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MAY 2007

03.05.2007 Thursday

Madeleine Beth McCann disappeared from the family Holiday apartment in Praia da Luz. Kate McCann raised the alarm at 10pm.

Day 01 - 04/05/2007 Friday May 4th 2007 McCanns moved into apartment 4A

Day 02 - 05/05/2007 Saturday to **Day 03** - 06/05/2007 Sunday No Update

Day 04 - 07/05/2007 Monday Statement read by Kate McCann given today Monday 7 May at 2pm

Day 05 - 08/05/2007 Tuesday No Update

Day 06 - 09/05/2007 Wednesday 1st – Official Website Launched as www.bringmadeleinehome.com

Day 07 - 10/05/2007 Thursday to **Day 08** - 11/05/2007 Friday No Update

Day 09 - 12/05/2007 Saturday Madeleine's Birthday Statement From Mark Warner Holidays Issued on behalf of the McCann Family 8am Saturday 12th of May 2007 Madeleine's 4th Birthday

Day 10 - 13/05/2007 Sunday to **Day 12** - 15/05/2007 Tuesday No Update Blogs start Day 17

Day 13 - 16/05/2007 Wednesday

2nd - OFFICIAL WEBSITE REGISTERED AS
www.findmadeleine.com LINKED TO
www.bringmadeleinehome.com

Day 14 - 17/05/2007 FUND LAUNCH Thursday

'Madeleine's Fund : Leaving No Stone Unturned'

This includes £50,000 donated by Portsmouth football club.

Funds taken over the counters of NatWest & RBS, along with the donations made by cheque, have not yet hit the account.

Further updates will be provided on Monday 21st May 2007

The family of Madeleine McCann are to-day launching the Madeleine's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned appeal. The funds will be used to help find Madeleine McCann, support her family and bring her abductors to justice. Any surplus funds will be used to help families and missing children in United Kingdom, Portugal and elsewhere in similar circumstances.

From this morning, Thursday May 17th:

· members of the public will be able to make donations to 'Madeleine's Fund : Leaving No Stone Unturned Limited' over-the-counter in any branch of NatWest and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

From now:

· Postal Donations can be made with cheques payable to 'Madeleine's Fund : Leaving No Stone Unturned'. Cheques should be posted to the following address:

'Madeleine's Fund'
c/o The International Family Law Group
26 Southampton Street
Covent Garden
London
WC2E 7RS

Internet donations can be made into the following account:

'Madeleine's Fund : Leaving No Stone Unturned'

Branch
Natwest
PO BOX 113
Cavell House
2A Charing Cross Road
London
WC2H ONN

Sort Code 60 40 05.
Account Number 32130058

Internet banking donations from abroad

IBAN : GB63 NWBK 6040 0532 1300 58
or
IBAN : GB63NWBK60400532130058

Sort Code : 60 – 40 – 05
Account number : 32130058
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All donations will be processed free of charge.

Day 15 - 18/05/2007 Friday

Trade mark Filing date for Madeleine's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned

Case details for Trade Mark 2456061 Intellectual Property Office
Mark text: Madeleine's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned

Status

Status: Registered
Classes: 09, 16, 36, 41

Relevant dates

Filing date: 18 May 2007
Next renewal date: 18 May 2017
Registration date: 22 February 2008

List of goods or services

Class 09: Downloadable internet publications
Class 16: Printed matter
Class 36: Charitable fundraising; charitable and non-charitable services relating to the provision of assistance to families and others affected by missing children.
Class 41: Non-downloadable internet publications

Day 16 - 19/05/2007 Saturday

**Website Update at 19:18PM on 19th of May 2007
97 Million hits!**

Latest Update - ITV News

Madeleine parents believe she is safe

The parents of missing four-year-old Madeleine McCann said they had taken "tremendous strength" from the "warmth and spiritual outpouring" from all around the world.

Gerry and Kate McCann issued a brief statement from the Portuguese holiday resort of Praia da Luz 11 days after their little girl disappeared from their hotel room.

The pair said they were "fully supporting" the police investigation into their daughter's abduction and reaffirmed their belief that their daughter is safe.

Mr McCann said: "Until there is concrete evidence to the contrary, we believe Madeleine is safe and is being looked after".

Madeleine's mother also emphasised that the couple had no intention of returning to Britain from Portugal in the immediate future.

A British legal team has flown to Praia da Luz to help them and has launched a special "fighting fund" to help in the hunt for Madeleine.

A statement from the International Family Law Group, the firm instructed by the McCanns, said details of how people could make donations would be released within days.

A QC, Michael Nicholls, has also been instructed by the family as their determined battle to find Madeleine enters another week.

Madeleine's uncle John McCann, who lives in Glasgow but was in Praia da Luz last week, said the lawyers would play a liaison role and would not interfere with the criminal investigation.

A spokesman for the International Family Law Group said yesterday: "Gerry and Kate are very grateful for all the support and generous offers of help that they are receiving.

"Details of how contributions can be made to help get Madeleine back to the safety of her own family will be made available in the next couple of days."

The McCanns were among around ten British people who have been re-interviewed by police in recent days to clarify their statements.

This week some of the witnesses are expected to appear in court behind

closed doors to record their evidence before they go back to the UK. The McCanns themselves are not expected to be asked to take part.

The procedure, known as "memory for the future", means taped statements can be shown during a future trial so the witnesses do not have to return to appear in

Day 17 - 20/05/2007 Sunday

The entry "A Day to day life for the McCann's" does not have a date on the screenshots. However if you check the Sunday Mirror link it confirms that it was Sunday 20-05-07 Day 17: Although the Sunday Mirror says it is Day 18: which

would have made it Monday

A Day to day life for the McCann's

Our day starts around 6.30am with us all waking up around the same time. We have breakfast with Sean and Amelie and our close family/friends who are here with us. Then its clean nappies and clothes for Sean and Amelie followed by showers etc for the rest of us.

Usually there's some free time then for a few stories or games with the twins before heading out.

9.00-9.15 We take Sean and Amelie to Kids' Club. They really enjoy it and run in.

They know the staff well and the staff are all excellent. Both love the domestic corner and Amelie particularly likes to look after 'babies'. We use the kids club a bit like nursery at home but we think Sean and Amelie still think they are on holiday!

9.30~12.15. We return to the apartments, usually for a series of meetings with our press officer, Mark Warner Reps, occasionally Consulate staff, lawyers and British Liaison officers. During this time we catch up with family and close friends, usually by telephone and discuss ideas how to keep Madeleine's profile high especially throughout continental Europe.

12.30 Time to pick up Sean and Amelie from Kids' club then head back to apartment for lunch, which has usually been prepared by one of our family/friends group who have been tremendously supportive.

13.30 –14.30 This is time to spend time playing with the twins either in the apartment or in the play area next to kids club.

14.30-15.00 Usually we take the twins back to Kids' Club although Sean has had the odd afternoon in the apartment as it's a bit cooler and he's not much of a sun worshipper! They have been taking part in many different activities including painting, singing, stories, swimming, trips to the beach and they have lots of toys to play with.

15.00~17.00 We try to get some time together alone, going for a walk to talk things over or getting some exercise. This is often the time for quiet trips to the church for prayers.

17.00-17.30 Meet kids for high tea with other mums and dads. They love pasta and have been doing really well with their vegetables although a few chips have been squeezed in.

17.30-18.30. Games with kids at play area. Amelie loves trying to get in the baby pool!

18.30-19.30 Bath and story time with the twins.

20.00 We put the kids to bed.

20.30-23.00 We try to sit down for a family meal, again usually cooked by one of the small family group out here with us. Chat about the day's events and plan the next day

23.30 bed and prayer for Madeleine that she will be returned to us safely ASAP.

In addition to above we try to attend various church services during the week, and make multiple phone calls to family and friends. We try to watch the main news early morning and late evening but have had almost no time to read the newspapers or even look at the pictures!

Kate is a keen runner and in the last few days has tried to include a run in the daily routine. Yesterday (Sat) at 7am we ran to the monument at the top of the steep cliff overlooking Praia de

Luz. We reached it in 19 minutes.

Day 18 - Monday 21/05/2007 to Day

Tuesday 19 22/05/2007 No Update

Day 20 - 23/05/2007 Wednesday

1st Version
23 May 2007

Today Kate and I went to the Shrine at Fatima to pray for Madeleine's safe return. It was another early start leaving at 6.30am. Mark Warner, who have looked after us so well, laid on a car and driver. We managed to continue the campaign with telephone conversations and e-mails. The actual visit was very encouraging with the rector and thousands of pilgrims praying for Madeleine as well Kate and I. We lit candles for Madeleine and also 3 for Madeleine's grandparents. The trip received a lot of publicity which should help maintain the profile of her abduction. We are planning a relatively quiet day tomorrow

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Day 21- 24/05/2007 Thursday

2nd version
24 May 2007

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Day 22: 25/05/2007 Friday No Update

Day 23 -26/05/2007 Saturday

Yesterday was relatively quiet although we did meet the British ambassador and the senior British Police Officer who has been working here in Portugal on the case. This was a productive meeting. There was a flurry of activity amongst the media here stating the family was openly critical of the Portuguese police which was not true. We did our best to dampen this down but a couple of papers carried stories with our 'frustration' with the investigation rather than what we said it was frustrating that 3 weeks down the line we still have not got Madeleine back. This would be the case in whichever country we were in. Some of you may have noticed that Sean and Amelie did manage to squeeze in a hair cut!

Today was extremely busy and tiring. We met with our press officer Clarence Mitchell, to discuss strategy for the forthcoming interviews. Kate attended a luncheon in aid of International Missing Child day and John, my brother, attended a similar event in London. After this John and Kate's uncle, who are both directors of Madeleine's fund appointed an interim fund manager. We are now actively looking for a campaign manager who will be needed once our government press officer disappears.

The interviews were our first for TV and we were happy how they went. We did 10 min interviews for Sky, BBC, ITV, Portuguese TV/radio and one for the press association. A shorter interview with GM TV will be shown on Monday morning along with stuff from our fabulous web team. The interviewers were very kind but did not shirk from asking us some extremely difficult questions. We answered them all and although painful will allow us to move on in our search for Madeleine. Importantly, shortly after our interviews finished the Portuguese Police held a press conference and gave details of a man they would like to interview who was seen carrying a child on the night of Madeleine's disappearance. We have not had a transcript of what was said but this is an encouraging development and hopefully will result in further calls to the police with information from people who were in Praia da Luz around the time of Madeleine's abduction. We remain very optimistic that the criminal investigation will lead to Madeleine's safe return but we need everyone to be alert and vigilant to any suspicious activity.

Tomorrow will be a family day. We are doing a photo-shoot with the twins for the Sunday newspapers in the morning but will involve stuff that we want to do with them anyway. We also need to recharge our batteries after what has been a very busy week.

DAY 23 6/05/2007

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Day 24 - 27/05/2007 Sunday

Strange day after all the activity during the week. Kate and I started off with an early morning run to the the top of the nearby cliffs. Sean and Amelie were back in kids club and went swimming again. The rest of us attended mass which was very emotional as a priest from RAF Lossiemouth was visiting and further prayers were said for Madeleine. Father Zee-Manuel has also rigged up a powerpoint display projecting a large photograph of Madeleine on to the wall, which he is very proud of and reminds us of the beautiful little girl we are missing so terribly.

There have been some requests for more information 'about Madeleine' and this section will be updated very soon. We will also be releasing a very short video of Madeleine taken at the Airport on the day we left for Portugal, Saturday 28 April. Sean and Amelie went to the beach this afternoon with mummy, auntie Trisha and Anne but daddy stayed in the apartment catching up on campaign e-mails, making calls and liaising with Clarence our press officer. The resort is much busier again as it is half-term and there are definitely less journalists here. Many of them have been here since the beginning and are making this journey with us.

The couple of Sunday articles we read did not cover much of what we talked about and seemed to get some of the other stuff wrong! We stated that Sean and Amelie are sleeping in our room (in separate cots) because of other family staying with us and that we were trying to treat them as normal and not be overprotective. This came out that we were so protective we have to have them sleeping in our bed! These inaccuracies are not important in our search for Madeleine and the next phase is being planned currently.

It looks like our planned trips to other European cities will start off in Rome after we learned today that the Pope has been following Madeleine's abduction closely. There is a reasonable chance we may get a chance to meet the Pontiff and that he will pray for Madeleine. Such a visit would generate huge publicity regarding the family campaign to find Madeleine and will also give Kate and I a great spiritual lift. It will also raise the awareness of missing and abused children generally. We continue to pray that someone will provide the key information that leads us to Madeleine.

Day 25 - 28/05/2007 Monday

Confirmation arrived this evening that we are to attend the Vatican and a service with The Pope. It is likely we will be seated in the front row and may have an opportunity to speak with the Holy Father and ask for prayers for Madeleine. This is a hugely important visit both personally, for Kate and I, but also for the wider campaign to publicise Madeleine's disappearance. The trip has been facilitated through Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and we will be receiving assistance from the British Embassy whilst in Rome. On this occasion because of the short notice and the relatively early time of the service we have accepted the kind offer of the use of Sir Philip Green's personal jet, which will help get us home quickly after our Papal visit to see the twins before their bedtime. We will be accompanied by a small group of media who are still with us in Praia da Luz and, as usual all the material will be available to all the British press and broadcasters equally. For all trips we are assessing whether commercial flights can get us to

our destination and back to Portugal quickly. This will NOT be a Tour- it is a series of very brief visits with the specific aim of raising awareness and we aim to get back here as quickly as possible.

We have decided that for the majority of trips it will not be practicable, or fair, to take Sean and Amelie with us. They have an established routine which we do not want to disrupt and will be looked after by very close family. Tonight for the first time they have gone to sleep in their own single beds, rather than cots, now that another two of our family have gone home. We were planning to turn their cots at home into beds after our 1 week holiday but obviously this has been delayed with Madeleine's abduction. We have been in Praia da Luz for over 4 weeks and Sean and Amelie's development from toddlers to little boy and girl continues. Madeleine will really notice the difference when she sees them!

Some of you may have seen on the news the huge inflatable billboard which has travelled all the way from the West of Scotland to Portugal which will be used near busy roads/motorways to keep Madeleine's disappearance high profile. We had a brief chat with Chris and Les, who drove almost non-stop from Glasgow to get here. The extraordinary length ordinary people are going to help us is truly overwhelming. We thank everyone for their efforts, no matter how small, and we know this will make a difference in our search for Madeleine.

Day 26 - 29/05/2007 Tuesday

We have been preoccupied with preparation for our audience with the Pope tomorrow morning. This morning was spent acquiring some appropriate dress for the meeting since we had only holiday clothes with us in Portugal. Clarence has been inundated with calls regarding the visit to Rome and done most of the organisation behind the scenes.

It has been very difficult to leave Sean and Amelie but it is only for one night and we will be back to see them before bedtime tomorrow. Trish and Sandy (Madeleine's Godparents) who have been with us in Portugal since Day 2 are looking after them and we were surprised to hear they were tucked up in bed by 7.30pm- they must like their new beds!

The flight to Rome passed extremely quickly and some footage was taken for TV. We did a couple of short interviews for the British and Portuguese press about our feelings regarding the trip. Under normal circumstances we would be extremely excited about meeting the Pope, but as we are here as a result of Madeleine's abduction the circumstances are very different. We expect to receive a great spiritual lift, especially if we get to speak to the Pontiff personally. After the audience we will be holding a short press conference in the British Embassy to the Vatican to talk about our campaign to publicise Madeleine's disappearance and of course, our audience with the Pope.

Francis Campbell, the British ambassador to the Holy See, and his staff picked us at the airport and brought us directly to the Embassy residences near the city centre. We have been made to feel completely at ease and almost as if we are part of a small family here, which has helped ease our tangible nerves, not unsurprising given the importance of tomorrow's meeting. We are now retiring and will be saying our usual prayers for Madeleine's safe return

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Day 27 - 30/05/2007 Wednesday

Today has gone as well as we could possibly imagine. We woke around 7.15am and got ourselves ready. There was a lovely continental breakfast prepared but both Kate and I ate very little due to nerves. We left the Embassy just after 9.00am and stopped en route to the Vatican, at Piazza Pia for a photo opportunity with St Peters in the distance. I made a very short statement regarding our forthcoming visit and expressed my gratitude to Francis Campbell, the British Ambassador to the Vatican, and his staff for making us feel as if we were part of their family.

We arrived in plenty of time for the Papal audience and were delighted to find we were seated in the 'Prima Fila'- the first row. Clarence, Francis and Monsigneur Charlie Burns, a colourful Glaswegian who teaches at the seminary and looks after the Ambassador's spiritual well being were seated immediately behind us. It was extremely sunny and I have to admit that Kate and I were struggling somewhat with the heat in our dark suits but Francis rescued us with an umbrella and some water and following that some heavy cloud rolled in, cooling us down.

The atmosphere in St Peter's square was almost carnival like with up to 35,000 people there to see the Pope. He did not disappoint, driving slowly around the crowd in his open jeep, waving cheerfully. We were sombre in contrast given that we were there to ask Benedict to pray for Madeleine, although I am sure others were also there to get blessings for their loved ones. After this the Pontiff took his seat in front of approximately 30 cardinals, bishops and priests. One of the priests, Father Daniel Gallagher from the US, came up to us before the service and said some very kind words; that he was praying and everyone was praying for Madeleine daily.

The service started with a series of addresses from priests representing the various French, German, Italian, English, Spanish and Polish speaking congregations present. Each parish represented was mentioned and various bands, mainly German, played short pieces and a few choirs sang a verse and the large Polish contingent priests seated behind us wearing large yellow scarves tied like ribbons around their necks sang 3 or 4! At the end of this preamble the priest stated that the Pope was happy to tell us he was praying for the congregation, our families, our children and those who were suffering. These words seemed so poignant in the light of Madeleine's abduction and naturally both Kate and I were, naturally, very emotional. The Pope's actual address seemed to pass in a blur and I am looking forward to reading the actual transcript as I can remember very little of the actual words.

