

www.shirleymckie.com – “That was the week that was.”

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- Thanks for the calls and e-mails welcoming **Shirley's videoed message** on the home page at www.shirleymckie.com. Apparently it was good to put a face to a name. No-one in the McKie family is surprised that there were no requests to see Iain's face!!
- A fairly quiet week ended with a bang with the revelation that **Peter Swann** the first independent expert retained by Shirley before her 1999 trial had allowed his solicitor to circulate an **extraordinary 14 page letter** - addressed to the **Lord Advocate** - to the media. Everyone from Shirley and Iain, to supporters, MSP's, the Lord Advocate and Crown Office, Minister for Justice, international experts, the CRFP and media are supposed to be engaged in some gigantic conspiracy against the SCRO and Mr Swann. Senior Scots experts apparently aided in the circulation of this over the top, inaccurate and offensive document. If this is true it would be interesting to know where their copies were obtained from and who gave permission for their circulation.

<http://www.shirleymckie.com> ('breaking news' – 21 May 2005)

- We have given up ever receiving a reply from the **Fingerprint Society** about their controversial decision to hold the March 2006 conference at the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan. All we can do is hope that wise counsel prevails and the event is held over until 2007 when the lessons of this case will hopefully have been learned and can be debated openly.

http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FingerprintSocietyDebate_007.pdf

- Iain is looking forward to being a keynote speaker at this year's **Scottish Law Convention** at the Radisson hotel in Glasgow on Wednesday 15 June 2005. This is the first time he has been able to address the law profession and anticipates a mutually challenging session. The main thrust of his presentation will be his perceived misuse of the sub judice rule by the Scottish Executive, Police and others. As if it isn't enough having to wait years for their case to be called litigants are further condemned to the emotional and psychological trauma of not being able to comment on the feelings of injustice. In Scots law David has few advantages over the state Goliath who has all the money and time in the world. Iain will also challenge the **Lord Advocate's** conflicting roles as a Scottish Minister and defender in Shirley's civil claim and the leader of the Scottish prosecution system.

<http://www.firmmagazine.com/awards/convention/>

- Things have come to a halt on the **Freedom of Information** enquiries front. Despite hopeful promises being made by **Strathclyde Police** the release of further information has now been delayed for two weeks while decisions are made whether to hand it over. As reported the **Strathclyde Joint Police Board** still refuse access to the secret internal report that cleared the SCRO experts of any wrongdoing on the grounds there is **no overriding public interest**. A decision is awaited on the appeal.

<http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FreedomofInformationUpdate.pdf>

- **Cross party discussions** are still taking place and it is hoped that our political representatives can help bring an end to this 8 year saga. It becomes clearer and clearer that some form of independent enquiry is required to ascertain just what has happened and to ensure that the evidence being given by the SCRO experts is to be trusted.
- Thanks as ever for your continued interest and support. Your contributions are always welcome. If you wish any friends or colleagues to receive this weekly update please pass this update onto them or send their e-mail address to:

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