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Marie Ellis
Chair of SAMM National

Having just returned from a holiday in Spain I was struck by the fact that our grief can hit us at unexpected times. I thought a break in the sunshine with some family members would do me good but there is always the thought that Alan is not with me. Even after 16 years I miss him and wish he was still here with me. Returning from holiday brings the realisation that I am back to reality and whilst I could look forward to seeing my other son and my daughter I have to face the return to life without Alan at home.

Like many of you I have to deal with the perpetrator still living in the area that I and my family live in and the fear that one of us will come face to face with him sometime in the future. How will we react? I just don't know and at times it frightens me to think how we may react. It just doesn't go away does it?

The things that have helped me to cope over the years have been talking and meeting with other SAMM members who have lost someone in a very traumatic way and sharing our thoughts, feelings and fears. I also found that becoming involved with SAMM as a volunteer and then as a trustee and then Chair of the committee has made me feel as if I am helping others and as I try to move SAMM National forward in the future I hope to try to make a difference for all the members out there who need this important organisation to support them in rebuilding their lives.

Warmest regards,
Marie Ellis

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Rose Dixon

In August I will have been working for SAMM National for nine years. When I look back I have been very lucky to have met and worked alongside some very good and interesting people. I have met some very important government ministers, including Tony Blair, Baroness Scotland, Harriet Harman and Lord Falconer but the people who impress me the most is **you the ordinary members of SAMM!**

You are dealing with horrendous grief, pain and trauma and yet you are there for each other and support me in my role within SAMM. Some of the best friends I have are SAMM members and I am overwhelmed by the kindness and courtesy that you show me.

I am honoured to have been able to visit some of you in your own homes and you have made me welcome and treated me as one of your family, even down to offering me overnight accommodation if you know I am in your area. I feel as if I have a huge extended family now! None of this would have happened if my daughter Avril hadn't died 16 years ago. I like to think that maybe Avril has guided me to you. Maybe she thought I had become too complacent and needed to be shocked out of my comfortable place in life and get out there and meet real people. Well if that is right then she certainly has succeeded in guiding me to so many lovely people.

My admiration for SAMM members is huge. You cope with many traumatic incidents and the awful injustices of our legal system and yet you keep going and many of you offer to become volunteers and help other people experiencing what is a very distressing and traumatic bereavement.

Thank you for your help and support.

News from the National Office

As many of you will know SAMM has moved offices. Our new contact details are on the front of our newsletter.

We hope that the move didn't cause too much disruption for our members and we apologise for any inconvenience that was caused. Some people are concerned that our 0845 number will mean higher call charges. Please rest assured that this is a lo-call telephone number with calls charged at local rates. If you prefer you can call 0207 638 4040.

For our **Devon and Cornwall members**, Truro Cathedral will be holding a Cathedral Evensong on **Sunday 6th July at 4pm**, dedicated to remembering the victims of violent crime. It has come about following a request from a resident of St Ives who regularly attends a similar service in London. She says "My sister was killed 12 years ago and it devastated our family. The family and friends are often the hidden or forgotten victims of these terrible crimes, this is a meaningful way of acknowledging them".

The London 10k will be taking place very soon. A very big thank you to our members who are taking part in the name of SAMM. If you would like to support our runners by making a donation you can go to www.mycharitypage.com, click on charities and search for SAMM. You will then be shown how to give a donation.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 18th October in London at the Thistle Grosvenor (was the Thistle Victoria). You will receive more information in the next few weeks. However, we would be interested to hear your views about topics/issues you would like to raise and speakers you would like to hear.

If you would like any more information about items featured in this newsletter please contact the National Office.

Kind regards,
Lynn and Rachel

SAMM Newsletter

The next issue of the SAMM Newsletter is due in September 2008. If you have anything you would like published in any of the sections please send it to the office before 15th September. We would also like to hear your comments or suggestions about what you would like to see in the SAMM Newsletter.