Following the completion of the Papal address in the different languages, Benedict individually greeted the other clergy on the dias. During this period Father Gallagher presented us with a small gift to remind us that he would pray daily for Madeleine and a cardinal also expressed similar sentiments. The Pope took

approximately 20 minutes to meet other people in the Prima Fila before reaching us. It felt as if time stood still for a moment when the Pope looked into our faces and there was almost instant recognition and a change in his expression. He said he would pray for us, our family and Madeleine. Kate passed him a photograph of Madeleine and he blessed this and would pray for her safe returning. The meeting was more personal than we could have imagined given the number of people there and will help us sustain our hope and determination to find Madeleine.

The press conference followed shortly afterwards and was very well attended. We will give more details tomorrow as we are very tired following our visit and hope to get an early night before planning our next trip.

Day 28 - 31/05/2007 Thursday

Press conference in Rome went very well giving us an excellent forum to ask for help in the search for Madeleine. We told people about the website, how to download posters and ask people to print them and take on holiday wherever they are.

We arrived in Madrid late last night and have a series of meetings arranged with government and non government agencies concerned with child welfare. We will also be hosting a press conference again to raise general awareness of Madeleine's disappearance and ask for the public's help in our search for Madeleine. We may also do a few very short interviews for US news stations which are widely broadcast in Europe, N.Africa and Asia, particularly in English speaking hotels and other outlets. Will update after meetings.

JUNE 2007

Day 29 - 01/06/2007 Friday

With the help of the British Embassy we had a very busy day. First of all we had a short briefing from the ambassador and her staff. We then had a series of meetings with: multiple non-governmental agencies involved in child welfare, did a TV programme akin to Crimewatch focussing on Madeleine's disappearance, a press conference which was well attended, a couple of short US news channel interviews with European coverage and finally met with the Spanish Minister for the Interior (Home Secretary equivalent). We left Madrid feeling as if the Spanish were treating Madeleine's disappearance like one of their own. Meanwhile in Portugal Phil arrived with thousands of posters in different languages. Most of these have been delivered to the Irish centre at Fatima and more at Lisbon airport. Planning a family day tomorrow. Will weigh up next phase of the search over the weekend.

Day 30 - 02/06/2007 Saturday

Relatively quiet day. Did manage to repsond to some e-mails regarding campaign issues with some excellent ideas coming through. We did visit a local beach with Sean, Amelie and the rest of the family who are here and managed to get a bite to eat. Having a huge number of media reuests in but want these to be very focussed in areas that will have clear benefits in the search for Madeleine. We did do a German TV and newspaper interview which will be released tomorrow to increase awareness ahead of our planned visit to Berlin later this week. Most of the Sunday newspapers will carry some of the interview as a British reporter sat in and asked a few more quetions related to the campaign strategy.

Day 31 - 03/06/2007 Sunday

Was encouraged to learn of the large volume of information which has come through the Leicester incident room following the appeal. Hopefully the Portuguese police will have had a good reponse also and we hope to meet with them in the next couple of days for an update. Chris and Les, who travelled over with the huge inflatable banner which has been positioned near the Spanish border, are heading home today. They were very happy that the director of the Algarve tourist board allowed them to put it up in private property owned by them, with thousands of cars passing every hour and seeing Madeleine's image and details of her disappearance and reward. Sunday papers have reported our interviews virtually verbatim but vey disappointed that the blog was lifted almost in entirety by one newspaper yesterday after expressly forbidding such an approach! The blog is to keep people visiting the website up to date with our progress in the campaign to find Madeleine.

Day 32 - 04/06/2007 Monday

Busier day today with travel arrangements for Berlin and Amsterdam finalised. Leaving tomorrow night and coming back Thurs afternoon. It will be a very busy schedule similar to Madrid. On Thurs night there is a music festival in aid of Madeleine in nearby Lagos which we will be attending. Tonigh, we were interviewed for Crimeatch which will be shown on BBC1 tomorrow night. This was a very good opportunity to recap on all the information which is in the public domain and re-emphasise the appeal, especially since the description of a suspect seen carrying a child was released by the Portuguese police after the initial British appeal. As well as some reports from Crimewatch, you may see a picture of me in a green and yellow find Madeleine t-shirt in tomorrow's paper. The t-shirts were brought over by Phil and later on I thought better about wearing it around the resort she was taken from. I am sure all the people who have chosen to continue their holliday here, rather than take an alternative location, know about Madeleine's disappearance and don't need a further reminder.

Day 33 - 05/06/2007 Tuesday

Met with the Portuguese Police today. It is good to talk face to face especially with so much speculation in the media. Kates parents arrived today to see the kids and us. We managed to spend a couple of hours with them before heading off for Berlin. I had completely forgotten that it is my birthday today, it is anything but a happy one. However Sean and Amelie made me a birthday card on behalf of them and Madeleine and Trisha made a fruit flan. We sang happy birthday and blew the candles out together which Sean and Amelie really enjoyed. They were really happy to see Grandma and Grandad, whom they are used to seeing every few weeks in England. Kates parents have been a huge help to us, especially since the twins were born, often driving down to Leicestershire for the weekend to help with the kids. This has been really important when I have been on-call at weekends and Kate would have been left looking after the three of them on her own. Trisha would often fly down to help when she had a few days off or when her and Sandy were en route to Cambridge. It makes us feel better knowing that we are leaving Sean and Amelie with very close loved ones whilst we are away on this short trip to appeal for further information and raise awareness of Madeleine's disappearance. Arrived in Berlin. Another busy programme tomorrow with TV, press, and politicians to see and then straight on to Amsterdam for more of the same. It all helps in the search for Madeleine.

Day 34 -06/06/2007 Wednesday

Today seemed to go very well with huge interest in our search for Madeleine. There has also been a little bit of criticism in the German press about the amount of media coverage but this did not seem to diminish the level of interest. The German interviewers are a little more direct with their questions but I was still surprised by the question as to whether Kate and I may be involved in Madeleine's abduction! Hopefully our answers removed any doubt on that score and that our sole focus in all of the family campaigning is to get Madeleine back. After the media we met with a couple of politicians in private. Firstly, we saw the deputy justice minister for Germany who gave us reassurances regarding the investigation.

Following this we met the Mayor of Berlin who is a very powerful and charismatic politician. He asked us what he could do for us and following this meeting asked German tourists who were in the Algarve around the time of Madeleine's abduction to come forward. He is very popular and such public backing should help our appeal. We had to delay our onward flight to Amsterdam because of some information received by the police, which we needed to be consulted on. We diverted to the embassy in Berlin but it turned out to be nothing of interest. We unfortunately had to miss 2 TV programmes as we arrived in Amsterdam 3 hours late, very tired and emotionally drained. We did manage to catch up with a few friends briefly who we know from the year we lived in Amsterdam. They have been actively campaigning here on our behalf with poster distribution, contacting

media and liaising with companies to get advertising space for large posters of Madeleine.

Day 35 - 07/06/2007 Thursday

***DATE GERRY USED
Day 35 - 06th June 2007***

The press conference, meetings and appeal on TV today in Amsterdam all seemed to go well. I doubt there are many people left in Europe who do not know of Madeleine's disappearance and hopefully everyone who has information will have come forward to the police. Today was particularly difficult for Kate and I because of the year we spent in Amsterdam with Madeleine. We have many friends still there and could never have imagined coming back without her in such dreadful circumstances. Afterwards we caught with a friend of mine who was attending a medical conference in Amsterdam and a friend who helps run a playgroup that we attended. We arrived back in Portugal and managed to spend some time with Sean and Amelie. We then drove to the concert in Lagos in aid of Madeleine, which is the first large public event in Portugal that I know of supporting the campaign. It was an interesting mix of jazz, blues, orchestra and rap! We were presented with a painting with green and yellow hands from a class of schoolkids - hands of hope. There was a short speech and Kate thanked the local

community for their support. The amount of media coverage Madeleine's disappearance has received is phenomenal. After Morocco we will have to take stock and decide on our best strategy. I am not convinced going to other European countries and holding meetings similar to Berlin and Amsterdam will help

Day 36 - 08/06/2007 Friday

Quieter day today. This was a good chance to catch up with campaign e-mails and phone calls after the trips to Berlin and Amsterdam. At lunchtime we went to the release of 1000 yellow balloons at the beach carrying cards with Madeleine's picture on it and information in 5 different languages including Arabic. There were similar launches in Manchester and Madrid. The event was organised by the Sun who, like almost all of the media, have been incredibly supportive. I told Nick, the Sun journalist, that we are happy to support all strategies which increase the chances of finding Madeleine. Later in the afternoon we went down to the beach and had dinner in one of the restaurants which Sean and Amelie really enjoyed. Sean, in particular, has acquired a taste for sea-bass! Kate and I did a short interview for BBC East Midlands to thank everyone for their support and it is likely that this will be shown around most of the regions, certainly Northwest and BBC Scotland. Kate and most of the family headed down to the church for the regular Friday night vigil but I was just too shattered. Tomorrow will largely be a family day although I am not sure what we will be doing yet.

Day 37 - 09/06/2007 Saturday

DATE GERRY USED
Day 37 - 11/06/2007

Kate and I had a slightly busier day on the media front than expected. We did a short press interview for the Irish Sunday papers, mainly to thank the Irish for their fantastic level of support. We followed that with one for the British Sundays which is likely to be the last one we do for a while. We talked about our pain of not having having Madeleine for such a long time and for our need to grieve, which occurs mainly in private. We also talked about how after Morocco we will have to spend some time reflecting both emotionally, and also how best the campaign can be taken forward. What we want to ensure is that the campaign has a psoitive effect on finding Madeleine.

After this we headed down to Sagres which is the very most southwestern tip of Portugal. There is a very nice beach and we had lunch with the family.

After returning from the beach we did the Irish version of Crimewatch-'Crimecall'. There are a lot of Irish tourists in and around Praia da Luz and although the awareness of Madeleine's disappearance in Ireland is extremely high, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of the appeal and we want the Irish public to come forward with photographs of people who they do not know who were in and around Praia da Luz in the 2 weeks leading up to the 3rd May. The address to upload photographs is: to www.madeleine.ceopupload.com . We have also asked for people to contact their local police if they have seen a man matching the description of the suspect carrying a child seen around the time of Madeleine's abduction. He is 30-40 years, 1.70-1.80m (5'7"-11"), caucasian and was wearing a dark jacket, beige or mustard coloured trousers with dark shoes. No major news on the investigation front- we still believe it is just a single phone call away.

Day 38- 10/06/2007 Sunday

We attended mass this morning and the Bishop had sent a very nice message that he and everyone else was praying for Madeleine. He also said that our attitude in this time of adversity was an example for others. Contrary to some of the headlines in the Sunday papers the campaign to find Madeleine will not ease up. Kate's and my role will be different after Morocco compared to the last 3 weeks. As I said earlier we will reflect on the investigation, what the campaign has achieved and where we will be best directed. We will be less evident in the media, at least for a few days, unless there is a breakthrough in the investigation. First of all we have Morocco. We drove up to Lisbon late this afternoon to catch a flight to Casablanca where embassy officials will meet us. We were surprised to learn that a 20 seat propeller plane was sent instead of the larger aircraft. Luckily Kate, Clarence and I got squeezed on although we were certainly rather apprehensive about flying on such an aircraft- it reminded us of some of the internal flights we took in New Zealand in the mid 90's. The meeting in Rabat will

follow a similar itinerary as to the European visits. We will meet with the ambassador and his staff, two children's charities, the interior minister and possibly the chief of police. We will do two interviews for the main TV stations and the press conference will be last. I am sure we will be asked about the Marrakech siting which has been extensively reported in the press. I should be able to get some more details of this from ITV, who interviewed the witness, and hopefully the justice minister to find out what enquiries were made by the local police

Day 39 -11/06/2007 Monday

DAY AND DATE GERRY USED

Day 38 -12/06/2007

We spent the day in Rabat meeting 3 child welfare groups, the minister for interior and the chief of police. We had little knowledge of Morocco before coming here and have learned what a family orientated and child loving society it is. Everyone has been incredibly sympathetic and said they will do everything to help us find Madeleine. As well as the meetings there was a very touching experience outside the National Observatory for Children's Rights. As we pulled up in the car there were about 150 children waving posters of Madeleine with the words above and below a picture of her:

'All Moroccan Children Are With You Madeleine- Madeleine: Back Home'. They were singing and cheering Madeleine's name and shouting 'coeur', Heart. This whole experience was uplifting and enlightening at the same time in that we had no concept that so many children in Morocco would know of Madeleine and also be internet- friendly. It is just as likely that a child will spot Madeleine and alert a responsible adult. The whole world really has changed and is a lot smaller in this computer age. If Madeleine is in Morocco we have no doubt that she will be found.

We did a couple of interviews for ITV and Sky and followed up our Newspaper interviews focussing on a change in the phase of the campaign. We confirmed that there will be a period of reflection before we decide on what is the best role for Kate and I. The campaign and the search for Madeleine will continue and with everyone's help we will find her. So please stay with us.

Day 40 - 12/06/2007 Tuesday

DAY GERRY USED

Day 39 -12/06/2007

We finished off our trip to Morocco with a private visit to the minister for religious affairs this morning. He is an academic, senior cleric and adviser to the King of Morocco. We explained to him that although we are Roman Catholic we have received messages of support and prayers from all religious groups. Leicester,

where we live, is extremely diverse culturally with a large proportion of Muslims and there were prayers for Madeline throughout Leicester on Sunday. We asked the minister if prayers could be said for Madeleine and other missing children in Morocco. He told us that people were praying for her and again emphasised that if Madeleine is in Morocco they would find her. En route to the airport a lorry had overturned blocking the exit from the motorway. The Moroccan people dealt with this in a very calm and relaxed manner, which we have found is a very engaging aspect of their character. Arriving back in Praia da Luz it was great to see Sean and Amelie. I think they were happy to see us although have been very well looked after as usual. We have no more trips planned for the immediate future and will spend the next few days taking stock. Tonight we have also gone to the church for prayers, as it is now 40 days and nights since Madeleine was abducted. No child or parent should have to endure his experience and we prayed that she would be found safe and well.

Day 41 - 13/06/2007 Wednesday

Met with Portuguese and British police today to get an update on the investigation. We were reassured that information continues to come in, and we continue to pray for a breakthrough.

We were extremely disappointed in the publication of the anonymous letter in The Telegraaf (Netherlands) claiming to know where Madeleine is buried. Although all information will be taken seriously, we were very upset that the credibility of this letter had not been examined and, more importantly, published before the Portuguese police had an opportunity to investigate the claim, and search the area if appropriate without massive media attention. We feel strongly that this was an irresponsible piece of journalism and even if it were true is insensitive and cruel.

One can imagine how upsetting it is for Kate and I to hear of such claims through the media and if every piece of information was published like this there would be nothing else in the newspapers.

Day 42 - 14/06/2007 Thursday

Six weeks since Madeleine disappeared. We believe Madeleine is alive and I am glad to say that following yesterday's letter in the Telegraaf (Netherlands) there has been no evidence that Madeliene is in the area indicated although there will be further searches tomorrow.

Kate and I picked up a friend from Faro airport who has been instrumental in helping with the campaign. He has been fantastic, producing the DVD of Madeleine to 'Don't you forget about me'

which has been shown at many sporting events and concerts as well as producing the look for maddie logo and various posters.

We spent most of the day updating each other and discussing future campaign ideas. We are getting closer to appointing a campaign manager who will handle media liaison and coordinating events to keep Madeleine's disappearance highly visible

Day 43 - 15/06/2007 Friday

The good news today is that the search in response to the letter in the Telegraaf did not find evidence of Madeleine. We still believe that Madeleine is alive. We have made some real progress deciding on campaign strategy. There is a huge amount of goodwill from people who want to help us find Madeleine and we have some concrete offers of support and are trying to finalise details before releasing them. Tomorrow will be a family day.

Day 44 - 16/06/2007 Saturday

Kate and I dropped Jon at the airport this morning and picked up some more friends/family who have come out to see us, but particularly the twins. They were certainly happy to see our visitors! After lunch we headed off to the local zoo. Relatively quiet on the campaign front today as it is a family day. Tomorrow we will announce one or two planned events to keep Madeleine's disappearance high profile.

Day 45 - 17/06/2007 Sunday

Kate and I managed an early morning run before church. The first event of our longer term campaign will be on Friday 22nd June- this will mark the 50th day Madeleine will be missing. We will be launching green and yellow balloons from at least 50 centres worldwide to mark the fact that we are still searching as are other parents of missing children. Countries that are participating so far are Argentina, El Salvador, USA, Canada, Ireland, UK, The Netherlands, Germany, Portugal (Kate and I in Praia da Luz), Spain, South Africa, Kenya, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. . Any other countries that wish to participate can download information from the website.

Day 46 - 18/06/2007 Monday

Kate and I got the response we wanted after speaking to the Portuguese police today. We are assured that no criticism of our actions on the night Madeline disappeared was intended.

There has been a good response to our planned balloon release for Madeleine and other missing children on Friday and we are confident that over 50 countries will be represented.

The twins have really enjoyed seeing family who have been visiting us for the last 3 days- it has passed very quickly. Hopefully the next time we see them it will be with Madeleine.

Day 47 - 19/06/2007 Tuesday

Flew in to London to for a series of meetings. Helped a passenger on the flight who collapsed. He was ill enough to require a full assessment on arrival and went off to hospital in an ambulance.

Unfortunately shortly after arriving in London I had my wallet stolen which meant I was running late. I did manage to get to all my meetings which ran late into the evening. We had very good discussions regarding sustaining the search for Madeleine long term. The role for Kate and I in the campaign will not be nearly be so public. We have to balance any campaigning in the search for Madeleine with protecting Sean and Amelie and making sure their privacy is protected. We are exploring the use of new media and using local advertising, particularly in Europe.

There will of course be event driven media exposure such as the balloon launch on Friday 22nd. There are several other very good ideas being developed and a few large companies are willing to help us.

Day 48 - 20/06/2007 Wednesday

Another busy day of meetings this time in Leicester. No mishaps thankfully. The main meeting was that of Madeleine's fund where we discussed implementing a strategy to maintain our campaign to find Madeleine. It was agreed in principle to appoint a family spokesperson who will act, not just for Kate and I, but also on behalf of the extended family who have been liaising with the media. This

appointment will take a lot of strain off family members who have been putting in such massive efforts to help find Madeleine.

