

THE SUPPORT CENTRE

For those affected by Murder and Suicide

The Petal Garden

Its getting to the time of year when our Members can make use of the Garden Area at Barrack Street

The Garden is a very safe, secure and relaxing area that has been created for the benefit of all our members

We have attempted to create the opportunity to enrich everyone's experience through design for the full range of the senses.

Last year it was the enthusiastic help and assistance of a number of our "Female" Volunteers that worked so hard to give the garden a splash of colour which perfectly set off the plants and seating area

To ensure we understand and meet the needs and preferences of all our members, we look forward to all your comments and feedback after your visit

Ladies Group

The Ladies Peers Support Group continues to be very popular and is very well attended every second Friday Morning

At the meeting last Friday the Ladies took part in an Easter Egg Hunt and held a competition for the best Easter Bonnet

The designs were wonderful and congrats to Ann for the winning design

Any Ladies wishing to participate in the Group, please just get in touch

The METAL Group

The introduction of the Mens Support Group **METAL**, has proved to be popular and continues to meet every second Thursday Evening

The men have a range of activities planned and are also considering a number of Fundraising and Awareness raising events.

Any Men out there wishing to participate,
Please just get in touch

LORD CARLOWAY REVIEW

There is no doubt that the UK Supreme Court's judgment in *Cadder v HM Advocate* has had a profound and immediate impact on the Scottish System of Criminal Justice, as well as raising important constitutional issues.

The decision overturned existing Scottish jurisprudence and threw into question existing practice in police detention and questioning.

Lord Carloway has been asked me to undertake a review of the law and practice in this area.

Lord Carloway is keen that this Review should be more than an attempt merely to adjust or tweak any perceived flaws in the legislation. It should take the opportunity to re-examine the core principles underlying the procedures of detention, police questioning, charge and arrest, and the implications for concepts such as corroboration and the inference from silence.

This will then inform recommendations for changes to the criminal justice system that will enhance its operation as a whole, in a way that properly and fully meets the requirement to protect the rights of victims and suspects.

This Review will therefore explore a range of options and ideas, some of which will be quite radical.

The recommendations it produces must be not only sound in legal and human rights terms, but also practicable.

He has requested the help of all those involved in or affected by the Criminal Justice System in developing robust recommendations that can be put into practice to the benefit of the system as a whole.

A Final Response is required by 3rd June 2011.

Everyone that wants to take the opportunity to consider carefully the issues contained in this paper, and to give the Review the benefit of your knowledge, expertise and understanding:

Please get in touch:

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Double Jeopardy: Bill Passed

We are delighted to inform our Members that:

The Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Bill completed its parliamentary passage on 22nd March 2011, the final day of the Scottish parliamentary session before the May 5 election.

MSPs voted unanimously in favour of the measure, which originates in a report by the Scottish Law Commission following a reference from the Scottish Government and states in legislative form the ancient principle that prevents the state repeatedly prosecuting an individual for the same act, but enacts certain exceptions.

A second trial will be allowed where, after an acquittal, compelling new evidence emerges to substantially strengthen the case against the accused; where the original trial was tainted, for example by intimidation; where, after an acquittal, evidence becomes available that the acquitted person has admitted committing the offence; or to permit the prosecution of a person on a more serious charge where the victim has died after the original trial.

Any changes to the double jeopardy law will be retrospective and apply to old cases.

Fit for purpose

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill said: "The principle of double jeopardy dates back over 800 years, but we now live in a very different world. The law needed to be modernised to ensure that it is fit for the 21st century and I am delighted that MSPs from all sides have voted in favour of these important changes.

"In this day and age, people shouldn't be able to walk free from court and subsequently boast with impunity about their guilt. If new evidence emerges which shows the original ruling was fundamentally flawed, it should be possible to have a second trial. And trials which are tainted by threats or corruption should be re-run.