Campaigns and Information

A 'WAY' Forward.....supporting those 'Widowed And Young'



The Way Foundation, a charity which supports people who are 'Widowed and Young' (50 or under) has been growing rapidly and now has around 1,700 members across the UK and Ireland (mostly in their 30s and 40s).

WAY enables members to meet others who have the same experience of losing a partner, and speak more freely about their bereavement. Members include those who have lost partners through murder and manslaughter. WAY has 65 groups across the UK as well as newsletters, holidays, a book loan service, a residential AGM and an internet message board.

As many of you know only too well, bereavement can be a uniquely debilitating experience and its impact long lasting. We chose our logo, a swan, because it is calm and peaceful above the water but underneath it is paddling desperately to stay afloat. We felt that this was symbolic of how our members can appear to be 'coping well' or 'getting over it' but the truth is often starkly different.

When a young person loses their partner they also lose the future they had planned together. They see friends and family continue with their lives – changing jobs, moving house, having children – while they can lose a sense of purpose and security. If they have children they will worry about the effect the loss of a parent will have on them and feel a special responsibility. If they did not have children they may grieve for the missed opportunity to have a lasting reminder of the partner they have lost. Suddenly choices and decisions that were shared are now solely theirs.

Many of our members do join after being told about WAY by friends or others involved in bereavement support so please do pass on the word about WAY. More details, and a leaflet about what we do, are on our website at www.wayfoundation.org.uk. National helpline: 0870 011 3450

Or write to us at: info@wayfoundation.org.uk

Or: The WAY Foundation, Suite 35, St Loyes House,
20 St Loyes St, Bedford MK40 1ZL

THE VOICE OF PETAR SUTOVIC CAMPAIGN
Help us to reveal the truth

THE PETITION

We, the undersigned, petition the Prime Minister to take immediate action to investigate the suspicious death of Petar Sutovic, a British citizen who was born 1 August 1979 in London, England and who met his premature death at the age of 24 in Belgrade, Serbia.

The British authorities made a formal request to the Serbian authorities for the following:

1. British police officers to attend and examine the scene of the death.
2. To allow discussion with the Serbian investigators as to their investigations and findings.
3. To facilitate a review of the evidence gathered and to the conclusions drawn from the evidence.

This request was formally accepted by the Serbian authorities in May 2007. However, no action has been taken. Who is responsible and who can be held accountable for this unforgivable delay?

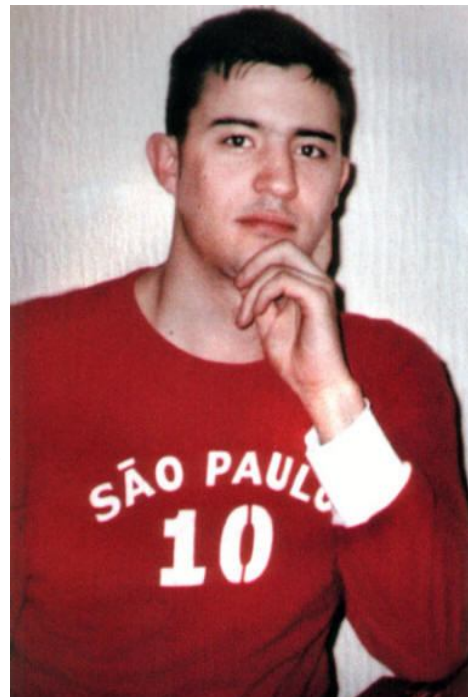
A formal inquest was opened and adjourned 3 July, 2006. The inquest cannot be heard until the above has taken place.

For further information please visit the website www.petarsutovic.co.uk.

The British public must have faith in our Government and our Justice system. Justice must be transparent and be seen to be done.

DESIRED OUTCOME

A full investigation into the circumstances that led to the death of Petar Sutovic.



WHO WE NEED TO INFLUENCE

- Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service The Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP
- Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs The Rt Hon David Miliband MP
- Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
- Secretary of State for the Home Department The Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP

And their Serbian counterparts.