We are delighted with the response to the 50th day balloon launch

which will truly be a global event. There will be a few variations to the release of balloons however. In Ventura, Southern California, 50 white doves will be released and in Afghanistan kite racing, an activity banned under the Taliban, will be the order of the day. Arrived back in Praia da Luz this evening and it was great to see Kate and the Kids, even though I was only away for a day and a half.

Day 49 - 21/06/2007 Thursday

Met with the Portuguese police today for an update. Their commitment to find Madeleine matches ours and we all hope for that vital breakthrough every day.

We have literally received thousands of letters, cards and messages of support here in Portugal which have helped give us strength during this terrible time. Yesterday we received a particularly touching gift which is entitled Madeleines Book of Hope made up with comments from children of all ages from 3 different schools including a pre-school. The messages in different coloured pages with green and yellow ribbons had both the power to us cry and laugh!

The response to the balloon launch to mark 50 days that Madeleine has been missing has been incredible. There are close to 300 centres, and countries all over the world, participating. There has been a lot of local media interest but remember to take digital photographs and videos if possible which will be able to be uploaded to the website so we can display them. The message of Madeleines disappearance will reach many more people tomorrow.

A pleasing aspect of the launch will be the highlighting of other missing or abducted children, many of whom will have received little public attention. I know that 7 year old Yeremi Vargas will be remembered in Madrid and his family will be releasing balloons from Gran Canaria where he disappeared in March of this year.

Our campaign to find Madeleine will be associated with other child welfare issues in the future. We are very keen to see more debate

on issues that we and other families in similar situations have to face.

Child abuse is a taboo subject still in many countries and we must encourage responsible debate around how child abuse can be prevented.

Day 50 - 22/06/2007 Friday

We never thought it would happen: 50 days without Madeleine. Solidarity the world over has been expressed today with the launch of balloons in every continent to remember Madeleine and other missing children. The event in Praia da Luz had considerable media interest as did many other releases the world over. Sean and Amelie released their balloons shortly after kate and I let go our 50 and we were pleased the media respected our wish for the twins not to be photographed any longer. Please send digital images and video of your local event to images@bringmadeleinehome.com

We were not planning to say anything at the launch but there was such a large turnout from Portuguese TV who we have not spoken to for some time that we decided to answer their questions. The beauty of the launch was the local and international dimension with media coverage spreading Madeleines image far and wide.

We have seen the video of the Ullapool (home of the website and my sister Phil) launch, Glasgow and extensive pictures from

Amsterdam. We very much look forward to seeing pictures from all the other venues. One of these balloons may just be found by someone who recognises Madeleine and alerts the authorities.

Day 51 - 23/06/2007 Saturday

Relatively quiet day today although we did spend some time planning campaign strategy this morning.

This afternoon friends of ours from Leicester who are holidaying in the Algarve came over to Praia da Luz with their 2 year old son. It was good to see them and the twins certainly enjoyed having an extra play mate round the pool.

Day 52 - 24/06/2007 Sunday

We attended the local church service this morning as usual. After mass we bumped into an old colleague of my brothers who aslo happens to be from Liverpool and had a good chat with her.

There are very little media left in Praia da Luz although there was still one cameraman and photographer outside the church. Our requests to respect our privacy have been folowed, with one or two minor exceptions during the last 52 days. Most of the campaigning will be done behind closed doors from now on and

it is essential that Amelie and Sean are allowed to grow up without continually being photographed.

We picked the twins up early from the kids club and had a really nice afternoon with them, playing with some new toys and then down at the pool.

If Madeleine is not found in the next couple of weeks we need to move out of the apartment we have been staying in as the family is coming out for a holiday. I have to say the owners have been extremely understanding, as they came to Praia da Luz for a holiday and relocated to another apartment to save us moving again.

This degree of flexibility does not exist in the resort in high season. We have managed to look at a few properties to rent in the last couple of days and I think we have found somewhere suitable to live until we return back to the UK with Madeleine.

Day 53 - 25/06/2007 Monday

Today was largely spent doing some behind the scenes campaigning. We had a meeting about an interesting idea that would help keep Madeleines profile high here in Portugal. Although I hope it comes to fruition, like many of the ideas it requires a lot of planning and cooperation. I will be having another admin day tomorrow

working on implementing our campaign events.
We were invited round to some firends for dinner which was great, especially for Sean and Amelie. Finished the night off answering e-mails. Lots of photographs are coming through for Madeleines 50 day balloon launch. Keep them coming and we will get them posted soon.

Day 54 - 26/06/2007 Tuesday

Met with the Portuguese and British police for an update on the investigation. We raised the question of what someone should do if they think they see Madeleine. The clear advice is to call the local police as soon as possible or someone working in an official capacity such as hotel staff or tour representative. Please note that the emergency police numbers are variable in each country. The number in Portugal and Spain is 112 but in Germany it is 110 . The number for most countries can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emergency_telephone_number#Europe and for those going on holiday it might be a good idea to enter the number in your mobile phone.

If there is a sighting the police would need as much information as possible. If there is a car involved please remember to record the registration number if possible.

We have met so many well-wishers from Ireland over the last 54 days and have received hundreds of letters. On Friday of this week there is a mini-vigil specially for Madeleine at Knock, Irelands holiest shrine, which will be attended by family and friends. The vigil will take place from 8pm-midnight

Day 55 - 27/06/2007 Wednesday

Kate and I would like to emphasise that if anyone who thinks they have information relevant to Madeleine's abduction, then please

pass this on to your local police.

It does not help us to receive such Information directly- we will only pass it on to the

police for it to be considered in context of the overall investigation.

If people are unhappy to speak to the police directly information can be given to the international crimestoppers anonymously.

Day 56 - 28/06/2007 Thursday

Busy day- some very good phone calls with important child welfare organisations who we will be working closely with in the future. I have no doubt we will be able to sustain a high profile for Madeleines disappearance in the long term.

There has been a lot of media publicity over arrests in Spain tonight following information related to the investigation to find Madeleine. This appears to be a clear signal from European police forces that they are treating all information relating to Madeleines disappearance very seriously

Day 57 - 29/06/2007 Friday

Early rise this morning dropping off and picking up good friends from the airport. One of our friends from Amsterdam, who has been actively campaigning to publicise Madeleine's disappearance, dropped in to see us for a couple of hours since he is on a golfing trip in the Algarve.

Our friends brought back my wallet which had been returned, needless to say minus the Sterling, although all my cards and €30 were still in it! It is good to have my driving license back and one or two other important things.

Day 58 - 30/06/2007 Saturday

2nd version

Family day spent with Sean, Amelie, our friends and their kids. Attended mass this evening which was conducted in English with prayers for Madeleine.

We have confirmed our new accommodation and will be moving in the next few days. We seem to have acquired a lot more stuff, particularly the twins with lots of well wishers sending them toys. We will be staying on **Portugal for the immediate** future and are determined to come home with Madeleine.

Staying in the Algarve also makes it easier to stay in touch with the Portuguese police, this is particularly important with the investigation being so active. We have regular meetings and calls to keep **abreast of developments**.

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Day 59 - 01/07/2007 Sunday

Family day again, apart from some packing and sorting. Our friends are heading home in the morning and I picked up some family from the airport tonight.

Our campaign manager has also flown in and we will be finalising a few more events for the coming weeks

Day 60 - 02/07/2007 Monday

We completed our move to the new accommodation today. It took longer than expected as we moved the thousands of letters of support we have received and all the new toys. These letters and messages of support have given us tremendous encouragement and we would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write to us and to those who have donated to Madeleine's Fund, helping us continue the campaign to find Madeleine. Most of this evening was spent on the phone and answering e-mails finalising forthcoming campaign events. There should be some stuff in the press in the next few days although we are very aware that the recent terrorist activity will, quite rightly, continue to dominate the news.

Day 61 - 03/07/2007 Tuesday

We did a single interview today for the Portuguese media with a British journalist sitting in. The interview marked the fact that it is two months to the day since Madeleine was abducted. We took the opportunity to emphasise that we would be staying in Portugal for the immediate future and continuing the campaign to help find Madeleine. We also want to work closely with the media here in Portugal and engage closely with the Portuguese people who have been so supportive.

We were asked what was the hardest day since Madeleine disappeared and replied that every day has been hard without Madeleine. We also stated that our determination to find Madeleine is matched by the Portuguese police and that we have a good working relationship with them. Our frequent meetings with the police help us stay informed, allow us to feed information into the investigation and let clarify information with senior officers conducting the investigation

Day 62 - 04/07/2007 Wednesday

The England rugby team wore Look for Madeleine T-shirts at their open training session in the Algarve today. I am looking forward to seeing the pictures tomorrow! We had a brief, private meeting with the RFU management team last night to thank them for this unprompted show of support which helps keep Madeleines disappearance high profile here in Portugal and at home.

We also met today with SOS Crianca, which is the main child welfare non-governmental organisation in Portugal. Similar to our meetings with child welfare groups and ministers in other countries, they feel our campaign to keep Madeleines profile high is correct. It was a very constructive meeting and they have offered to help support us in any way they can. It is likely we will travel to Lisbon at some point to meet with other agencies to see what advice they have for us and if we can help them. We hope the huge amount of goodwill that has been generated following Madeleines abduction can be translated into tangible benefits for the future and we very much want to work with the organisations trying to prevent child abduction and exploitation.

It was heartening for Kate and I to learn of the release today of Alan Johnston after almost 4 months in captivity. Although the circumstances of his kidnapping are very different to that of Madeleines, it still lifted us to see him being freed knowing he will be reunited with his family shortly.

We also agree with the commentators who have stated his family have acted with tremendous dignity throughout and Alan himself appeared incredibly resilient and composed following his release. Our best wishes go to Alan and his family.

Day 63 - 05/07/2007 Thursday

Heart wrenching to learn of the little British 3 year old girl who has been kidnapped in Nigeria. We know more than anyone what their parents are going through and we hope, that like most of the kidnap victims in Nigeria, she is returned safely.

The pictures of the England rugby squad in their Madeleine t-shirts were excellent as were the comments of the players supporting the campaign to find Madeleine. We hope and pray she will soon be able to thank all of those who have helped us maintain such a high profile of her disappearance

Day 64 - 06/07/2007 Friday

The major development today was the arrest of a 39 year old Dutch citizen in Eindhoven for attempted fraud. The man had sent six e-mails saying he knew who had Madeleine and where she was. He was demanding €2million for this information. After being arrested he has admitted he did not have any information and was motivated by boredom and trying to extort the money.

This arrest, after cooperation between the Portuguese, British and Dutch police

forces, sends a clear message that this sort of crime is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. It also encourages Kate and I that all information about Madeleine coming through to the police in any European country will be taken seriously and rigorously evaluated.

Day 65 - 07/07/2007 Saturday

Quiet family day.

Day 66 - 08/07/2007 Sunday

A small event took place in Porto, in the north of Portugal, today to remember missing children. It was at a large schools end of year musical and the children and staff released balloons.

It is good that local communities are staging events like this and we thank them for remembering Madeleine.

We were glad to hear the young British girl kidnapped in Nigeria was returned safely today.

Day 67 - 09/07/2007 Monday

No major news today but it was heartening to see both the British and Portuguese Prime Ministers, Gordon Brown and Jose Socrates, publicly pledge they would continue to do everything to help find Madeleine.

Day 68 - 10/07/2007 Tuesday

Kate and I both managed early morning runs today- it is definitely the time of day to it with the high temperatures in the middle of summer. Getting some aerobic exercise certainly helps us feel better physically and psychologically which helps maintain our positive attitude.

The investigation into Madelienes disapperance remains very active and we note that the Portuguese police are conducting a series of interviews today and tomorrow.

Day 69 - 11/07/2007 Wednesday

This morning got off to a bad start when we were called, even before the twins were awake, by a reputable press agency saying that a body had been found and asking if it was true. It is very disappointing that this person did not check out the source of this rumour before contacting our representatives. Such calls and rumours are distressing even though we know if it does not come through an official source not to place much emphasis on it.

The Portuguese police interviewed three of our friends again today, to clarify points in their initial statements. As most of you will know, there is a lot of misleading information being published, both in the press and on the internet, about the events leading up to Madeleine's disappearance and the criminal investigation. We would like to give more information, especially about inaccurate and hurtful reports, but cannot for fear of prejudicing any subsequent court proceedings. The Portuguese police have made it clear to us that all witnesses should not divulge or discuss the information they have provided. Kate and I are, of course not party to all of the information coming into the inquiry for sound operational reasons.

Similarly a lot of people have asked to learn more about Madeleine's likes and dislikes.

This is information which we have been advised not to distribute publicly because of the risk of it being used in potential extortion attempts. The arrests recently in The Netherlands and Spain show that such information could be used negatively in the wrong hands.

Day 70 - 12/07/2007 Thursday

It is ten weeks since Madeleine was abducted and every day has been incredibly hard for our family. No child should be separated from their family in such circumstances. The overwhelming messages of support, thoughts and prayers really help us stay strong. Somebody, somewhere knows where Madeleine is and it may take a single phone call for her to be found. We will not give up searching for her.

I came to London today to meet with the British police and will go to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre tomorrow to learn more about their role. As I have said previously we want to work closely with the police and child welfare organisations to help us keep awareness of Madeleine's and other children's disappearance high.

I was also invited to attend the National Police Federation Annual Bravery awards tonight. The work of the police is often taken for granted until you really need them. It was a humbling experience to see and meet so many officers who have shown such outstanding bravery in the line of duty and protecting us all.

It was a fantastic opportunity to thank officers from all over the country who have been involved with the investigation to find Madeleine. The vast majority of those that I managed to speak to are, like us, very optimistic that we will find Madeleine safe and well.

Day 71 - 13/07/2007 Friday

Spent a large part of the day at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) headquarters in London. The work they are doing in the prevention and detection of child exploitation is fantastic and I have no doubt they are world leaders in many aspects of their work.

The statistics of child abduction in the UK, both attempted and successful cases, are staggering with over 1000 reported cases in 2003/4 and the figures show a year on year increase. The scale of the problem is much larger than Kate and I ever imagined and worryingly there does not appear to be reliable statistics for many countries in Europe. Clearly a lot of work has to be done to tackle this growing problem.

Kate and I believe that someone, somewhere knows something about Madelines abduction.

The events of recent weeks and the high profile of Madeleine reassure us that when the key piece of information comes in, to any law enforcement agency, it will be treated seriously and fed into the inquiry quickly and actioned.

Day 72 - 14/07/2007 Saturday

Kate, the twins and myself attended a family baptism today in Yorkshire where we stood as Godparents. At the end of the short service, which was lovely, prayers were said for Madeleine. It is the first time Kate has been to the UK since Madeleine disappeared but we wanted to support our family the same way they have supported us over the last ten weeks and it was great to see so many family members together. We have also taken a huge amount of strength from our faith and of course the messages of support and prayers for Madeleine from people of all faiths around the world.

Day 73 - 15/07/2007 Sunday

Travelled back to Portugal today on an early morning flight. It was heartening to see various posters of Madeleine up at all the check-in desks especially with the busy holiday season underway.

The flight itself was quiet for Kate and I as the twins fell asleep shortly after take-off. My mum and sister have also come out to for a few days so we managed to see a lot of family this weekend

Day 74 - 16/07/2007 Monday

The campaign to find Madeleine received a a massive boost today from JK Rowling. The author of the massive selling Harry Potter books has asked all retailers to display a specially designed poster of Madeleine when the sixth and final book Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows goes on sale on Saturday 21st July. Ms Rowling, who lived in Portugal for several years, has offered amazing support in the search for Madeleine. As well as offering a large reward for Madeleines safe return she has also added information on Madeleines abduction on her own site with a link back to our homepage. Try and find the information at www.jkrowling.com, I will give you a clue that it is under links! A huge thank you to JK Rowling and her publishers Bloomsbury for their support.

The new poster of Madeleine has been designed in conjunction with the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) and this is one of the things we have been working on in the last couple of weeks. ICMEC promote awareness of missing children globally and aim to prevent child sexual exploitation and abduction. The poster features 3 pictures of Madeleine with the advice to contact the local police if you see her. ICMEC, their logo and both theirs and our websites are also on the poster. The distribution of this poster will enhance the awareness of Madeleines disappearance, which we are advised increases the chances of finding her, and the plight of other missing children.

With the announcement of the poster Kate and I also did a short interview for the press. A lot of photographs were taken of us with the poster so I suspect some of these will make it in to the newspapers in the next few days.

Day 75 - 17/07/2007 Tuesday

Madeleine has been missing for 75 days today and last night Kate and I attended mass to pray for her. On the back of the latest poster launch with Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, the extensive media coverage and the millions of people who are desperate to find Madeleine, we are still very hopeful that Madeleine will be safely returned. As parents, Kate and I cannot contemplate giving up the search for our daughter.

Day 76 - 18/07/2007 Wednesday

Pretty busy day. Started off with a few phone calls and answering e-mails. We had a longer meeting than usual with the Portuguese police because I had gone back to London last week . We have a good relationship with them and, as well as the British officers who are in Portugal, we can feed any information sent to us back in to the enquiry through an English Speaking detective. The investigation, as everyone has seen recently, is still very active. There is also a lot of labour intensive detective work going on behind the scenes. Kate and I hope and pray every day for a breakthrough and cannot consider going home without her

Day 77 - 19/07/2007 Thursday

I was glad to see the messages of support page updated today after a few days with some technical hitches. Kate and I spent some time reading through them and your messages do help us, especially on days when we are feeling particularly low. Our search for Madeleine is nothing without public support and we would like to give our thanks to everyone who has helped us in any way over the last 77 days. The kids are really enjoying spending time with their granny who they have not seen for two months. They particularly enjoyed her mashed potatoes tonight which brought a big smile to my mums face. The last couple of days we have spent an hour or two by a nearby pool and their confidence in the water has really improved.

Day 78 - 20/07/2007 Friday

Kate and I spent a few hours with our campaign manager discussing longer term strategies to maintain Madeleines profile, in case she is not found soon. We had a long conference call with two organisations that are keen to help us with the campaign but there is still quite a bit of work to be done before this venture can be announced.