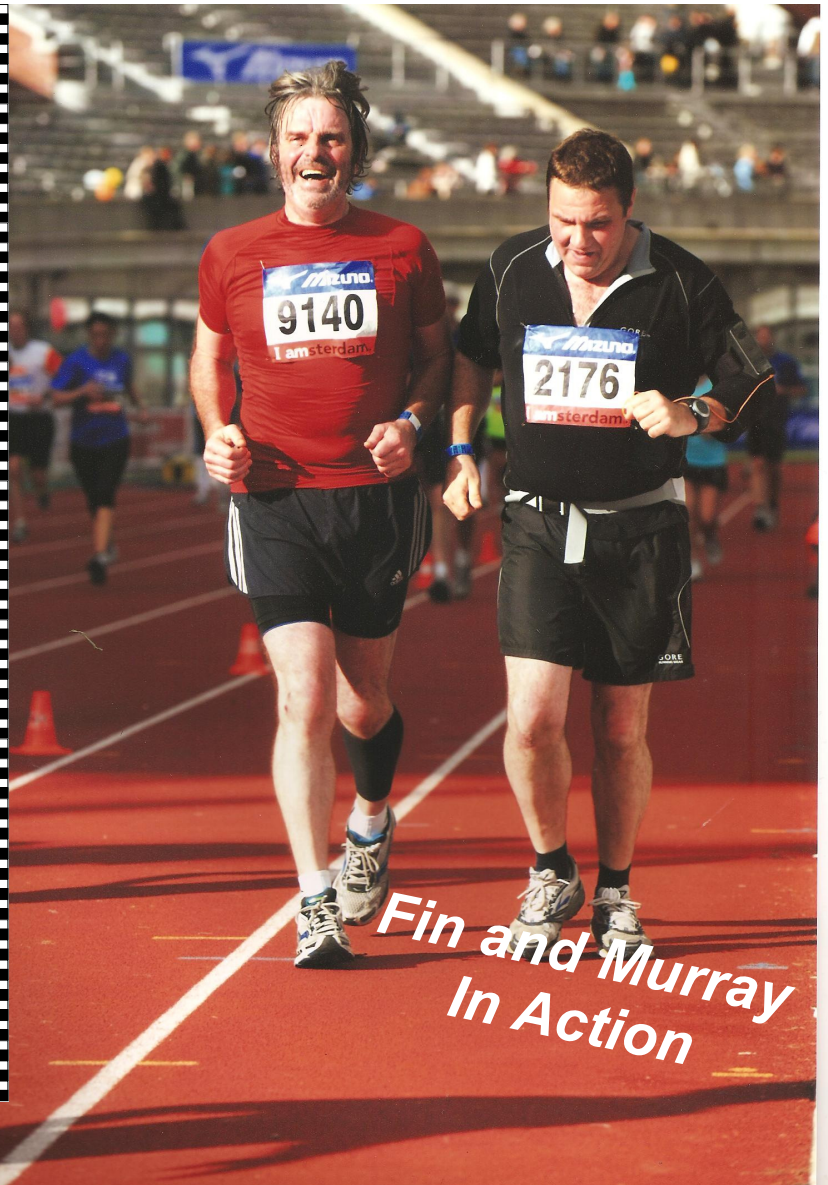
"Prosecutors should not have their hands tied, and these legislative changes will ensure that in such cases there will be no escape from justice."

Anyone that wants any further information about Double Jeopardy, please get in touch

Amsterdam Marathon 16th October 2011

**Fin Collins &
Murray Webster are
taking part in this
Marathon to raise
funds for Petal**

*C'mon,
they need your
Sponsorship*



Fundraising & Donations :

We are extremely grateful for all the Funds raised at recent events and all the very generous Donations received recently

The Cabaret Night in March 2011 @ The Greenfield club Burnbank raised a wonderful **£664.20**

A Donation of **£ 225.00** from North Lanarkshire Contact Centre

A number of generous Personal Donations with amounts from £20 to £100—Totalling **£350.00**

The Substantial amount of **£2242.50** from a number of events carried out by the Staff and Customers at Neesons Bar in Pollokshaws

Another terrific amount totalling **£605.04** from a number of Sponsored Events held by the Management and Staff at the Marks & Spencer Store in the Kingsgate Retail Park in East Kilbride

We continue to receive generous donations from local hostelrys in Hamilton

To all our Members and Friends of Petal, please accept our very grateful thanks

Upcoming Events in 2011

May 8th Ladies 10k

May 13th Ladies Pamper Night

**May 29th Sponsored Walk around Strathclyde Park
by one of our Member Families**

June 4th A Fundraising Night by one of our Member Families

**July 14th A Fundraising Night
by one of our Member Families**

**The Annual Sponsored Cycle around Millport
Saturday 6th August 2011**

The Coach will depart from Barrack Street at **10am Prompt**
Everyone interested in taking part can now register and
receive Sponsor Forms, just give us a call

**Annual Dinner & Dance
Saturday 1st October 2011
Get this date in your Diary**

We look forward to a great response to this event again this year
You can offset the cost of the Ticket by using our "**Payment Plan**"
This is available to everyone and allows all those wishing to attend
to make a payment at suitable intervals.

To confirm your Booking, or further details please just get in touch

Your mind is like a parachute...
it functions only when open.

The 10 commandments are not a multiple choice.
The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime!

It is never too late to become
what you might have been.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets...
So love the people who treat you right..
Forget about the ones who don't.

Believe everything happens for a reason.
If you get a second chance,
grab it with both hands.
If it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said life would be easy,
they just promised it would be worth it.

Friends are like balloons; once you let them go,
you might not get them back.

Sometimes we get so busy with our own
lives and problems that we may not even notice
that we've let them fly away.

Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and
who's wrong that we forget what's right and
wrong.. Sometimes we just don't realise what real
friendship means until it is too late.