HOW LONG WILL WE CAMPAIGN

As long as it takes.

WHO TO CONTACT

The Voice of Petar Sutovic Campaign

Susan Sutovic, email address info@petarsutovic.co.uk

Sign this petition

Please help to support this cause by filling in this signature form carefully. Signing this petition gives your backing to the stated petition objectives. We understand some people may not wish to display their name against a petition and so you may choose to hide your name.

Information provided by you is NOT shared with anyone other than the petition organiser.

You must provide your name and a unique Email. Please also provide your full postal address, this will make this petition fully valid and ensure your support counts: -

Full Name:	
Do not show name on website	
Postal Address: Address, Town and Postcode	
Email Address	
Short Comment	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: The Voice of Petar Sutovic Campaign
271 High Street Acton, London W3 9BT

SAMM Abroad

SAMM Abroad is a peer support and action group that helps people bereaved by murder abroad. We started in 2001 and there are about 145 member families. We are also an action group working for improvements in the support offered by UK agencies. SAMM Abroad is unfunded and is run by volunteers who have themselves been bereaved by murder or manslaughter abroad. We rely on donations raised by our members for sponsored activities such as the 10k run, walks, and a Golf Memorial Day. We have also received a corporate donation to develop, together with a Met Family Liaison Officer, a British version of a booklet for bereaved families entitled "Homicide - Coping with Traumatic Bereavement". This will be published later in 2008.

Families bereaved by a murder abroad have the same needs as families bereaved in the UK. They need to understand how their loved one died. They need to feel confident that everything possible is being done to catch the perpetrator and to be kept informed of the progress of the investigation or trial. We aim to gain government acceptance of these needs and to promote a co-ordinated service to avoid further suffering to traumatised families. This requires change within the following UK agencies: The Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Home Office/British Police, and the Coroner/Inquest process.

SAMM Abroad welcomes the decision of the Ministry of Justice to retain mandatory inquests after violent or suspicious deaths abroad and increase Coroners' powers in these cases. The Draft Coroners Bill proposed to limit the circumstances in which Coroners would need to investigate deaths abroad and proposed inquests be held in certain narrow circumstances only. The limitations have been removed from the revised Bill. The same duty to investigate deaths will apply where a death occurs abroad (and the body is returned to the coroner's jurisdiction) as when a death occurs in England or Wales. The Chief Coroner has a new obligation to assist in obtaining evidence abroad where a coroner requests assistance.

In October 2006 SAMM Abroad met Harriet Harman, then Solicitor General, to set out our objections to the Draft Bill. We thanked her and Bridget Prentice for changing the Government's position which would have placed an extra burden on bereaved and traumatised families. We have also extended our thanks to our members who assisted with the consultation and in particular those families who provided case studies demonstrating the benefits of inquests after deaths abroad. We very much appreciate their help.

Lianne Harburn, Eve Henderson, and Colin Horsfield

SAMM Abroad

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JUSTICE
AFTER
ACQUITTAL

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Manchester
M35 0XE
Telephone: 0790 2929 379

Dear SAMM Members,

Justice After Acquittal (JAA) is a campaigning group working for legal rights and support for victims' families following an unjust acquittal after a murder trial.

If you are wish to know more, please contact us at PO Box 72, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0XE and on telephone number 0790 2929 379.

Carole Longe and Ann Roberts

Media requests

Rebecca Rampling has previously published members' stories. If you would like to speak to her about your experience you can reach her on 07909 530344 or r_rampling@hotmail.com. She will pay you for the interview on publication and donate a fee to SAMM.

Adelle Martins has also worked with SAMM members and would like to speak with more families if possible. She says:
"Whilst working in the BBC's crime unit I came across a tragic phenomena. That of when one parents kills the other. I'm presently compiling a book and have written a screenplay which looks at this family dynamic and the fall out from such violent actions. It often leads to a grandparent having to raise the child/children who survive this relationship. In order to be as accurate as possible and to highlight this situation I would like to speak - in the strictest confidence - to people who've experienced this situation."

