out via Facebook, Blog, Twitter which are continuously updated.
  - 10th October 2012 – Janet Cunliffe presentation at Manchester Metropolitan University about Jordan Cunliffe, JENGBA and the plight of Kevan Thakrar.
  - Regular meetings with Jeremy Corbyn MP.
  - Attending Deaths in Custody marches.
  - JENGBA campaigner talking about joint enterprise in Tate Modern's Turbine Hall from July to October as part of the Cultural Olympiad in a piece by Tino Sehgal.
  - Generally there is a huge gathering of media interest/attention with major stories pending (Guardian Weekend and a Guardian online film, Private Eye, not to mention the documentary film maker, Anton Califano who is following Janet with a major film producer, who is a trustee for the Sheffield film festival. Another well-known filmmaker in London has approached Glo for a JENGBA documentary.
  - Anthony Davis was a main feature on a recent Panorama documentary, exposing the issue of the Supergrass - a follow up to the original expose that allowed Janet Cunliffe and Gloria Morrison to put Joint Enterprise in the public arena. The Bradford awareness seminar brought families together on a HUGE scale like never before in one community with a positive local media reaction, covering more than one case all supported by JENGBA.
  - There are book deals in the pipeline and Channel 4 News has asked for intimate honest stories.
  - And of course our Patron, Jimmy McGovern after interviewing many of our families, has had his script accepted by the BBC with a film to be shown later next year. We all know that Jimmy's previous projects and films have included Bloody Sunday and Hillsborough, so we have great faith that his next film will expose the injustice of Joint Enterprise and provoke the same public outrage and path to justice for our wrongfully convicted loved ones.
- And all done from our campaigners' kitchen tables - phew!

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