We also managed an early morning run together, thanks to my mum supervising the kids breakfast. We made it to the top of the cliffs overlooking Praia da Luz in 16 minutes although we did have to walk at the steepest part. I had my first visit to a nearby beach for a

while with the kids late on this afternoon whilst Kate took the opportunity to get through lots of e-mails. The twins took great delight in burying me in the sand, building (well mainly knocking down) sandcastles and trying to jump out of the waves, which were tiny although the water was certainly colder than I was expecting.

Day 79 - 21/07/2007 Saturday

Relatively quiet day on the campaign front.

Spent the day with the kids and visited the Algarve Zoo Marine which they really enjoyed, particularly the dolphins.

Day 80 - 22/07/2007 Sunday

Spent the whole day travelling from the Algarve to Washington where I will be visiting the National and International Centers for Missing and Exploited Children and meeting politicians involved in recent legislation on missing children. The flights for our campaign manager and myself were kindly donated by an airline.

There is a very upsetting story on the front page of a British National Newspaper today. The headline suggests that Kate and I face prosecution for neglecting our children by dining 50 yards away and checking on them regularly. We know that there has been criticism in some quarters of our actions but at the time, we felt our actions were responsible. We were essentially performing our own baby listening service although we have talked of the guilt we felt at now being there at the moment Madeleine was taken.

We have been advised that legally our behaviour was well within the bounds of responsible parenting and subsequently been assured that no action will be taken. These types of criticism, particularly at this stage, as well as being hurtful are extremely unhelpful in the search for Madeleine. From the moment we discovered Madeleine missing Kate and I have done everything in our power to try and help get her back.

Our opinion now is completely clouded by what has happened to us and of course has sent shock waves through thousands of families. The real issue is that we should not have a constant fear of abduction of our children from their bedrooms, gardens or streets for that matter.

What Kate and I did was at worst naïve and no one should forget that the real criminal is the predator who has taken a completely innocent child in such a premeditated fashion. It is this act that has wreaked havoc on our family and

affected millions of other people

Day 81 - 23/07/2007 Monday

Very busy day and I was almost asleep by the time I got back to the hotel so apologies for not posting the blog earlier. We started off by spending the morning at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). We had a tour of the NCMEC led by President Ernie Allen who has been there for 23 years and there is little he does not about missing children.

The work done at NCMEC is extremely impressive. It coordinates information for all missing children and it was the center that pushed for the implementation of the early warning missing child (AMBER) alert throughout the USA. The center was also instrumental along with the founder, John Walsh, in getting the Adam Walsh bill passed on the 25th anniversary of the young boys murder.

NCMEC officials organised a meeting with the US attorney general Gonzales at the justice department. He was already aware of Madeleine's disappearance and has made child protection a major concern for him. I explained in a little more detail regarding Madeleine's case and the fact that she is still missing after 81 days. He was very supportive of the campaign to keep Madeleines profile high and of the work that we are doing with NCMEC and its International division (ICMEC).

We went back to NCMEC in the afternoon and I had detailed discussions with some of the experts there regarding Madeleines disappearance. We also had a board meeting with ICMEC regarding working together on other developments in raising the profile of missing children particularly using internet resources.

Finished the day off with an interview for Americas Most Wanted who have been following Madeleines abduction almost since the beginning. The programme is actually hosted by John Walsh and has massive viewing figures of around 12 million.

Day 82- 24/07/2007 Tuesday

Another busy day in Washington. Started early on at NCMEC with interviews from 6.15am for the five major US TV networks morning news shows. A very serious issues programme 20-20 was also recording our visit to the America, as they will also be producing a piece on the search to find Madeleine.

Late morning we had a visit to the White House to meet with the First Lady's deputy chief of staff Sarah Armstrong. This visit was facilitated by Lady Catherine Meyer, founder of the British charity PACT, which is an affiliate of ICMEC and has done so much to raise awareness of missing children in the UK. Mrs Bush is a strong supporter of child welfare issues and is in fact an Honorary Board member of ICMEC. They were already aware of Madeleines disappearance and I took the opportunity to fill them in on my visit to Washington, particularly the work we are doing with ICMEC and the meeting we had with the attorney general. We finished

with a very quick tour of the public areas in the White House which is a very impressive building and we also met one of the Presidents Scottish terriers! Immediately following the visit I did a few interviews for the British Media in front of the White House.

After a very brief lunch it was on to Capitol Hill for meetings with politicians who have been instrumental in getting the Adam Walsh Bill and others passed. We met with Democrat congressman Nick Lampson and Republican Senator Robert Shelby who both know the board members of NCMEC very well. They were both very keen to do what they could to help find Madeleine and the support during the visit we have received has been tremendous.

I spoke to Kate and the kids, whose telephone skills are developing very quickly which is nice for me when I am away like this. Kate has stayed on in Portugal and has been keeping in touch with the police but there are no major developments to report. In the evening I managed to meet up with a friend from Glasgow who is also a cardiologist and working in the Washington area. We went for a bite to eat and it was good to sit down quietly with a familiar face for an hour or two.

Day 83 - 25/07/2007 Wednesday

Up early this morning catching up with e-mails and phone calls as well as updating the blog. Managed another early morning run, round Washington centre this time, which is quite beautiful with grand buildings and monuments separated by wide grassy areas.

I had another meeting with another congressman Mike Rogers who is an ex-FBI agent and we distributed wristbands to Nick Lampson and some of his colleagues as well as members of NCMEC

This afternoon we had a meeting with the British Ambassador at his residence to update him on our meetings. The Embassy itself is a stunning building almost rivalling the Whitehouse

Flying back to Portugal this evening to get back to the family. I have no doubt that this visit to Washington has been extremely productive and will really help to maintain Madeleines profile. We will continue to work closely with ICMEC who have incredible experience and energy in dealing with missing children.

Day 84 - 26/07/2007 Thursday

Spent most of the day travelling getting back to Portugal late afternoon. It was great to be back with Kate and the kids after the short visit to Washington. It was also great to see so many pictures from the 50th day balloon launch on the website.

A lot of people have been asking what can they do to maintain the search for Madeleine. The advice we have had consistently from the beginning, and very much re-emphasised by the experience of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is to maintain a high profile for the missing child. This can be achieved by relatively simple measures such as displaying posters in prominent public places. We ask people to continue downloading posters from the website and display them at bus stations, train stations and of course take them on holiday. Kate and I would like to thank everyone who desperately wants us to be reunited with Madeleine and have helped in this regard.

Day 85 - 27/07/2007 Friday

2nd version new website

Quite a lot of e-mails and telephone calls today planning future events, which might be helpful to keep Madeleine in peoples minds. I am sure there will be a lot of interest in Saturday August **11th because** that will mark 100 days if Madeleine is still missing. This date coincides with the world pipe band championships being held in Glasgow. A former world pipe band champion, Alasdair Gillies who is a friend of one of my sisters, has composed a 'Marvellous March for Madeleine' that will be played by 100 pipers from all over the world. It should be quite a spectacle and hopefully it will be a celebration, and not a another marker that Madeleine is still missing.

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Day 86 28/07/2007 Saturday

Quiet family day, as is often the case of a Saturday. It has become blisteringly hot here over the last few days and we decided to take the kids down to the beach early morning. Even then it was hot and there was almost no breeze although the water is still very cold. Met a very nice Portuguese couple who offered us good wishes in trying to find Madeleine.

Day 87 - 29/07/2007 Sunday

Dropped Trisha and Sandy off at the airport this morning for an emotional farewell. They have offered us the most unbelievable support and I am not sure

how we would have functioned without them here. They have been the silent face of the campaign to find Madeleine, putting their lives on hold to help us get through each difficult day. From time to time we will have other friends and family coming to Portugal to see the kids and catch up with Kate and I.

Day 88 - 30/07/2007 Monday

We had a routine meeting today with the Portuguese police. Kate and I are confident that every avenue is being explored and the vital piece of information that leads to Madeleine is only a phone call away.

This is the last time we will have met the Consul General in a professional capacity, as he retires tomorrow and will be returning to the UK. Bill has provided us with consular support since day 1 and, naturally, he got to know us very well during the last 3 months. He has said that Madeleines abduction is the most tragic circumstance he has had to deal with. Without doubt Bill has given us excellent support and we wish him and his wife a very happy retirement

Day 89 - 31/07/2007 Tuesday

Relatively quiet day apart from phone calls and campaign related e-mails.

We have Busy couple of days coming up so off to bed relatively early (before midnight)!

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Day 90 - 01/08/2007 Wednesday

Another trip to the airport this morning to pick up our campaign manager. Kate did a series of interviews for womens magazines and the Sunday newspapers which took most of the afternoon. Kates parents, who we visit regularly at home, also arrived and the twins

were very happy to see them. They will be staying with us for a week.

We have had some new posters designed of Madeleine, in Portuguese and Spanish, which I have been printing out to distribute locally.

I also did some filming to camera which we might use on the website and for future events.

Day 91 - 02/08/2007 Thursday

Today was a bit of a write off for me as I was laid low with a probable viral illness which meant I could not stray too far from the house! I did manage to get through some e-mails, telephone calls and some paperwork. Feeling a bit better tonight so hopefully be back to normal tomorrow. Kate did manage to put up some of the new Madeleine posters in shops around Praia da Luz.. It is noticeably busier, now that we are in August, with lots of tourists many of whom are from Portugal.

The figures from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children show that one in six kids are recovered after being recognised from a poster. Such statistics do encourage us that relatively simple measures may be effective in helping us find Madeleine.

Day 92 - 03/08/2007 Friday

It is exactly 3 months since Madeleine was abducted. Kate and I had an early start as we drove to Huelva, 50Km over the border from Portugal in Southern Spain. We were meant to go yesterday but had to cancel because I was ill.

Unfortunately it was a public holiday in Huelva and the large shopping centre we planned to visit was closed. We did distribute posters in several garages, taxi ranks and the bus and train stations and gave out some Madeleine wristbands. This was definitely a worthwhile exercise, as many people did not seemingly recognise Madeleine but we did get a very warm response from the Spanish people we met. We would encourage everyone to continue taking posters on holiday but please ask permission before putting them up in public places.

When we arrived back in Praia da Luz we did a couple of media interviews to building up to August 11th, which will mark 100 days if Madeleine is still missing. There will be a lot of media activity next week reviewing Madeleine's abduction, the investigation and of course the campaign to help find her. It is an opportunity to highlight that we have not given up hope and are still optimistic of being reunited with Madeleine.

Tonight we prayed for Madeleine at a vigil in the church. This has happened every Friday since Madeleine's abduction and was very well attended tonight, probably due to the greater number of tourists in the resort

Day 93 - 04/08/2007 Saturday

***DAY 93 NEW SITE
2nd version new website***

Another early start to the day as I dropped the crew who did some filming for the website and other forthcoming events. Kate and I did a short interview reviewing the last 3 months and the search for Madeleine. We spent the rest of the day with the kids and Kate's family. We were all glad it clouded over in the afternoon to give us some respite from the intense heat.

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Day 94 - 05/08/2007 Sunday

DAY 94 NEW SITE **2nd version new website**

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I note there was a lot of coverage of Kates interview in the Sunday newspapers today. I managed to read one of them and certainly seemd to sum up very well how we are feeling and coping without Madeleine. The key message is that we are doing everything we can to help find Madeleine.

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Day 95 - 06/08/2007 Monday

Today was again very busy. Lots of e-mails and telephone calls to family and friends who have been involved in the campaign to find Madeleine. I went to a large office store in Portimao to buy a new printer and ink, both of which were badly needed after all the posters we produced this last week.

There has been lots of media attention on the latest police searches.

We are pleased that the investigation remains so active and we are cooperating fully with the Portuguese and British police, as we have done since day 1. We continue to hope and pray daily for that vital breakthrough or sighting that will lets us be reunited as a family.

Day 96 - 07/08/2007 Tuesday

Kate and I managed an early morning run today. It was pleasantly cooler, with a refreshing breeze, which made a nice change. The media presence in Praia da Luz is at its greatest since the first couple of weeks, as is the amount of speculation and rumour regarding the investigation.

This morning we agreed to do a short, pooled interview that was made available to all broadcasters worldwide. We wanted to make it clear, that as far as we know, there is still absolutely no evidence that Madeleine has been seriously harmed and Kate and I have to believe she is still alive. The Portuguese police have assured us on numerous occasions that they are looking for Madeleine and not a corpse. Of course all possibilities are being considered and the police have to be certain before eliminating any of the scenarios. It is absolutely right that we are subject to the same high standards of investigation as anyone else. Kate and I have, and will continue to assist the police in every possible way. We hope there is a breakthrough in the investigation very soon. In the meantime the campaign to keep the public involved in the

search for Madeleine continues. We are always trying to think of ideas that will reach people who may not have heard of Madeleines disappearance. I spent a couple of hours this afternoon working on forthcoming events but did manage to squeeze in a much-needed haircut!

Day 97 - 08/08/2007 Wednesday

Kates parents left early this morning. We did a short interview on how our faith has helped us during the last 3 months since Madeleines abduction. Given the events of the last few days we need to draw even greater strength from our faith and everyone who has supported us.

With the huge amount of media attention on us again it is very difficult to do anything with the kids without them being filmed and it is unfair on them. There is a huge amount of speculation in the media that Madeleine is dead, particularly with the obvious change in strategy of the investigation recently. At our meeting with the Portuguese police today we reaffirmed that we have to believe Madeleine is alive until there is concrete evidence to the contrary. It is this belief that has driven everything we have done in relation to publicising Madeleines disappearance over the last 3 months.

Day 98 - 09/08/2007 Thursday

We did a series of pooled interviews for TV and the press. The focus was to discuss the launch of the YouTube channel Don't you forget about me which we have devised in conjunction with Google and the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children. YouTube is used by tens of millions of people mainly in the 16-24 age group. We think this is an incredibly exciting innovation to raise

awareness of missing children. The channel is launched at lunchtime today and will have other videos of missing children. Families and other agencies will be able to upload videos of children that will help to raise awareness of their disappearance.

The rest of the interviews focussed on the events of the last week. We again emphasised that we do not know of any evidence that Madeleine has been seriously harmed and everything we have done is in the belief it is likely to increase the chances of finding her. Unfortunately the media attention has been very intrusive and we have taken the children out of kids club due to the disruption caused. We hope this settles down and the kids can get back into their routine which has kept them very settled in the last 98 days. It is a shame that the media attention has also impacted on other holidaymakers which we certainly dont want.

We did manage to have a quiet dinner with our family and the kids.

Day 99 10/08/2007 Friday

Today Kate and I did a series of TV interviews for Portuguese and foreign TV. It has always been very important to us that we speak to the Portuguese people directly since we are in their country and have received such tremendous support, particularly from the local community. We again talked about the YouTube channel Don't You Forget Me which was launched yesterday. Naturally we were also asked about the events of this week, which has been incredibly difficult for us with wild speculation in the media. We have always been told that the police had an open mind about Madeleines abduction and that all scenarios were possible.

In the first few days after Madeleines disappearance it was so difficult for us not to imagine the worst case scenario: that she had been taken and murdered, particularly in light of the statistics on child abduction. However as the massive investigation and extensive search did not find any evidence of serious harm to Madeleine, we started to hope that she would be found alive. This belief has been encouraged by the police and reinforced by the experts at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on my recent visit to Washington. There have been a number of children recovered, even after years of abduction, and whom the authorities had thought must be dead.

Everything we have done in the last 99 days in the campaign to help find Madeleine has been driven by fact that all our family and friends feel that there is a reasonable chance Madeleine is still alive. Kate and I, like all parents of missing children will always have that hope unless we see concrete evidence to the contrary. It is this hope that has sustained us along with the overwhelming support we have received from family, friends and well-wishers. As parents, we have always said we need to know what has happened to our daughter who has been such a massive part of our life. If the current police activity does uncover new evidence that Madeleine has been seriously harmed we should be the first to know.

We have always felt that the best chance of finding Madeleine is through the police investigation. We have done our best to get relevant information in to the enquiry, particularly from tourists who were in the Algarve around the time of her abduction. The fact that Madeleine could have been moved out of Portugal easily

in the first few hours has been the reason the campaign has had to have an international dimension. One in six missing children in North America are found as a direct result of high awareness through distribution of posters and media exposure.

Tonight we attended the weekly vigil to pray for Madeleine and other missing children. These services have a calm serenity, which allow us to contemplate quietly. There was also a vigil in Rothley attended by family and friends. Tomorrow we will be marking the 100 day very quietly with a prayer service in Praia da Luz. Other family will be at the world pipe band championships in Glasgow and on the streets in Liverpool. A number of sporting events will also be marking the day.

Day 100 - 11/08/2007 Saturday

Just another day but a significant milestone that we prayed we would never have to face without Madeleine. The prayer service here in Praia da Luz had a huge media presence, but in no way being intrusive, all aligned outside. The service itself was fantastically well attended with a huge turnout from the local community, which was very important to us.

The service was very comforting. There were contributions from Kate and myself, our family, the Anglican and Portuguese communities. Haynes, the Anglican minister, said a few poignant words about the events of this week, which were very touching. We said prayers for Madeleine and other children who are suffering. Everyone in the congregation lit candles, which were placed on the altar. The message from the service was that although 100 days have passed we have not given up hope of finding Madeleine.

In the afternoon we went to a local swimming pool and play area with the kids and their cousins. They had a great time swimming, playing with tennis balls and generally messing around. Needless to say they also managed an ice cream! It has been really good for the twins having other children here, especially since they have not been to the kids club for a few days.

We spoke to our family about the events in Glasgow and Liverpool. There was warm response at both venues and clearly many people are very happy to show support. Unfortunately we did not see any of the coverage on television. We did see highlights of the English premier league last night and note many of the clubs chose to wear Madeleine t-shirts and wristbands as well as playing the Don't You Forget About Me video. There was also events at the rugby internationals and Ascot racecourse with 12 international jockeys wearing Madeleine t-shirts. The fact that so many people are prepared to show solidarity with us in our search for our daughter does help restore our faith in humanity.

There was a statement from the Portuguese police today regarding the recent activity in the investigation and media speculation. They confirmed that there are new leads and that we are not suspects in Madeleines disappearance. Other tests are outstanding and Kate and I do hope that these take us forward in finding out who took Madeleine and where she is. Unfortunately we have to add patience to our other characteristics.