If you would like to speak to Adelle please call her on 07809 38 25 24

Paula Robinson is a freelance journalist who would like to speak to siblings, bereaved in the last 5 years. She is looking for a woman in her 20's or 30's who is able to speak candidly about their loss. You will be encouraged to read the copy prior to publication to avoid sensationalism. The interview can be done over the telephone but please be aware that you will need to be photographed. Paula's contact telephone number is 0208 931 1954

Please note that these notices are included for information and are not an endorsement, by SAMM, of the work of these particular journalists.



INFORMATION FOR SUDDENLY BEREAVED PEOPLE

In June 2003, the Members of the Review of Coroner Services reported to the Home Secretary. In dealing with the provision of information, their report **refers** to the Dept of Works and Pensions guide D49 *WHAT TO DO AFTER A DEATH IN ENGLAND AND WALES*, and adds “There is, too, a good short leaflet from the Home Office. (*WHEN SUDDEN DEATH OCCURS*) Another valuable source of information and advice is *SUDDEN DEATH AND THE CORONER – CORONER’S POST MORTEM AND INQUESTS*, published by Victims’ Voice.

WHEN SUDDEN DEATH OCCURS Coroners and Inquests

Ministry of Justice Leaflet

This **leaflet**, *WHEN SUDDEN DEATH OCCURS*, **alerts next of kin to their immediate rights** with respect to post mortems and indicates what may follow a coroner’s involvement. It was compiled with the help of bereaved people. The leaflet is available **free of charge** in:

English; Welsh; Bengali; Chinese; Gujarati; Hindi; Punjabi; Somali; Urdu

email margaret.newell@justice.gsi.gov.uk **fax** 0870 739 5849

SUDDEN DEATH AND THE CORONER CORONER’S POST MORTEM AND INQUESTS Information for Suddenly Bereaved People

Victims’ Voice Booklet

The Victims’ Voice **booklet**, *SUDDEN DEATH AND THE CORONER*, **adds** to the **leaflet** *WHEN SUDDEN DEATH OCCURS* and is written from the perspective of suddenly bereaved people. The booklet information is based on questions known to arise when coroners’ enquiries are underway. **It is specific to the Coroner Service and can be given to bereaved people in all sudden death cases.** A list of contacts when **specialist** sudden death support and guidance are needed is given in Section 25.

The booklets are **available free of charge** in quantities of **25, 50, 100 or 200** booklets.

email vv@coroner-info.org.uk

by post to Victims’ Voice PO Box 21 Fairford GL7 4WX

The email address can also be used for further information and support if suddenly bereaved people encounter difficulties with the Coroner Service.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A DEATH IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Dept of Works and Pensions Booklet D49

This **booklet** explains how to deal with the personal affairs of someone who has died. It **includes** advice about making funeral arrangements, registering a death and other legal formalities, benefits procedures and how to obtain financial help if needed. Copies are **free** from local Social Services

SAMM Suffolk

SAMM Suffolk have recently held a successful launch meeting, to introduce their group and support service to local agencies and organisations. It was attended by representatives, ranging from the criminal justice system to counsellors to victim support.

The first meeting for members will be held shortly following clarification of the venue which will be in IPSWICH. Ipswich has been chosen due to the good rail and road connections. The meetings will be once a month, very likely to be on Saturday afternoons but a specific time has yet to be decided. Our SAMM Suffolk group leader is working hard to develop a group that will support each and every one who is able to attend.

SAMM Anglia

After putting their meetings on hold through the winter, SAMM Anglia are back with a new venue. They held their first meeting on Saturday 7th June at the Holiday Inn, Lake View, Cambridge. Future meetings will be held on the first Saturday of every month between 2pm and 4pm.

The Anglia group aim to provide a unique empathy and understanding. Our group leader, Janet, says, "All of us have been bereaved and share what it feels like to have had a loved one taken in a violent and tragic way. This is not a counselling service, but we do offer our mutual support and a determination to be successful orienteers, learning to live in what often seems to be a strange and surreal new world".

SAMM Northern Ireland

Congratulations to our SAMM Northern Ireland Co-ordinator, Pam Surphlis, who won an award for Personal Achievement in Antrim Borough Council's Community Excellence Awards on the 4th June. She was nominated by Janet Lynn of Victim Support NI. Pam and her husband attended a splendid gala dinner and award ceremony, hosted by Gerry Kelly, an Ulster TV chat show host! Pam told us, "It was an extremely emotional evening but when I was asked to speak, through my tears I managed to say that I was fighting for all victims of crime but especially for recognition and equality for families bereaved not through the Troubles". Well done and well deserved.

New SAMM groups

It is always heartening to know that new SAMM groups are being developed. Within these groups, members have an opportunity to support each other through a very difficult time. Thanks to the commitment of members across the country we have the opportunity to start a number of groups. If you live in the following areas we would like to know if you would be interested in meeting with other SAMM members or even helping to develop your local group.

Devon/Cornwall
North Lincolnshire/East Riding of Yorkshire
Portsmouth
West Midlands
Worcester
North Yorkshire

Please do contact us if you would like to see a local group in your area.

You can return the form below to the SAMM National Office. Alternatively you can call 0845 872 3440 or email SAMM@victimsupport.org.uk

Name

Tel no

Email address

Local group area

I would like to (delete as appropriate):

- Attend meetings with the local group.
- Help to develop the group.

Any comments or further information required:

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MEMORY CORNER

Linda Baxter, author of *Losing Timo* (published by Honno in 2004), has sent this poem, written by Sam and Linda's 'pretend' grandson, Nathan. Their only child, Timo, was murdered at the age of 24 in June 1999. Nathan, the son of a great friend of Timo's, was born in June 2000.

Goodbye Timo

We miss you Timo,
such much times.
Things never change,
never have we forgotten you.
Well, sometimes we forget you.
But most of the time,
we remember you.
Nothing can stand
between you and us.
We care about you.
We have lots of pictures of you,
to remind us of you.
We hate the people
who killed you.

Nathan Leonard Timo Hardy

TIPTOE THROUGH MY HEART

Sometimes when I'm sleeping
you tiptoe through my heart,
you come into my dreams
and I wake up with a start

The sight of you
the sound of you
so near and yet so far
the wound that came from losing you
has left me with a scar.

Sometimes when I'm lonely
you tiptoe through my heart
telling me you are with me still
even though we are apart.

The sense of you
the touch of you
are memories I treasure
until we meet again, my girls
each day is just a measure.

Sometimes when I'm very sad
you tiptoe through my heart
I hear your girlish giggles
your voices raised in song
and I hope that I'll be with you soon
its been so very long

Sometimes when the pain
is just too much to bear
you tiptoe through my heart
and I know that you'll be there
to guide me through the darkness
when my long day is done
you'll welcome me with open arms
and say "You're home now Mum"

Vicky Harper
Mother of Emma and Beckie

Author of "Double Take"

A message for my son

For my beautiful son Daniel your death
was not in vain,
even though I've got this incurable pain
my memories will always remain.

I'd like to know where you are and
come and hold you tight,
because I kiss your photo and talk to
you every single night.

I must be strong for your brother and
sisters to help them on their way,
I know when my work is done here
I will be with you one day.

XXXXXXXX

Daniel Massey
1985—2005

chariband™

Chariband have created a range of remembrance pin badges and a remembrance wristband with the wording “loved today, yesterday and forever more” to help raise public awareness, promote the invaluable service bereavement-related organisations provide, and help raise much needed funds.

To date SAMM has received a total of £408.67 donations from Chariband.