Day 101- 12/08/2007 Sunday

My brother and his family left early this morning. It was great having them here for a few days, particularly for the twins to be able to play with their 'big' cousins. They also were a great help to us especially during these very busy last few days.

We went to mass this morning, which was extremely busy with all the holidaymakers who are here. There was also a lot of media outside but the village is starting to return to normal again after the events of last week leading up to the 100 days since Madeleine disappeared.

A couple of other friends and their daughter have come out to stay with us this week, which really helps. We had a fairly quiet afternoon, spent with the kids who remain very happy. They speak about their big sister frequently and seem to want to look after cuddle cat as much as mummy!

Day 102 - 13/08/2007 Monday

Praia da Luz is slowly returning to normal. The number of TV crews has reduced dramatically and we have been able to get back to more of our normal routine here. There is still a large media presence particularly of print journalists who are waiting, like everyone else, for the next development in the police investigation. We are still optimistic that there will be a breakthrough. In the meantime however, little has changed for Kate and I. We will not give up hope until Madeleine is found and we will not stop searching for her.

The campaign, as planned, will enter a quieter phase again. We have always envisaged that media attention focussed on Madeleine and us would quieten down and just occasionally we would try to remind people that Madeleine is still missing and that we are still looking. There cannot be many people who do not know these facts after the events of this last week. As well as the find Madeleine campaign we will be working closely with ICMEC and it is heartening to see so many visitors to the YouTube don't you forget about me channel for missing children.

Kate and I would also like to thank the thousands of people who have sent us messages of support over the last few days. It really does help and we know that you will keep looking for Madeleine.

Day 103 - 14/08/2007 Tuesday

Relatively quiet day. This allowed me to catch up with e-mails, phone calls and some administration. No major news on any front.

The weather has been unseasonably cool over the last 2-3 days. I have had a long sleeved top on for the first time in over 2 months and it is more pleasant overnight, making sleep easier.

Day 104 - 15/08/2007 Wednesday

It is the feast of the assumption today, which is a holiday in Portugal. This morning we attended mass, which was very busy and again many of the local community asked after Madeleine and said the word 'force', meaning strength.

This afternoon Kate and I did a combined interview for the Liverpool Post and the Leicester Mercury this afternoon. We said a big thank you to their readers for all their support and good wishes.

Day 105 - 16/08/2007 Thursday

As well as the huge number of messages of support we have had a large increase in letters of support. We did some photos of us opening the mail and we received some lovely messages and a few symbols of hope. Afterwards I made a lot of phone calls and managed to catch up with all my e-mails.

Late afternoon we were invited round to a friends house with a pool which the kids and I really enjoyed. We stayed for dinner and the kids fell asleep on the way back to our house. Our accommodation is a very modest family home and, most definitely, not a luxury villa, as was reported in one of the Portuguese newspapers yesterday.

I can confirm that it does not have a swimming pool, 2 storeys and in fact was amongst the cheapest accommodation available, at short notice, in Luz in August. I would also like to point out that Madeleines fund has not paid for any of our accommodation in Portugal.

Day 106- 17/08/2007 Friday

Relatively quiet day. We are looking at what other avenues we can explore which might help us find Madeleine. Obviously we are desperate for a breakthrough in the investigation and we always try to look forward and ask what can still be done? The official PJ Spokesman Olegario da Sousa did an interview for Portuguese TV the other day and we will add the text of this interview to the news links so everyone can read the full interview.

I still have lots of e-mails and phone calls to answer every day. We spent quite a bit of time opening and reading all the mail that arrived which generally encourage us to keep going and not give up hope.

Late afternoon we took the twins to the beach for a couple of hours. The weather has become warmer again but the kids are still reluctant to get into the sea, which is pretty cold. They love playing in the sand and like most kids, building sandcastles but especially knocking them down.

This evening we had another vigil for Madeleine and other lost children. The priest who married us and is a good friend led the service that was conducted in English and Portuguese. The church was almost full but there was a calm serenity and sense of peace, which I find, helps me achieve an inner calm despite the turmoil in lives.

Day 107 - 18/08/2007 Saturday

Kate took our friends to the airport early this morning. Otherwise it was a quiet family day. We have met some incredibly lovely people in the last few months. Today we caught up with a fantastic couple that met in London and lived there for 35 years before retiring to the Algarve. They have been incredibly kind to us and the twins very much enjoyed the apple cake we had with them.

This afternoon we had a British visitor who came to offer us a different type of support. He has been through an ordeal similar to ours involving one of his family. It was good to talk about our emotions, the pressures and different coping strategies that we use in an ongoing trauma, with someone who has experienced a tragic event like ours.

Day 108 - 19/08/2007 Sunday

I went to the airport this morning to pick up one of Kates friends who has come out to help for a few days. Kate went to church this morning as usual. We spent a couple of hours reading mail and answering e-mails.

Donations to Madeleines fund have topped £1million pounds. We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the fund and we will ensure that no stone is left unturned in the search for Madeleine. I will also ensure that the donations figure on the website is officially updated! The establishment of the fund, which was created in response to so many people offering financial assistance, lifted a huge weight off our shoulders. Madeleines fund allows us to make decisions regarding our search for Madeleine for the right reasons- with the boards approval of course- and not out of financial necessity. We did hope that the main objective of the fund would have been fulfilled long before now.

Tonight Kate and I went for a run together. It was the first time I have been for 10 days and I definitely feel better for it. I have made a mental note to get some form of aerobic exercise in at least 2-3 times per week as it does help me both physically and mentally.

Day 109 - 20/08/2007 Monday

I had a predominately quiet but productive day. I spent most of it at the computer or on the phone. We keep in regular touch with both the Portuguese and British police but there has been no major news in the last couple of days.

We did not do any exercise today but plan to run tomorrow morning- especially as I am off to bed for an early night!

Day 110 - 21/08/2007 Tuesday

We did manage our early morning run today although not quite to the top of the hill due to time limitation. After dropping the twins off at the kids club we did interviews for the 3 biggest selling Spanish newspapers. The message was that we still believe there is a reasonable chance Madeleine is still alive and we are still looking for her.

We were also asked about what is being written about the investigation and pointed out how much of this is pure speculation. We directed them to the official Portuguese police statements that are very sober in comparison. A statement was released this evening through the Portuguese news agency LUSA. This is the translation of what was reported on Portuguese TV station SIC:

The news that points to the existence of an English suspect, close to the couple, connected to the disappearance of Madeleine on the 3rd May in the Algarve, "does not come" from the PJ and has no "logic whatsoever", according to what the inspector Olegário Sousa told Lusa.

Day 111 - 22/08/2007 Wednesday

I had another early morning drive to the airport- I could almost do it with my eyes shut. After dropping the kids off we had some photos taken with the results of a survey of UK and European parliament MP's. The survey results, commissioned by the find Madeleine campaign, will be published tomorrow and demonstrate strong support for changes in European legislation following Madeleine's abduction.

Kate is keen to get in touch with a very nice mum, who she spoke with at the toddler pool in the Ocean Club on Sunday 3rd June. She is sure you will remember the conversation and Kate would be grateful if you could get in touch at with her at campaign@findmadeleine.com

Day 112 - 23/08/2007 Thursday

Another early morning start but this time for a series of radio interviews to discuss the survey of MP's and MEP's. The survey shows overwhelming support for the introduction of a Europe wide sex offenders register. There is also support to implement a child rescue alert, using local media to inform the community when a child has been abducted and felt to be at serious risk.

There have also been calls for changes in the way child abduction cases are handled in Europe to provide the best expertise available, quickly to the investigating police force. We are uncertain if these measures were in place if it would have made any difference to us finding Madeleine. Kate and I do hope that future changes in legislation and practice will help prevent cases of child abduction and also increase the chances of successfully finding missing children in such circumstances.

Although very serious cases like Madeleine's (stereotypical kidnapping) are rare, it is very difficult to determine the scale of the problem, as there is no consistency in data collection across Europe. We agree with two leading British Charities (PACT and missing persons) that such data have to be collected with greater accuracy so that the frequency of serious crimes against children can be reliably documented- ideally such data should be available across the EU. Europe is probably 25 years behind the USA in such regard. Change has been driven by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and by families who have suffered high profile child abductions.

Travelled back to the UK tonight to attend to a few personal matters before heading to Edinburgh. I have just heard about the shooting of 11-year-old Rhys Jones in Liverpool. This murder is such a tragic waste of a young life and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rhys family.

Day 113 - 24/08/2007 Friday

I started the day early with a pooled telephone interview for the press to talk about the media coverage of the campaign to find Madeleine in advance of my interview at the Edinburgh International TV festival. We touched on the coverage of the investigation and of course the wild speculation and innuendo being reported in some quarters. Although Kate, our friends and myself would love to correct much of the inaccuracy we will not divulge information publicly which might help the perpetrator of Madeleines abduction cover his tracks.

Travelled to Edinburgh this afternoon and managed to keep up the aerobic exercise with 25 minutes in the gym. I then met up with one of our friends who has

been instrumental in distributing images of Madeleine and who produced the DVD of her to 'Don't you forget about me'. We had a bite to eat and took the chance to update each other on what has been happening in the last few weeks.

Off to bed for an early night after speaking to Kate, who has some family staying with her in Portugal whilst I am in the UK.

Day 114 - 25/08/2007 Saturday

Kirsty Wark interviewed me at the Edinburgh International TV festival this morning. It was very well attended, especially considering the 9.30 start on a Saturday morning. It is difficult to explain why Madeleine's disappearance has generated so much media coverage and why it has been so sustained. I am certain that the coverage would not have been nearly as great if this had happened 10 years ago. The use of mobile phones, the internet, low-cost airlines and 24 hour news channels have changed the world we live in- making it seem smaller. No doubt Madeleine's physical appearance also captured the public's imagination as well as the highly unusual circumstances of a foreign child being abducted on holiday.

Our family decided to try and make as many people as possible aware that Madeleine was missing quickly. Family members did frequent TV interviews and friends distributed images of Madeleine to news outlets. My sister started the electronic campaign proper by sending a chain e-mail with a poster of Madeleine, which was quickly advertised by Sky and downloaded by thousands of people. Celebrities, sporting stars and ordinary people wanted to help, almost certainly because they felt the same feeling of helplessness that we did. After the first few weeks we fully expected the media attention to die down but this has just not happened.

Some sections of the media now question their roles in the coverage of the news story that is Madeleine. Kate and I quickly realised that much of the coverage was pure speculation, which was often negative and certainly unhelpful for us. We decided to rely on information only from official sources and this has certainly helped us remain on a fairly even keel despite some of the lurid headlines.

I left Edinburgh early afternoon but spent most of the day travelling as I had to fly back to Portugal via Luton. I managed to get some work done and write my blog on the way back. It was great to see Kate and the kids again after 2 days.

Day 115 - 26/08/2007 Sunday

I attended mass this morning but Kate did not go as she went to the English speaking service last night. It was good to see the local parish priest, father Jose back after a couple of weeks on retreat.

This afternoon was spent with the twins who remain very happy and help Kate and me keep looking forward.

Day 116 - 27/08/2007 Monday

No major news to report. Most of my day was spent on e-mails and telephone calls.

Kate I went for a run together in the early evening along the waterfront and then we popped into church for 10 minutes to pray for Madeleine. We had dinner with Kates family who are over here just now. Sean and Amelie are particularly enjoying having some older kids around.

Day 117 - 28/08/2007 Tuesday

We, like everyone else, await the results of the forensics from the recent searches. We do not know who has taken Madeleine or why. Sometimes people do things for reasons that even they cannot understand. An act of madness, an accident or sudden impulse can lead to consequences that people may never have imagined or intended. Faced with such a situation we believe any human soul will ultimately suffer torment and feelings of guilt and fear.

If you have done something you regret, if you find yourself in a situation you never intended, it is not too late to do the right thing. Please come forward, return Madeleine, leave her in a place of safety. At the very least, help us by letting us know what has happened to our beautiful little girl.

Day 118 - 29/08/2007 Wednesday

Relatively quiet day. Kate and I did one interview in the morning for a newspaper- that I managed to finish, probably because the journalist stuck to questions that I am allowed to give answers to!

This afternoon and evening was mostly spent at my computer and a couple of hours with the kids. Their constant chatter with each other is quite entertaining.

Day 119 - 30/08/2007 Thursday

Kate and I managed an early morning run, finishing by running up the steep hill. It got a difficult day for us off to a good start.

Madeleine was due to start school today. It has been hard not to imagine how excited she would have been and how she would have looked in her school uniform. Kate and I would like to thank the pupils, parents, teachers and headmistress for their continued support and prayers. We would like to wish all the new pupils much happiness and we hope pray that Madeleine will be able to join her fellow classmates soon.

Day 120 - 31/08/2007 Friday

Those of who you that read the blog regularly know how difficult it has been for us not to respond to many of the slurs against our behaviour leading up to Madeleines disappearance. We have consistently stated that we will not put new information into the public domain that might jeopardise the investigation and in fact, we are constrained by Portuguese Law as witnesses from doing so.

There has been some wild speculation reported in the press about what may have happened to Madeleine. Most of the innuendo regarding Kate and me has died down in light of the statements from the official Portuguese Police spokesperson. However last Friday, a Portuguese newspaper published a front-page headline 'PJ believes that the parents killed Maddie'. We firmly believe that the report was speculative, defamatory and published despite official statements to the contrary.

As well as damaging our personal and professional reputations, such allegations smear the investigation, the campaign to find Madeleine and cause great offence and anxiety to all our family. This is why, after careful consideration, we have issued a writ against the newspaper for defamation. Our focus has, and always will be, on doing our best to help find Madeleine. This lurid allegation is so serious and wide of the mark that we feel it cannot go unchallenged.

The legal expenses for the proceedings will not be paid from Madeleines fund.

SEPTEMBER 2007

Day 121 - 01/09/2007 Saturday

Today was a very quiet family day with just the four of us. Kate's family left first thing this morning. We took Sean and Amelie to a local zoo that they really enjoyed. I managed to get the blog written early so it is off to bed for an early night.

In Rothley, our home village, there was a meeting this afternoon with the four churches all contributing prayers for Madeleine.

We would like to thank everyone who is praying for Madeleine and all those who have sent us messages of support- you do help to maintain our strength and focus.

Day 122 - 02/09/2007 Sunday

Another relatively quiet family day. My mum and sister arrived this morning after we had been to church. This afternoon we took the kids to a friend's house with a pool. Kate and I went for a short run and then we all had a swim and a couple of treats brought all the way from Glasgow!.

Several people have been asking about whether they should still be putting up posters of Madeleine since I have said the campaign will be having a lower media profile- especially of Kate and I. The advice of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is that high visibility of the missing child through posters, car stickers etc increases the chances of finding that child.

Kate and I therefore would encourage you to continue taking posters on holiday and ask permission to have them displayed in supermarkets, post offices and shops.

Day 123 - 03/09/2007 Monday

After dropping the twins off Kate and I popped into church for 10 minutes to pray for Madeleine. Spent most of the day going through mail, e-mails and I had a number of calls to make. It was good to

spend some time with my family and Sean and Amelie certainly enjoyed their auntie's dinner- sometimes it is hard to beat mince and 'tatties'!

Day 124 - 04/09/2007 Tuesday

Kate and I did our first interview for a French Publication today. Any interviews we do now, of which we only accept a small percentage of bids, focus on the issues that we have faced since Madeleine's abduction. The French have recently adopted a child alert system with some early success stories. With increasing travel and movement of workers in the European Union, it is also important we standardise the way serious crimes are tackled.

This evening we were invited to a friend's house with the children for dinner.

The twins had a good time with the other kids in the paddling pool and especially enjoyed the banana splits with extra child friendly toppings!

Day 125 - 05/09/2007 Wednesday

We were surprised to find increased media presence in Praia da Luz again today. We were followed down to church, then to the shops and back to our accommodation which is very unusual, apart from the build up to the 100 days. All the excitement seems to be over the results of the recent forensic tests that again have created a huge amount of speculation. There has been no official confirmation that the report has been received, or what the tests suggest if anything!

Kate and I went for a run along the coast at lunchtime. It was pretty windy but still warm enough. Later in the afternoon we went to visit a friend of Kate's who is on holiday in a nearby village with her family. They brought lots of cards from well-wishers at home and we talked a lot about the search for Madeleine. The twins had a great time splashing around in a little inflatable paddle pool, singing songs and being doted on by the older kids.

Day 126 - 06/09/2007 Thursday

Everyone will know that Kate attended for interview as a witness with the Portuguese police today. This is only the second time Kate has been interviewed and although it was a long day, going on past midnight, this was shorter than my second interview which lasted 13 hours! The suggestion that Kate is involved in Madeleine's disappearance is ludicrous. Anyone who knows anything about the 3rd May knows that Kate is completely innocent. We will fight this all the way and we will not stop looking for Madeleine.

**Day 127: 07/09/2007 Friday to Day 129: 09/09/2007 Sunday
No Update**

Day 130 - 10/09/2007 Monday

The last few days have been incredibly busy and of course, unbelievably stressful and emotionally draining.

On Friday Kate and I were made 'arguido'- official suspects in Madeleine's disappearance. We cannot comment on any details of the investigation, interviews or any evidence that has been presented to us. We could never possibly have imagined being put in this unbearable situation. No specific charges have been presented at this point and there has been no restriction on our movements imposed.

Despite the anguish and extreme distress this has caused all of our family, long term no one will be able to doubt how intensely Kate and I have been scrutinised. We have absolute confidence that, when all of the facts are presented together, we will be able to demonstrate that we played absolutely no part in Madeleine's abduction. Our primary concern has always been the search for Madeleine and this aspect, that our daughter is still missing, must remain a priority for the investigation.

On Saturday we asked the Portuguese police if they had any objection to us coming back to the UK. We had assured them that we will continue to cooperate fully with the investigation and of course will return as requested and for our own emotional reasons. We decided to fly back on Sunday as we had originally planned and all of our family spent the rest of the evening helping us to pack.