Remembrance Wristbands

Available to buy online at £1.75 each
at www.chariband.co.uk
Not including postage & packaging.

Remembrance Pin Badges

Available to buy online at
£1.75 each
www.chariband.co.uk

Not including postage &
packaging

**You can also buy Charibands from the
SAMM National office at £1.50 each.
Call 0207 735 3838**



Charities who benefit from the sale of Chariband Wristbands and Pin Badges are: SAMM National, The Compassionate Friends, The Way Foundation, Roadpeace, SCARD, Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide, Cruse Bereavement Care and CADD (Campaign Against Drinking and Driving),

Book List

'The Sara Poems' by Roy Cameron

Roy Cameron has written a remarkable sequence of poems in memory of his daughter. These both record and celebrate his daughter's life from birth onwards but also take us through the death, the hunt for the murderer, the trial and the aftermath, in a painfully honest, sensitive work written with both dignity and a strong poetic imagination.

Publisher: Iron Press 2007, 0191 2531901, www.ironpress.co.uk

'Losing Timo' by Linda Baxter

'When my son was murdered, writing became a release valve for my grief, pain and anger. Eventually I put all my writings, prose and poetry, into this book.' It describes the aftermath of Timo's death, the trial and life since. It is also a celebration of all that was Timo.

Publisher: Wales: Honno 2004. Order at amazon.co.uk, pickabook.co.uk or turnaround-psl.com

'Goodbye, Dearest Holly' by Kevin Wells.

This is a father's story of the disappearance and subsequent search for his daughter Holly.

Kevin documents the trauma of searching for Holly and the effects this had on family and friends.

Publisher: Psychology News Press, 4 Newell St, London, E14 7HR.

'Just a Boy: The True Story of a Stolen Childhood' by Richard McCann.

This is the true story of a small boy, just five years old, who woke up one October morning to discover his mother was gone. And it is the story of how the murder of one woman can ruin a family and trigger decades of deprivation and abuse. After their mother became the first victim of the Yorkshire Ripper, Richard McCann and his sisters' lives fell apart. Until, one day, the young man that Richard had become decided his life didn't have to be this way. Visit Richard and read chapter one at www.richardmccann.co.uk

Publisher: Ebury, 2004 ISBN 0091898218

'Fiona's Story' by Irene Ivison.

A mother's account of the brutal death of her daughter, who at the age of fourteen moved into the world of drugs, prostitution and violence. Argues for the removal of the pimps who exploit young people and coerce them into prostitution.

Publisher: London: Virago, 1997. Available from: Crop Suite 21. Tel: 01132436896

'Double Take' by Vicky Harper; advised by Martin Kay.

On 23rd January 1991, twin sisters Emma and Beckie Harper didn't return from a party. Their remains were discovered in a barn destroyed by fire. Their mother relates the events surrounding their deaths and the battle to discover the truth. Three young men who admitted being at the barn with the twins were charged with murder, later reduced to manslaughter, but two of the accused were discharged and the third acquitted.

Publisher: Stroud: Young Woodchester, 1996.

Available from Vicky Harper, Manor Cottage, Church Rd, Longhope, CL17 0LL. Price £5 each from which £3 will be donated to SAMM

'An Ordinary Murder' by Lesley Moreland.

An account of the long hard battle to fight through her natural feelings of revulsion and revenge after the murder of her daughter and looks at the way she explored society's attitude to punishment and redemption and the whole way in which people react to sudden tragedy. She takes her evidence from both sides of the Atlantic and examines the ways in which murder is dealt with.

Publisher: London: Aurum Press, 2001

‘The Last Thursday In July’ by Andre Hanscombe.

In the summer of 1992 Rachel Nickell was murdered on Wimbledon Common in the presence of her three year old son. This is a personal account by her partner, the father of their child Alex.

Publisher: London: Century, 1996.

‘Dunblane: Our Year Of Tears’ by Peter Samson and Alan Crow.

Contains contributions from 12 people touched by the horror of the murder of 16 children in Dunblane Primary School in March 1996. They are: a mother, a father, a husband, a teacher, a shopkeeper, a campaigner, a politician, a TV presenter, a journalist, a churchman, a musician, and a child survivor.

Publisher: Edinburgh: Mainstream Publishing, 1997.

‘One Step at a Time: Mourning a Child’ by Betty Madill.

An account by a bereaved parent about her experience after the tragic death of her child. Many of us who have coped with the death of our own child will find that we will be able to identify with many of the things she says in the book.

Publisher: Floris Books, 2001.

‘When Father Kills Mother: guiding children through trauma and grief’ by Jean Harris-Hendriks, Dora Black and Tony Kaplan. (2nd ed.)

A second edition which was published in the wake of increased interest in child protection and child law systems. It contains further information about the effects of psychological trauma and bereavement on children.

Publisher: London: Routledge, 2000.

‘An Intimate Loneliness. Supporting Bereaved Parents & Siblings’ by Gordon Riches & Pam Dawson.

Gordon Riches is Senior Lecturer at the University of Derby and Pam Dawson is Bereavement Services Co-ordinator for the London Borough of Bromley.

Gordon has worked for many years with bereaved parents and his sensitivity to their needs is remarkable in someone who has not lost a child. I think this is illustrated in the fact that the book is dedicated *To the sons, daughters, brothers and sisters who left too soon*. The difficult area of communication and intimate relationships between husband and wife after bereavement are discussed with sensitivity.

Publisher: Open University Press, 2000.

‘Bereavement: studies of grief in adult life’ by Colin Murray Parkes. (3rd ed.)

Helps understand the roots of grief, the secondary harm that bereavement can cause and the steps that need to be taken to ensure those who suffer it will emerge relatively undamaged. One chapter addresses traumatic bereavements.

Publisher: London: Routledge, 1996.

**‘A Broken Heart Still Beats: After Your Child Dies’
by Anne McCracken and Mary Semel**

A Remarkable collection of poetry, fiction and essays compiled by a journalist and a social worker, both of whom have lost a child, A Broken Heart Still Beats gets to the heart of this hardest of trials.

Publisher: Hazelden, 1998.

CHILD VICTIMS OF CRIME.

This is a charity run by the police to assist any child under the age of 16 years who has been affected by crime. If you have a child in the family who you think may benefit from the Child Victims of Crime then the referral must come from a police officer. Contact your Police Family Liaison Officer if you have one or any police officer who was involved in your case.

Visit their website at www.cvoc.org.uk

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES TO RELATIVES BEREAVED BY HOMICIDE ATTENDING COURT

Families of homicide victims travelling to court cases within England and Wales can claim expenses through their Local Victim Support Scheme. The grants are restricted to three family members or close friends of the victim to travel to courts within England and Wales. For more information contact your local Victim Support Scheme. Please note that this is a limited fund.

INFORMATION REGARDING VERY LENIENT SENTENCES

The Crown Prosecution Service cannot appeal against a not guilty verdict but the Attorney General has the power to refer the case to the Court of Appeal especially in manslaughter cases if he thinks the sentence is too lenient. **This must be done within 28 days of the sentence being passed.** You can ask the Attorney General to refer a case to the Court of Appeal under this power, to do so, write as soon as possible to:

The Legal Secretariat to the Law Officers
Attorney General Chambers
Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6JD

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) have published a booklet titled: *Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): the treatment of PTSD in adults and children, Understanding NICE guidance – information for people with PTSD, their advocates and carers, and the public.*

Copies of this booklet can be ordered from the NHS Response Line-telephone 0870 1555 455 and quote reference number NO849.

DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS.

The Department for Constitutional Affairs will now incorporate most of the responsibilities of the former Lord Chancellor's Department.