On Sunday we left for the airport at 7am with huge media attention. Camera crews followed us all the way to the airport, and the whole experience, like much of the last four months was incredibly surreal. The flight itself went quickly with Sean and Amelie constantly active and excited about returning to Leicestershire. We always hoped that we would not have to return without Madeleine and could never have imagined the possibility that we would do so as suspects in our own daughter's disappearance. The pain and turmoil we have experienced in this last week is totally beyond description. Kate and I are totally 100% confident in each other's innocence and our family and friends have rallied round unflinchingly to support us. We would like to thank everyone else for the support we have received since we came home.

We have had very mixed emotions since coming back to our own home. It is very comforting to have such familiar surroundings and our own belongings and the twins have settled straight back in as if they have never been away. We have had

numerous visitors with friends and those in official capacities. We have appointed solicitors to advise us and assist our Portuguese lawyer in preparing our defence against any possible charges. The sooner this is done the sooner we can concentrate fully on trying to find Madeleine, which is the most important thing through this unending nightmare.

Day 131 - 11/09/2007 Tuesday
No Update

Day 132 - 12/09/2007 Wednesday

Statement by the Board of Madeleine's Fund:
Leaving No Stone Unturned Limited
12 September 2007 -

The Fund would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and generosity.

Madeleine's Fund was set up to:
Find Madeleine;
Support the Family; and
Bring the abductor or abductors to justice
and subject to that to help other missing children

With the sudden dramatic and unexpected turn of events at the weekend the directors had to consider whether legal defence costs could be paid for by the Fund.

The Board has taken advice from Bates Wells & Braithwaite London LLP and Christopher McCall QC. The Board has been advised that payment of Gerry and Kate's legal defence costs would be legally permissible subject to conditions about repayment in the event of a guilty conviction.

The directors of the Fund discussed this today. The two family directors, Brian Kennedy and John McCann withdrew from the meeting when the decision was made. Esther Mcvey chaired the meeting.

The Fund directors realise that there is not only a legal answer and recognise the spirit which underlies the generous donations to Madeleine's Fund, which it is the directors' responsibility to steer.

For this reason the Fund directors have decided not to pay for Gerry and Kate's legal defence costs. We stress that Gerry and Kate have not asked for these costs to be paid. However, people have already called in offering their financial support. Any such fund to pay legal defence costs would have to be separately set up and administered.

At the heart of this campaign and Fund is a little girl confused, lonely and in need of her parents. This Fund's money will be focused on finding that little girl and leaving no stone unturned.

12 September 2007

Day 133: 13/09/2007 Thursday to Day 134: 14/09/2007 Friday

No Update

Day 135 - 15/09/2007 Saturday
Statement from the Find Madeleine Fund
15 September 2007 - Saturday
Director John McCann, said:

"On behalf of the extended McCann family and the Madeleine Fund, I would like to say how grateful we are for people's generosity and support.

The main objective of the Madeleine Fund is to leave no stone unturned in the search for Madeleine.

To that end I would like to announce that the Fund will finance a broad range of initiatives in advertising to remind everyone that Madeleine is still missing. These adverts will focus on Spain, Portugal and other parts of Europe and will consist of billboards and other media. This financing of advertisements will complement previous efforts by the Fund and many motivated individuals – family, friends and people touched by our cause.

I hope that the general public will continue to support us in this.

It is so important that we remember: "don't you forget about me"- our lovely wee Madeleine."

Day 136 - 16/09/2007 Sunday

Sorry for not updating the blog for such a long time but obviously we have been incredibly busy during this last tumultuous week. The entries will probably be every few days or if there is a major development in the future.

Thank you for all the cards, letters, flowers, gifts and messages of support. It means so much to us to know that so many people have not been deceived by rumour, innuendo and wild speculation. Most importantly the search for Madeleine carries on and our family have not given up hope of finding her. Live in Rothley is still a long way off normal with the large media presence but it is beginning to settle down somewhat. We all managed to go to mass today and it was comforting to pray for Madeleine with friends and family in our local church.

Day 137: 17/09/2007 Monday to Day 143: 23/09/2007 Sunday

No Update

Day 144 - 24/09/2007 Monday

It is just over 2 weeks since we returned home from Portugal. The major news in that time is that we have not been charged with any offences regarding Madeleine's disappearance. It is encouraging that the prosecutor has stated that all lines of enquiry remain open and we have not given up hope of finding Madeleine alive. It is good to see at least some attention re-focussing on finding Madeleine.

Sean and Amelie have settled back in at home very well but they do miss their older sister and we talk about her every day. For Kate and I it has been incredibly difficult to come home without Madeleine but particularly in such circumstances. Our family and friends have rallied round again as they have throughout this entire nightmare and they have also helped keep on top of the huge amount of mail from well wishers. At times our kitchen has looked like a sorting office! We would like to thank everyone for their support. It helps us keep sight of the fact that the great majority of people in this world are good.

Kate and I have been very busy with our legal advisers as we want to be eliminated from the inquiry as soon as possible and start concentrating wholeheartedly again on the search for our daughter. We are very confident this will happen when all the facts are presented together. We are very grateful and thankful to have several businessmen who have pledged financial support to cover legal costs and we were delighted Clarence Mitchell agreed to help us as an official spokesman. It is scary and daunting to imagine how we could have managed to deal with these latter 'developments' without such offers of support and commitment. Clarence will try and minimise the impact of the huge media interest in Madeleine's disappearance on us, as we try and return slowly towards as normal a life as is possible. Although we will NEVER give up on Madeleine, we have to find the right balance for Sean and Amelie so they too do not suffer unnecessarily.

In the meantime we will continue to cooperate fully with the Portuguese authorities. I will update the blog periodically especially if there is any major development.

Day 145: 25/09/2007 Tuesday to Day 147: 27/09/2007 Thursday

No Update

Day 148 - 28/09/2007 Friday

It has been another busy week for Kate and I. Sean and Amelie have settled back into nursery, almost as if they have never been away. They are also enjoying playing in their garden especially on the big slide and their latest escapade is collecting conkers! When they are not in the garden, they are desperate to watch 'Wallace and Gromit' or build dens in their bedroom- another new activity introduced by a very special friend of theirs!

The amount of supportive mail we have been receiving has been overwhelming and shows no sign of abating. Just as when we were in Portugal, someone reads every single letter or card and your kind words really do help us. Thank you! We have once again been lucky enough to have had friends and family here helping us. Paul Seddon, the priest who married us and baptised Madeleine, also came down for a day this week too. The media presence in Rothley has reduced to a few photographers now and it has been good to get out and about a little bit in the village. We have had tremendous input from the local police who have kept a quiet presence at the end of the road, allowing us to have some privacy around the house. The support and kind words we have received from the local villagers has also helped to make our return that bit easier.

When we hear of potential sightings of Madeleine, Kate and I try not to get too excited otherwise we would be on a continuous emotional roller coaster, more than that which we are experiencing already. Despite the disappointment, it is encouraging that people are still being vigilant and have not stopped looking for Madeleine. This is so incredibly important to us both. The official advice from the authorities if you think you have seen Madeleine, or another missing child, is to call the local police force immediately and supply

any information which might be critical such as a car registration or address. We are planning a quiet family weekend, catching up with friends and some family who will be coming to visit. We continue to hope and pray that our lovely little girl will be back with us soon.

Day 149: 29/09/2007 Saturday to Day 150: 30/09/2007 Sunday

No Update

OCTOBER 2007

Day 151 - 01/10/2007 Monday

Yesterday marked 150 days since Madeleine was taken. For our family it was just another painful day without our beautiful daughter. The questions we ask are pretty much the same as those we asked in the first few days. Who took her, why

did they take her and where is she? Without wanting to be boringly repetitive we believe that someone out there knows something that could answer these questions.

I am still amazed at the irresponsible reporting going on in the press with unsubstantiated reports from unreliable sources being repeated in the UK and Portuguese press unquestioningly. It is simply untrue that the twins think that Madeleine has gone on a 'little trip'. They clearly miss their big sister and have asked on numerous occasions where is Madeleine?'. Kate I and have told them that we don't know where she is but lots of people are looking for her and we hope that we will find her. They are not traumatised by her continued absence, simply being too young to comprehend the situation but we are well aware that their insight will change as they continue to develop rapidly.

At the weekend we again had lots of visitors with kids, which was great for Sean and Amelie. After attending mass yesterday morning we had a family lunch and then spent a couple of hours in the garden playing. There are still a few photographers hanging around at the end of our street taking daily pictures of Kate and I. We are managing to get out and about in the village and we have lots of support from the local community. On Saturday we decided to go for a run but drove nearby and parked the car but we were 'snapped' at the end, when I was certainly looking wearier than Kate!

Day 152: 02/10/2007 Tuesday to Day 154: 04/10/2007 Thursday
No Update

Day 155 - 05/10/2007 Friday

It has been a quieter week for Kate and I. We did go into the Leicester Mercury on Wednesday to pick up a cheque for Madeleine's Fund from donations for green and yellow wristbands. We did our first interview since returning from Portugal to say a huge thank you to everyone, especially here in Leicestershire, for supporting us during these last few dark weeks and months. [Click here](#) to read the interview. We have talked a little of life returning to 'normal' in Rothley. Several photographers are still in the village but otherwise it has been very quiet.

Kate and I will be going through the judicial process in Portugal to try and clear our name as quickly as possible. Obviously it is encouraging that the prosecutor has stated that all lines of enquiry are open. It is likely that we will be 'arguidos' for some time since this status remains until charges are brought or up to 8 months if no charges are made. The investigation will have a new coordinator appointed to replace chief inspector Amaral. We are happy to continue cooperating with the Portuguese authorities and in fact as arguidos, we can request that certain investigations are carried out.

Day 156: 06/10/2007 Saturday to Day 159: 09/10/2007 Tuesday

No Update

Day 160 - 10/10/2007 Wednesday

After a few days of ridiculous newspaper coverage in the UK and Portugal it was heartening to hear of the statement this evening from Mr Ripeiro, the National Director of the Judicial Police in Portugal. He has again emphasised that all lines of the investigation, not only Madeleine's death, are open and that much of what has been written is pure speculation and in some cases misinformation.

Scientific reports that we drugged our children clearly fall in to the latter category.

In the coming days and weeks we hope that only factual material is reported, allowing everyone to focus on finding Madeleine and who took her.

Day 161: 11/10/2007 Thursday to Day 165: 15/10/2007 Monday

No Update

Day 166 - 16/10/2007 Tuesday

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Day 167: 17/10/2007 Wednesday to Day 171: 21/10/2007 Sunday

No Update

Day 172 - 22/10/2007 Monday

This last weekend we went to visit friends and Kate's parents. It is the first time we have been to Liverpool since we went to Portugal on holiday in April. Sean and Amelie had a great time playing with other young children and it was good for Kate and I to catch up with very close friends. We attended the 'children's mass'

in the church where we were married and I met the local priest who also happens to come from Glasgow.

We welcome the announcement from Mr Ribeiro, the National director of the Judicial Police in Portugal, that our friends who were on holiday with us in Portugal are to be re-interviewed. We do not know how many other 'witnesses' will be interviewed but obviously we want to be eliminated from the inquiry as soon as possible. We constantly hope that one of the other lines of investigation leads to Madeleine being found safe and well.

Day 173: 23/10/2007 Tuesday to Day 175: 25/10/2007 Thursday

No Update

Day 176 - 26/10/2007 Friday

It has been a busy few days for Kate and I. We did our first interview since being made arguidos, for Spanish TV. This was very difficult for us but had one important purpose. We announced that private investigators are looking for Madeleine and that there is a dedicated ANONYMOUS telephone line for anyone who has information, which may help us to find Madeleine. The number is +34.902.300.213. We urge anyone who may have information to please call this number.

The investigators are based in Spain because we believe Madeleine is most likely to be in the Iberian Peninsula or North Africa. They have also released a sketch of an eyewitness who saw a man carrying a small child away from near the apartment on the night Madeleine disappeared. We believe this child was Madeleine. The Portuguese police have released the description of the man previously: he is 35-40 years old, approximately 5'8"-5'10" (1.72-1.78m), Caucasian with southern European/Mediterranean appearance, slim build with dark hair. We hope that this picture may jog someone's memory who may have seen this man in the Praia da Luz area on the night or days before Madeleine was abducted. Someone else may be aware of a man matching this description who has behaved suspiciously at any time since the beginning of May.

Day 177 - 27/10/2007 Saturday No Update

Day 178 - 28/10/2007 Sunday

The last couple of days have been hard for Kate and I. We have had a lot of 'family time' and despite the pleasure of seeing Sean and Amelie having fun, Madeleine's absence was very much tangible. We were, however, bucked up somewhat after opening lots of mail, which was incredibly supportive and uplifting. We would like to pass on our sincere thanks once more to everyone who is supporting us. My mum and sister have also arrived for a few days and this is the first time we have seen each other for 5 weeks. My nephew and a close family friend also came to visit last night.

Today we all attended mass in the local church. Next Saturday will mark six months since Madeleine was abducted. We will be marking this milestone very quietly with an ecumenical prayer service for Madeleine and other missing children in the local Anglican church.

Despite sadness and despair at our own situation, it is heart wrenching to hear of tragedies affecting other families close to home this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Day 179: 29/10/2007 Monday to Day 183: 02/11/2007 Friday

No Update

NOVEMBER 2007

Day 184 - 03/11/2007 Saturday

Today marks six months since Madeleine was taken from us. It is an incredibly long time for us but must be even longer for Madeleine. It is so painful for us simply being separated, but all the more distressing when we have to speculate about the situation Madeleine finds herself. We have no idea whether she is suffering but we have to hope and pray that she is being treated like a princess, as she deserves.

This afternoon there will be prayer vigils in Liverpool, Praia da Luz and many friends will be praying in Glasgow. Tonight we will be attending an ecumenical service to pray for Madeleine and other children who are suffering. There is again a lot of media presence in Rothley and the upshot is that millions of people know Madeleine is still missing and that we will not give up looking for her.

We urge anyone who may have information that might help us find Madeleine to call us on the confidential number +34 902 300 213, which is manned by private detectives in Spain or e-mail investigation@findmadeleine.com, or contact the police.

Statement from Kate McCann:

Saturday 3rd November : 6 Month Landmark

Six months is such a long time for a little girl to be separated from her family. We believe that our Madeleine is out there somewhere and retain hope that we can be reunited.

Madeleine is a beautiful little person who deserves a loving and happy life. There is no doubt that the best place for her to be, to ensure this, is with her family.

We know that somebody somewhere can make this happen. That somebody, has the ability and power to bring about so much joy, as well as bring peace to themselves.

If you have any information relating to Madeleine's disappearance or whereabouts, PLEASE, - pass it on.

0034 902 300 213

Day 185: 04/11/2007 Sunday to Day 187: 06/11/2007 Tuesday

No Update

Day 188 - 07/11/2007 Wednesday

Latest Update
Helping to find Madeleine

We are pleased to recognise the independent Helping To Find Madeleine Forum (HTFM) as an affiliate of our campaign to continue in the search for Madeleine. For further information go to www.helpingtofindmadeleine.com

The advice of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is that high visibility of a missing child through posters, car stickers etc increases the chances of finding that child. The friends and family of Kate and Gerry urge everyone to please keep looking for Madeleine. Our greatest fear has always been that Madeleine would somehow be forgotten about and that our efforts to bring her back safely would run out of support. We know in our hearts that Madeleine is still out there, alive, confused and aching to be returned to her family where she belongs. Whatever happens, please don't forget that. Don't forget about Madeleine. <http://www.youtube.com/user/DontYouForgetAboutMe>

**Day 189 - 08/11/2007 Thursday
No Update**

Day 190 - 09/11/2007 Friday

The media attention in Rothley has died down considerably with the passing of the six-month marker last weekend. The prayer service for Madeleine and other

missing children was very well attended and we found it calming, comforting and very positive. The four churches in Rothley contributed to the service as they will be doing so again for remembrance Sunday and these events strengthen our sense of community.

No major developments to report in the last week in the search for Madeleine. There has been a good response to the launch of the helpline to find Madeleine and all the leads are being checked out and followed up where appropriate. Kate and I continue to encourage anyone who has information to phone or e-mail.

It has been a busier week for me as I have returned to work, initially on a part-time basis. The Trust have been very supportive throughout and it has been good, although difficult, to see so many friends and colleagues again. I was certainly ready to get back although we have agreed to gradually phase my return to full-time commitments. It is also been the first week since we returned from Portugal when we have not had friends or family staying with us. Kate and I have therefore been opening all the mail ourselves and we would like to thank everyone who has offered their support and encouragement.

**Day 191: 10/11/2007 Saturday to Day 200: 19/11/2007 Monday
No Update**

Day 201 - 20/11/2007 Tuesday

Yesterday marked 200 days that Madeleine has been missing. Last night saw the screening on the BBC of one of three documentaries about what happened to Madeleine, the others having already been shown in North America and Portugal

over the weekend. These programmes have been useful in going over many of the facts and, I believe, emphasising that Madeleine was abducted and is still out there somewhere. Whilst the police and private investigators are following a number of leads, we would like appeal to anyone who was in and around Praia da Luz to come forward with any information that might be relevant on +34 902 300 213 or investigation@findmadeleine.com

We have had a busy ten days with visitors from both Canada and the USA. Whilst it has been really good to see them, it has also been emotionally very difficult for all of us without Madeleine. They are leaving tomorrow and we hope and pray that the next time we get together we will finally be reunited with our lovely Madeleine.

Day 202: 21/11/2007 Wednesday to Day 209: 28/11/2007 Wednesday

No Update

Day 210 - 29/11/2007 Thursday

Today there was a meeting between the UK and Portuguese police and forensic specialists from both countries. We have been told that all the forensic test results are now available. Kate and I are very hopeful now that any doubt what these important tests show will be removed. As we have stated all along, we are confident that the results will no way incriminate us and hopefully everyone can concentrate on finding Madeleine and her abductor.

Given some of the unhelpful comments recently about the media's role in helping find missing children I would like to quote Ernie Allen. Ernie has been president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the last 25 years. ?We just have to continue to do everything possible to find that one, key piece of evidence, and then follow it to Madeleine. There is no more likely source of that information than some average, caring, alert citizen, somewhere in the world, informed and motivated by a photo or intense media coverage of a missing child.?

With this in mind, Madeleine's fund has started the £80,000 advertising campaign in Southern Spain which will also target North Africa and

Portugal. The fund is also contributing £50,000 per month to support the private investigation. We appeal to anyone who may have information to call confidentially our hotline number +34.902.300.213, e-mail investigation@findmadeleine.com or contact the police.