General Departmental Enquiries:

Selborne House

54-60 Victoria Street

London SW1E 6QW

Telephone: 020 7210 8500

Department for Constitutional Affairs: general.queries@dca.gsi.gov.uk

Court Service: cust.ser.cs@gtnet.gov

NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE

For information regarding an offender's Parole or release from prison. If you have any worries about these issues you can contact the Victim Liaison Unit at your local Probation Service Office.

National Probation Directorate

Horseferry House

Dean Ryle Street

London SW1P 2AW

Tel: 020 7217 0659, Fax: 020 7217 0660

E-Mail: NPD.PublicEnquiry@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

THE LIFE IMPRISONMENT MINIMUM TERM SECTION

If you would like information on tariffs contact.

The Life Imprisonment Minimum Term Section

Room CL 1.5

Clifford's Inn

Fetter Lane

LONDON EC4A 1DQ

Tel: 020 7947 6913 Fax: 020 7947 6893

Website: www.courtservice.gov.uk

VICTIM HELPLINE (PRISON SERVICE)

For information regarding prisoners home leave, weekend leave, temporary release, unwanted mail and telephone calls.

Contact 08457 585112, Office hours 9am-5pm (ansaphone after hours)

Useful Contact Numbers

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Victim Supportline</u> 0845 30 30 900 Calls charged at local rates. Open 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday. 9am to 7pm Weekends and Bank Holidays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cruse Bereavement Care</u> Cruse House 126 Sheen Road Richmond Surrey TW9 1UR Helpline: 0870 167 1677</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Compassionate Friends</u> 53 North Street Bristol BS3 1EN Tel: 0845 123 2304</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Road Peace</u> PO Box 2579 London NW10 3PW Helpline: 0845 4500355 (24 hr 7 days a week, backed by ansaphone) Assists families of a victim who is involved in a fatal road crash.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Inquest</u> 89-93 Fonthill Road London N4 3JH Tel: 0207 263 1111 Provide advice and support to all those dealing with a coroner's inquest or are handling a bereavement that has occurred in unusual circumstances.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Zito Trust</u> 16 Castle Street, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford HR3 5DF Tel: 01497 820011 Provides support and advice for victims of community care breakdown (the mentally ill).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assist Trauma Care</u> 11 Albert Street, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2RX Helpline 01788 560800 Email: assist@traumatic-freeserve.co.uk www.traumatic-stress.freeserve.co.uk Specialist therapy and support following trauma</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SIBBS</u> (Support in Bereavement for Brothers and Sisters) 53 North Street Bristol BS3 1EN Helpline: 0845 123 2304 Support for bereaved siblings by bereaved siblings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Winstons Wish</u> Clara Burgess Centre Bayshill Road Cheltenham GL50 3AW Family Line 0845 2030405 Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm Guidance and information for bereaved children and their families</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Justice After Acquittal (JAA)</u> P.O.B: 72, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0XE Tel: 0790 2929 379 JAA - Campaigning for legal rights and support for victims' families following an unjust acquittal after a murder trial.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Suzy Lamplugh Trust</u> Provides resources, talks and training to help everyone to live safer lives. Tel: 020 8876 0305</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CROP</u> Coalition for the Removal of Pimping. 34 York Road Leeds LS9 8TA Tel: 0113 2403040</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Samaritans</u> Helpline: 08457 90 90 90</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Petal</u> Support group for families and friends of murder victims in Scotland. Helpline 01698 324502</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Justice for Victims</u> PO Box 1340 Kingston Upon Thames London, KT1 9EE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy</u> BACP House 15 St John's Business Park Lutterworth, LE17 4HB 0870 443 5252</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Child Bereavement Charity</u> Aston House, West Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3AG Tel: 01494 446648 sup- port@childbereavement.org.uk www.childbereavement.org.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jewish Bereavement Counselling Services</u> Bet Meir, 44b Albert Road, London, NW4 2SG Tel: 020 8457 9710 Fax: 020 8457 9707 E-mail: jbcsc@jvvisit.org.uk</p>