Day 211: 30/11/2007 Friday to Day 215: 04/12/2007 Tuesday

No Update

DECEMBER 2007

Day 216 - 05/12/2007 Wednesday

Yesterday evening Kate, Sean, Amelie and myself attended a mass for Madeleine. It was organised by ex-colleagues of Kate's aunt who work in the East Midlands and took place in a small intimate chapel and was attended by 20 people including two local priests. Sean and Amelie were very vocal, demonstrating how much they know about Christmas and 'baby Jesus' which brought a smile to everyone's face! The little presents and chocolates they were given certainly made them very happy!

Tomorrow my mum and aunt are coming to visit for a few days. Sean and Amelie are very excited, as they have not seen their 'granny' for over a month. They do of course miss Madeleine very much and all of our family are still praying and hoping for her safe return.

Day 217 - 06/12/2007 Thursday

In the summer it was agreed that the UK police would interview all British residents who were staying at the Ocean Club on May 3rd. There are a number of guests who have still not been interviewed. We would ask any British residents who were in or around Praia da Luz (not just at the Ocean Club) when Madeleine was abducted, and have not been interviewed, to contact their local police.

We would like to thank everyone who has come forward with information. The smallest detail may provide a clue that leads us to find Madeleine.

We would like to appeal again for anyone with information to contact our private investigators on +34. 902.300.213, investigation@findmadeleine.com or their local police. Someone, somewhere knows something and Madeleine needs his or her help.

Day 218 - 07/12/2007 Friday

Date and Day Gerry used

Day 218 - 07/12/2007-

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Day 227 16/12/2007 Sunday

Day 219: 08/12/2007 Saturday to Day 226 - 15/12/2007 Saturday

No Update

Day 227 - 16/12/ 2007 Sunday

Date and Day Gerry used

Day 218 - 07/12/2007

We have had many enquiries as to our plans for the festive period. Christmas 2007 will be an incredibly difficult time for us if Madeleine is not found before then. We plan to have a very quiet, private Christmas with family in the UK. Celebrating is the last thing we feel like doing; however we want Christmas to be as normal for Sean and Amelie as possible. They have already enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree with their "granny" and great aunt. Despite not yet being 3, they both seem to understand they will be getting presents from Santa. They have also asked if Santa will be bringing Madeleine home, which just about broke our hearts. Madeleine's return would obviously be the ultimate present for all of us and would bring tremendous joy to people all over the world.

As the end of the year approaches we would like to thank everyone who has offered support over the last seven months and we ask you to stay with us as the search for our daughter continues. The police and private investigations continue and we have not given up hope of a breakthrough. We again appeal to anyone who may have any information that might be relevant to contact your local police or our private investigators on +34. 902. 300 213 if they have any information which might be relevant.

Day 228: 17/12/ 2007 Monday to Day 233: 22/12/ 2007 Saturday

No Update

Day 234 - 23/12/ 2007 Sunday

As most of you will know by now Kate and I did an appeal for broadcast on TV yesterday. This was a desperate attempt to get someone who knows what happened to Madeleine to come forward and end our misery and the dreadful situation for everyone. Madeleine should not be spending Christmas away from her loving family. The person who took Madeleine has it in their power to end our suffering and will be able to appease their conscience that they have done the right thing- especially at this time of year

As I have stated Christmas will be a very quiet affair for our family without Madeleine present. Kate and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time at this busy time of year to write to us and let us know Madeleine and our family are still in their thoughts and prayers. We still have at least one hundred cards to open! As always, every single one will be opened and read and the support expressed helps renew our determination to find Madeleine.

Day 235 - 24/12/ 2007 Monday

Latest Update

McCann Christmas appeal

[View the XMAS Appeal - 24/12/07](#)

Day 236 - 25/12/ 2007 Tuesday to Day 249-07/01/2008 Monday

No Update

JANUARY 2008

Day 250 - 08/01/2008 Tuesday

We are one week in to the New Year and we can definitely say the holiday period is well and truly over. Some of the media coverage today has been at its worst since Kate and I were declared arguidos.

We can categorically deny that we are considering a movie about Madeleine's disappearance. This is simply untrue. We are approached by a huge number of media outlets regarding a myriad of projects, only a tiny proportion of which we

agree to. Each proposal is considered on whether it is likely to have a positive effect, either directly or indirectly on the search for Madeleine. As stated today by Clarence, there was a preliminary discussion between a production agency and a representative of Kate and I to discuss the possibility of a documentary about the issues we have faced since Madeleine was abducted. Clearly Europe is a long way behind the USA in terms of its response when a child goes missing.

Kate and I have opened all of the Christmas cards and many mass cards which have been for Madeleine.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us over the last eight months. We could not have got through this ordeal on our own and without doubt, Madeleine needs all our help

Day 251 -09/01/2008 Wednesday

Statement from the Board of Madeleine's Fund- Leaving No Stone Unturned 09 January 2008

BEGINS

'There was a scheduled board meeting of Madeleine's Fund today. We have reached a new longer- term phase in the search for Madeleine and we have reviewed how effective our Fund has been in pursuing its objectives. We agreed to continue our funding of the investigation to find Madeleine and we have decided to look at further media opportunities to support our search. To that end, we have invited two new directors to replace the two who stepped down, for business and personal reasons, We, together with Kate and Gerry McCann, extend our thanks to Esther and Phillip for their hard work and continuing support. We welcome Edward Smethurst and Jon Corner to the board to lend their expertise in commercial law and media.'ENDS

Day 252 -10/01/2008 Thursday to Day 253 -11/01/2008 Friday

No Update

Day 254 - 12/01/2008 Saturday

It was no surprise for us to learn last night that the secrecy of the files in to Madeleine's disappearance is to be maintained for another three months. All of the arguidos retain their status. We are extremely disappointed as we feel this uncertainty hinders the most important thing: searching for Madeleine.

We are utterly dismayed to read tonight further stories about a film that are simply untrue. Kate and I thought that we had totally quashed such unfounded rubbish several days ago. At no point have we considered a movie about Madeleine's disappearance. Nor would we sanction another documentary purely about Madeleine's abduction, as there is no new information since the Panorama programme aired. We would consider a programme that would treat the serious issues we have faced since Madeleine's disappearance. Clearly Europe has a lot to learn from the US and there has to be change in practice and legislation about how missing children are investigated. We will continue to campaign to effect change in Europe, in the hope that it will become a safer place for our children.

I have now been back at work full-time for the last 10 days. I would like to thank all of the staff at Glenfield Hospital, and the patients, for making this as easy as possible for me. Kate and I remain very busy with the campaign, supported by friends, family and many 'new' friends! We are regularly in contact with friends in Praia da Luz who continue to hold a vigil every week to pray for Madeleine. They are an amazing group of people who continue to provide us with 'for?' and 'esperan?' (strength and hope)

Day 255 -13/01/2008 Sunday to Day 256 -14/01/2008 Monday

No Update

Day 257 - 15/01/2008 Tuesday

Kate and I were dismayed to learn today that a 5-year-old girl has been missing from Huelva, in Southern Spain since Sunday evening. As many of you know, Huelva is approximately a 2 hour drive from Praia da Luz and we went there in early August to publicise Madeleine's disappearance. Hearing of the probable abduction of Mari Luz Cortesa has brought many awful emotions flooding back.

We hope and pray that Mari is quickly found and returned safely to her family.

Day 258 -16/01/2008 Wednesday to Day 261 - 19/01/2008 Saturday

No Update

Day 262: 20/01/2008 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

1st Version

Gerry edited Day 262 on Day 265

Today we have released drawings of a man who needs to be eliminated from the investigation to find Madeleine. A witness, Gail Cooper, who was holidaying in Praia da Luz shortly before we arrived, saw him on several occasions. She found the man, who claimed to be collecting for an orphanage, very intimidating. After interviewing Gail, our private investigators commissioned a forensic sketch by a FBI trained artist. The man has many similarities in looks and clothing he was wearing to the description of the man given by Jane Tanner.

[Click Here to see the drawings.](#)

The man Jane saw walking away from the apartments where we were staying was carrying a child, around 9.10pm on the night Madeleine was abducted. Jane described pyjamas matching those Madeleine was wearing without knowing what she had on that fateful night. We are convinced that this was when Madeleine was taken. Jane has been shown these sketches of the man. She feels he has a strong resemblance to the man she saw on May 3rd. carrying the child away.

It is essential that he be traced. We believe many people must know who this individual is. We appeal to anyone who knows him, or may have seen him to contact our private investigators on +34 902 300 213 or

investigation@findmadeleine.com. If you are this man please make contact with the investigators or your local police. All of this information has been passed on to the Portuguese and British police and Interpol has been informed. This man may have key information that will help us locate Madeleine.

Day 263 - 21/01/2008 Monday to Day 264 - 22/01/2008 Tuesday

No Update

Day 265 - 23/01/2008 Wednesday

2nd version

Day 265 - Edited version of Day 262 20/01/2008

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Day 266 - 24/01/2008 Thursday to Day 273 - 31/01/2008 Thursday

No Update

FEBRUARY 2008

Day 274: 01/02/2008 Friday

01/02/2008 We have launched the new website layout today. I hope you all like it and we are sure that you will find it much easier to navigate. The website was always envisaged as being the main portal to the find Madeleine campaign. If Madeleine remains missing and as the media attention drops then the website will be instrumental in keeping people up to date. As you will see a lot of work has gone in to extensively revising the content. Our whole family have unfortunately learnt an awful lot about the problems of missing and exploited children.

Our priority will always be to search for Madeleine and whoever abducted her. However we hope to work in coalition with the many excellent organisations in Europe and further afield to campaign for change. The first goal will be to get an EU wide child alert system introduced with cooperation from all the relevant authorities and law enforcement agencies.

Sean and Amelie turned three today.

We hope and pray that they will never have another birthday without Madeleine here. Despite the circumstances they really enjoyed their birthday? tea party? today. The twins love seeing all their extended family. There is no doubt that Sean and Amelie have made life for all of us a little more bearable over the last 9 months.

274 New Web Site Launched

Date Released: 01/02/2008 13:00:00

The newly designed web site for the Help to Find Madeleine Campaign has been launched today.

The purpose of the new site is to focus attention on the primary goal which remains to Find Madeleine McCann.

The fund have been working hard to design the site to make it more user friendly and easier to keep up to date.

It is hoped that the new site will allow people to find what they are looking for quickly. The new site still allows

Gerry to update his blog, but it also has the additional facility to allow authorised persons to issue News Items without the need for the Web team to write the code for the pages.

274 Message from Gerry and Kate 01/02/2008

Our daughter Madeleine was abducted on 3rd May 2007 in Praia da Luz, Portugal, 9 days before her 4th birthday. She was taken from our holiday apartment where she was sleeping with her younger brother and sister whilst we were dining 50 yards away. Despite a massive investigation led by the Portuguese police and supported by the British police, we still do not know who has taken her, why she was taken or where she is. In addition, private investigators based in Spain are now following up any leads regarding Madeleine's disappearance. (Investigation page)

Since Madeleine's abduction, we have learned a lot about missing children and child exploitation. The scale of the problem is massive and worldwide. Although finding Madeleine will always remain our priority, we feel it is our duty to highlight these problems as well as areas where legislation can be improved, in order to make the world a little safer for all children. To achieve these aims we are working closely with the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Centre for Child Exploitation and Online Protection and other non-governmental agencies throughout Europe (Investigation page). The Find Madeleine Campaign launched a new YouTube channel for missing children in

August 2007 called 'Don't You Forget About Me' in conjunction with ICMEC and Google.

The support we have had from around the world has been amazing. We have no doubt that without all the good wishes, prayers and efforts of so many people, our ordeal would have been so much harder. It has helped maintain our strength and hope, and this together with support for the campaign, has helped the search for our precious Madeleine. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their unconditional support and solidarity.

Madeleine is a beautiful little person. She was a very happy and much loved little girl. We believe there is a very good chance that Madeleine is still alive. She deserves the love and security of her family. She needs to be back home with her mummy and daddy, brother and sister. Please keep Madeleine in your thoughts and prayers. And please ' remain vigilant.

We will NEVER give up looking for Madeleine.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and kindness.

Day 275: 02/02/2008 Saturday to Day 286:13/02/2008 Wednesday

No Update

Day 287: 14/02/2008 Thursday

Yesterday was a busy day on several fronts. Kate and I met with representatives of Missing Children Europe. This is an umbrella organisation that has 21 member non-governmental organisations that are involved in supporting families of missing and exploited children, from 15 EU countries. Missing Children Europe aims to share best practice, ensures a European presence at ICMEC and liases with various European Institutions. www.missingchildren.eu They have played a major role in securing the EU commission supporting a dedicated hotline for missing children: 116 000. The commission is also supportive of the introduction of a child alert system throughout the EU similar to the Amber alert system in the USA. However only a few countries run such a system and there is a lot of work to be done before the system is implemented in many countries, never mind an integrated throughout the EU.

The Portuguese justice minister also spoke to parliament yesterday regarding Mr Ribeiro's comments about the haste with which we were made arguidos. As I stated at the time, no one can doubt how we have been scrutinised.

We hope that, if as reported, the justice minister said the investigation is nearing a close that our arguido status will be lifted in the near future so that everyone

can concentrate on searching for Madeleine. We will not give up looking for her until she is found and we hope that the police are similarly determined.

Day 288: 15/02/2008 Friday to Day 294: 21/02/2008 Thursday

No Update

Day 295: 22/02/2008 Friday

There has been a lot of media attention focussed on a possible sighting of Madeleine in Montpellier one week ago. We only heard of this two days ago and this was from a report sent into the website. Clarence has been inundated with media requests from all over the world for further information. Despite this, Kate and I have had no official notification of the potential sighting nor, more importantly, of whether this sighting has been eliminated by the authorities despite what has been reported in the press.

The continued disappearance of nine-year-old Shannon Matthews is deeply concerning and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. No matter what has happened to Shannon, there can be no doubt she must extremely vulnerable having spent three nights and four days away from home. We hope that she is found safe and well very soon and returned to her family.

Day 295: 22/02/2008 Friday

Registration date: 22 February 2008 for Madeleine's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned

Case details for Trade Mark 2456061 Intellectual Property Office
Mark text: Madeleine's Fund: Leaving No Stone Unturned

Status

Status: Registered
Classes: 09, 16, 36, 41

Relevant dates

Filing date: 18 May 2007
Next renewal date: 18 May 2017
Registration date: 22 February 2008

List of goods or services

Class 09: Downloadable internet publications
Class 16: Printed matter
Class 36: Charitable fundraising; charitable and non-charitable services relating to the provision of assistance to families and others affected by missing children.

Class 41: Non-downloadable internet publications

Day 296: 23/02/2008 Saturday to Day 301: 28/02/200 Thursday

No Update

Day 302: 29/02/2008 Friday

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MARCH 2008

Day 303: 01/03/2008 Saturday to Day 312: 10/03/2008 Monday

No Update

Mari Luz body found today 07/03/2008 at 4pm

Day 313: 11/03/2008 Tuesday

Kate and I were so sad to learn that Mari Luz's body had been found. This is the news that at any parent of a missing child dreads and a situation we desperately hope that we never have to face. We deeply sympathise with her family and pray they remain strong and in time are able to find peace.

We would like to thank everyone who continues to send us messages of support, encouragement and of hope. All of our family have been traumatised by Madeleine's abduction and continued absence and the tremendous support we have received has undoubtedly helped us enormously over the last 10 months. Tomorrow there is a march in London starting opposite Western Marble Arch synagogue at 10am to petition for more support for the families of missing people who are left behind. The march has been organised by two mothers whose sons are missing and will be attended by representatives of the charity Missing People and families of those who have relatives missing.

Day 314: 12/03/2008 Wednesday to Day 315: 13/03/2008 Thursday

No Update

Day 316: 14/03/2008 Friday

3rd version edited on 28/03/08

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Day 316: 14/03/2008 - Friday

2nd Version edited 14/03/08

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Day 317: 15/03/2008 Saturday to Day 320: 18/03/2008 Tuesday

No Update

Day 321: 19/03/2008 Wednesday

I think everyone must have heard the news today that Express Newspapers have published front page apologies to Kate and me and agreed damages of £550,000 which will be paid in to Madeleines Fund. It gives us no joy that we had to take such action- we would rather have not had to put up with such distasteful, grotesque and blatantly untruthful coverage. Nevertheless we hope todays events will act as a springboard in advancing the search for Madeleine. The money will be used to aid the investigation. To read our full statement, please see the News and Press Releases in the News and Support section.

Date Released: 19/03/2008 20:52:00

Statement from Madeleines Fund Board of Directors

'The directors of Madeleine's Fund welcome the settlement of Gerry and Kate's complaint against Express Newspapers, in particular the front page apologies for the grossly defamatory stories that were consistently published in recent months and the agreement reached on substantial damages.

It has been a great additional burden for Gerry and Kate to be repeatedly vilified in sections of the press. Such coverage was also a diversion for our campaign to find Madeleine.

We hope that such public apologies will not only bring some comfort to Gerry and Kate, but that they will re-emphasise the need for a renewed focus on the campaign.

The £550,000 damages from Express Newspapers will now be used fully within the stated spirit and aims of Madeleine's Fund.

The purpose of the Fund is to support Gerry and Kate specifically in the search for Madeleine and her abductor(s).

The Fund will, therefore, continue to work to gather information to assist them in achieving their aim of bringing Madeleine home. We would, once again, urge any member of the public who still feels they may have useful information to come forward with it without delay

Attachments

WORD DOC

**Kate and Gerry Statement Express Newspapers
Date Released: 19/03/2008 11:00:00**

We are pleased that Express Newspapers have today admitted the utter falsity of the numerous grotesque and grossly defamatory allegations that their titles published about us on a sustained basis over many months.

The exceptional publication of these apologies, together with today's statement of full apology in open Court before Mr Justice Eady, was the only just and proper response by Express Newspapers following our complaint. We also wish to place on record our thanks to Adam Tudor, from Carter Ruck. Today's result simply could not have been achieved without him

Express Newspapers, rightly acknowledge that we are innocent of all allegations that we may have been involved in Madeleine's abduction and WE would like to reiterate that there is absolutely no evidence that Madeleine is dead or has been seriously harmed.

We embarked on this course of action reluctantly, indeed with a heavy heart, as we did not wish the pursuit of it to become a distraction from our sole aim ? finding Madeleine. Indeed, as long ago as last autumn our lawyers approached Express Newspapers and urged them to show greater restraint in their reporting ? requests which went utterly unheeded.

The distress all this has caused members of our wider family, at a time of great emotional turmoil for them, was also a major factor in our action. Their pain over the loss of Madeleine has been compounded by having to witness the irresponsible and libellous reporting that we have successfully challenged today.

As a part of our settlement, Express Newspapers have also agreed to donate £550,000 to the Fund that was established to help find Madeleine. We feel it is entirely appropriate that the search for Madeleine will now benefit directly out of the wrongs committed against us as her parents.

We hope that the Portuguese authorities lift our arguido status in the very near future so that everyone can focus on finding our beautiful little girl, Madeleine.?

Day 322: 20/03/2008 Thursday to Day 328: 26/03/2008 Wednesday

No Update

Day 329: 27/03/2008 Thursday

Kate and I arrived back from Washington yesterday. We went primarily to visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and to learn more about the implementation of their national AMBER alert system (child rescue alert). The whole experience was very positive. The staff at NCMEC is the most experienced in dealing with missing and abducted children anywhere in the world.

The AMBER alert system should be used in the most serious child abduction cases (usually by strangers, when the child is considered at risk of serious harm) to recover the child as quickly as possible. The alert is based on the realisation that galvanising the local community can play a huge role in finding missing children. Last year alone 68 children, and almost 400 in total since its implementation, were recovered safely as a direct result of the AMBER alert. In 16 cases the abductor released the child safely when hearing the AMBER alert. We strongly feel that Europe should have a similar integrated child rescue alert.

Our visit to Washington and meetings with other relevant European organisations will be shown on a documentary to be screened by ITV on the 30 April. The programme will focus on the campaign to introduce a European version of the AMBER alert. There will of course be massive media interest in Madeleine's disappearance at this time, if she remains missing, and we hope that the programme is shown in most European countries and further afield.

During our Washington visit we were also very encouraged to hear that, in NCMEC's experience, the younger the child at the time of abduction the less likely that child will be seriously harmed. Such information makes us believe even more fervently, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that Madeleine can be found safe and well

Day 330: 28/03/2008 Friday to Day 344: 11/04/2008 Friday

No Update

P.J arrived in England today 07/04/2008

APRIL 2008

Day 345: 12/04/2008 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Our visit to the European Parliament on Thursday (10th) was the culmination of several months work. Kate and I presented a written declaration (see news and support) to the parliament asking for the introduction of an EU wide missing child alert system based on the US AMBER alert system. The AMBER system has been incredibly successful in rescuing abducted children. France has adopted a similar system in the last 2 years, which has been activated 5 times with all children being recovered alive.

An EU wide AMBER type system has widespread support. The EU commission presented draft guidance (written in conjunction with Missing Children Europe) on the introduction of such a system. In Lisbon in October last year the proposal got the informal support of the 27 member states home office/justice ministers.

We presented the declaration to MEP's, answered questions and then held a press conference- our first public speech since returning from Portugal. For the declaration to be taken up we need 51% of (the 785) MEP's to sign the declaration in the next 3 months. We would urge everyone to lobby their MEP's to sign the declaration.

The day went extremely well although we were naturally asked questions about the Portuguese investigation, which are very difficult to answer for us, as we have had no direct dialogue with the Portuguese police. We were dismayed to learn that excerpts from our early witness statements were leaked to a Spanish TV station. These were taken out of context and there can be no doubts were designed to undermine our credibility. One has to question why these were leaked on the day when the media attention was huge and who benefits from such a leak?

One thing for certain is that it does not help to find Madeleine. We would certainly welcome an independent inquiry as to where the leaking of such sensitive information, contrary to judicial secrecy laws, has come from

Kate and Gerry presentation to EU parliament
Attachments
POWERPOINT

Day 346: 13/04/2008 Sunday to Day 365: 02/05/2008 Friday

No Update

Day 366: 03/05/2008 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

It is a year to the day since Madeleine was abducted. A heinous crime that had the potential to destroy the strongest of families. Without doubt it has been the longest year of our lives, yet it does not seem like a year since we last saw Madeleine. She is still a large part of Sean and Amelie's life and this gives some comfort to Kate and me.

The research we have done this year has encouraged us to believe that there is a very good chance Madeleine is alive. Ernie Allen, president of NCMEC for the last 25 years, has reiterated that and the fact there are a number of scenarios in which Madeleine could be alive and well. We just need to find her.

The documentary we made on an EU wide Amber alert and the last year was screened in the UK on Wednesday night, in Spain on Thursday and last night in

Portugal. We have spent most of the last 3 days promoting our new hotline number +4 845 838 4699 (calls are charged at local rate) and our e-mail addresses for information: anonymous@findmadeleine.com and investigation@findmadeleine.com .

We have always said we will leave no stone unturned in the search for Madeleine. To do that we need to know what has and has not been done- unfortunately we know very little about the investigation to date. This is why we are appealing to everyone who may have come forward previously to do so again. Every piece of information is important to us. We are also appealing to people who may not have come forward for whatever reason to do so. We are only interested in finding Madeleine and will guarantee confidentiality and anonymity if requested. We are also families asking with children to think if something similar may have happened to them. It is unlikely this is the first time that the abductor has struck.

Today we will be attending one of the many services to pray for Madeleine and other missing children. We would like to thank everyone, of all faiths, who has prayed for Madeleine over the last year. The Helping to find Madeleine group have also organised a 'lighting the way home for Madeleine' event where, they will release lanterns in Rothley around the time she went missing. Others will light a candle and we greatly appreciate the support and symbolic gestures.

Day 367: 04/05/2008 Sunday to Day 373: 10/05/2008 Saturday

No Update

Day 374: 11/05/2008 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

It has been another busy week. We have been inundated with mail that we are working through. Kate and I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us over the last twelve months. It is the support we have received from family, friends, and the overwhelming response of the general public that has sustained us. Special thanks to everyone who has contributed to Madeleine's Fund, which has allowed us to continue the independent investigation to find Madeleine.

Following our renewed appeal there has been a tremendous response to both the call line (+44 (0)845 838 4699) and the e-mail addresses (anonymous@findmadeleine.com and investigation@findmadeleine.com). Hundreds of calls and e-mails have been received and each and every bit of information will be assessed and followed up. We would encourage anyone who might have information to contact us in confidence. We would like to hear from everyone who was staying at the Ocean Club at the time of Madeleine's abduction or from anyone who may have experienced a similar incident in the Iberia peninsula.

Tomorrow is Madeleine's fifth birthday. It will be one of the hardest days of the last 375. We will be marking it privately and quietly. We will do everything to try and ensure Madeleine does not spend another birthday separated from her family.

Day 375: 12/05/2008 Monday to Day 406: 12/06/2008 Thursday

No Update

Madeleine Beth McCann, 5th Birthday 12/05/2008

JUNE 2008.

Day 407: 13/06/2008 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

WORD DOC

First of all apologies for the long gap since my last blog. We are still very busy and the last 2 weeks all four of us have been laid low with a viral illness.

Our investigative team have been very busy working through all the information which has been coming in through the new hotline number and the e-mail addresses ' see investigation page. A lot of this information is undoubtedly relevant to the investigation and every piece of information will be followed up- a very time consuming process ' so please be patient with us! We are planning a facility to allow the upload of pictures of people who were in the Algarve leading up to Madeleine's abduction. In the interim pictures can be e-mailed to investigation@findmadeleine.com

The campaign for a Europe wide Amber alert continues. There is approximately one month left to get the majority of MEP's to sign the written declaration. Edward McMillan- Scott has told us that so far there are 211 signatures therefore we need another 182. Thank you to everyone who has written to MEP's. Some of the responses that have been sent display a complete lack of understanding in what we hope to achieve. For example some have said they will not sign because such a system is already in place with the 116 000 hotline number. Firstly this number for missing children is only operational in one out of 27 European countries (Greece) so far. Secondly the number does not mean an Amber alert will be issued for an abducted child as no such system exists- hence the written declaration. Thirdly we are looking for cross border cooperation between member states when a child is abducted. Hopefully with more lobbying, we can get the declaration accepted.

We are continually looking to improve the website. Over the next few weeks you should notice some changes. We are planning to have new messages on the home page from Kate and myself. The blog may change to a findmadeleine update, there will be new pages displaying the posters in full and further details of local fundraising events. With the holiday season approaching, we would be really grateful if people would once again download Madeleine posters from the website (available in many different languages in how to help/downloads section) and take them with them for distribution and display.

1 in 6 children are recovered after someone has recognised them from a poster!

Finally, we would like to say thank you to everyone for their continued help and kindness, the many letters, messages of support and prayers. It is reassuring and uplifting that Madeleine is in so many people's thoughts and prayers even at this stage.

Day 408: 14/06/2008 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

(Madeleine's missing days counter has now been removed from Official site)

Day 409: 15/06/2008 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

investigations Line +44 845 838 4699

Message from Gerry and Kate

Gerry and Kate would like to thank all those who have taken the trouble to call or email with support and information. We have been taken aback by the level of your response. Thank you, it means so much to us. If you haven't had a response yet, please don't worry ? someone from the team will be in touch shortly.

If you gave a statement to anyone during the course of the investigation into Madeleine's abduction, we'd be really grateful if you could contact us so that we can follow up every last piece of information.

Our daughter Madeleine was abducted on 3rd May 2007 in Praia da Luz, Portugal, 9 days before her 4th birthday. She was taken from our holiday apartment where she was sleeping with her younger brother and sister whilst we were dining 50 yards away. Despite a massive investigation led by the Portuguese police and

supported by the British police, we still do not know who has taken her, why she was taken or where she is. In addition, private investigators based in Spain are now following up any leads regarding Madeleine's disappearance. (Investigation page)

Since Madeleine's abduction, we have learned a lot about missing children and child exploitation. The scale of the problem is massive and worldwide. Although finding Madeleine will always remain our priority, we feel it is our duty to highlight these problems as well as areas where legislation can be improved, in order to make the world a little safer for all children. To achieve these aims we are working closely with the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Centre for Child Exploitation and Online Protection and other non-governmental agencies throughout Europe (Investigation page). The Find Madeleine Campaign launched a new YouTube channel for missing children in August 2007 called 'Don't You Forget About Me' in conjunction with ICMEC and Google.

The support we have had from around the world has been amazing. We have no doubt that without all the good wishes, prayers and efforts of so many people, our ordeal would have been so much harder. It has helped maintain our strength and hope, and this together with support for the campaign, has helped the search for our precious Madeleine. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their unconditional support and solidarity.

Madeleine is a beautiful little person. She was a very happy and much loved little girl. We believe there is a very good chance that Madeleine is still alive. She deserves the love and security of her family. She needs to be back home with her mummy and daddy, brother and sister. Please keep Madeleine in your thoughts and prayers. And please ? remain vigilant.

We will NEVER give up looking for Madeleine.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and kindness.

Day 410: 16/06/2008 Monday to Day 411: 17/06/2008 Tuesday

No Update

Day 412: 18/06/2008 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Kate and I had a flying visit to Strasbourg yesterday to the European Parliament. The visit was organised by one of the written declaration sponsors, Edward McMillan-Scott who is a Vice-President of the parliament.

It was hectic schedule but well worth effort. We met with the other sponsors, many MEP's who have signed the declaration and many who did not realise that

there was a declaration on the introduction of an EU wide Amber alert. As we stated when we launched the declaration in Brussels last month- the alert is not our idea. It already has the support of the European commission and they and other groups such as Missing Children Europe, PACT and Missing People have done a huge amount of work previously. Our hope is that getting the declaration formally adopted by the parliament will speed up the implementation of alerts throughout the EU member staets and facilitate cross-border cooperation. Many of the MEP's who have not signed said they will and a lot of those who have already signed said they will lobby their National and fellow group MEP's to sign.

Today we heard that 283 have now signed the declaration compared to 211 on Monday. We are hopeful that the additional 110 signatures required will be achieved by the next sitting of parliament on the 7-10th July. It would be a great shame if the declaration failed because of a combination of ignorance and apathy.

Day 413: 19/06/2008 Thursday to Day 433: 09/07/2008 Wednesday

No Update

JULY 2008

Day 434: 10/07/2008 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

We have recently managed to have a break visiting family. Sean and Amelie have had a brilliant time and it has been great for me to spend so much time with them. Although this has been a relaxing break, it has been incredibly difficult for Kate and me to have been on holiday without Madeleine- it is all too apparent what is missing.

We were very pleased to learn today that the written declaration calling for the introduction of an EU wide Amber alert system has been successful. More than half of the 786 Members of the European Parliament (MEP's) were required to sign the declaration for it to be adopted as a full resolution of the European Parliament and as of today 417 had signed. This is a small step in the right direction and a lot of work will be needed to get National Amber alert systems implemented. The idea already has the support of the European Commission and this additional political impetus should speed up the implementation process.

We would like to thank Edward McMillan-Scott and the other 4 sponsors of the declaration, all those MEP's who signed the declaration and all the members of the public who lobbied their MEP's.

There has been a lot of speculation in the press over the last 10 days that the investigation into Madeleine's disappearance has closed.

We have not heard anything officially other than we know the files are with the prosecutor and the period of secrecy has been extended to 14th August. Our independent investigation continues and we urge people going on holiday to remain vigilant and consider taking one of our posters with them- downloadable from the how to help section of the website.

Date Released: 10/07/2008 22:29:00
Adoption of written declaration 36/2008

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Day 435: 11/07/2008 Friday to Day 444: 20/07/2008 Sunday

No Update

Day 445: 21/07/2008 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Today we learned that our arguido status and that of the other arguido, Robert Murat, has been lifted. The case will be filed unless other important new evidence is uncovered. Kate delivered the statement below to the media earlier this evening. Our search for Madeleine, which has never ceased, continues. 'We welcome the announcement from the Portuguese Attorney General today, although it is no cause for celebration. It is hard to describe how utterly despairing it was to be named 'arguidos' and subsequently portrayed in the media as suspects in our own daughter's abduction- and worse. It has been equally devastating to witness the detrimental effect this status has had on the search for Madeleine.

We look forward to scrutinising the police files to see what has ACTUALLY been done and, more importantly, what can still be done, as we leave no stone unturned in the search for Madeleine. We would once again urge anyone with relevant information to come forward and call our helpline on +44 845 838 4699 or send information to investigation@findmadeleine.com

Finally we would like to thank everyone who has supported us and stayed with us during this particularly difficult period. We assure you we will NEVER give up on Madeleine.

Date Released: 21/07/2008 23:03:00

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Attachments No files

Day 446: 22/07/2008 Tuesday to Day 468: 13/08/2008 Wednesday

No Update

AUGUST 2008

Day 469: 14/08/2008 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Investigation files

It is over 3 weeks since we learned that the Portuguese authorities had closed the investigation to find Madeleine, lifted our arguido status and ended judicial secrecy. We were surprised that copies of investigation files were given to the media. The content of these files has been extensively reported. It will be clear to

everyone now, that there is absolutely no evidence that suggests Madeleine has been seriously harmed. Knowing this, we strongly believe that Madeleine is out there and can be found.

Of course whoever is responsible for Madeleine's abduction must, and can be, found to prevent them from putting another child and family through the misery we have suffered. We have always believed that this heinous crime could be solved with the help of the public.

Our investigators continue to explore credible leads and will continue to do so as

long as Madeleine is missing. Now that the authorities are no longer looking for Madeleine we implore everyone who has provided information to the enquiry to contact us at investigation@findmadeleine.com or on + 44 (0)845 838 4699. We will guarantee that all information will be treated in the strictest confidence. You can help us find Madeleine.

Day 470: 15/08/2008 Friday to Day 480: 25/08/2008 Monday

No Update

Day 481: 26/08/2008 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

**Oakley International
Date Released: 26/08/2008**

In the light of articles in some UK Sunday newspapers this weekend, we feel it is appropriate to comment briefly on our relationship with the investigation company Oakley International.

We appointed them several months ago to investigate the disappearance of Madeleine McCann. We continue to work with them to this end. The working

relationship is managed by Brian Kennedy, who also confirms the relationship with Oakley International continues to be good and that it remains entirely focused on the search for Madeleine.

Attachments No files

Day 482: 27/08/2008 Wednesday to Day 527: 11/10/2008 Saturday

No Update

OCTOBER 2008

Day 528: 12/10/2008 Sunday, Madeleine Beth McCann

First of all I want to apologise for not updating this blog for so long. I would like to assure everyone that this gap is not because there is little going on in the search for Madeleine. On the contrary, Kate and I have been incredibly busy over the last couple of months since the PJ files were made public. We and our family have always vowed to leave no stone unturned in the search for our daughter and knowing exactly what has been done and, more importantly, what has not been done is vital in planning our future strategy.

Getting the files translated accurately is a time consuming and expensive process but essential to our search. There is a huge amount of information contained within the files which we have not been party to until now and this needs to be assessed carefully. This is even more important as the Portuguese investigation is officially closed.

In some ways, although this task is monumental, it has been good for us doing being something active and positive which we believe may help find Madeleine. We are also using this period to get advice to maximise our effectiveness and efficiency in our overall strategy going forward. Keeping Madeleine's image in the public eye will continue to be important and the distribution of posters is central to that aim.

Many people have also asked us what is happening with the Amber alert after the successful adoption of the written declaration by the European Parliament. It has been relatively quiet due to the summer recess but hopefully the momentum gained, added to the desire of the European Commission to for an Amber Alert system, will affect change in the near future.

Finally we would like to thank everyone for their continued, support, prayers and letters.

I promise to do another update in the near future. We will be looking at how the website functions, as the main portal of the find Madeleine campaign, and perhaps future updates will be via another route rather than my blog. Why don't you let us know what you think by e-mail messages of support'

Day 529: 13/10/2008 Monday to Day 532: 16/10/2008 Thursday

No Update

Day 533: 17/10/2008 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Most of you will have seen yesterday that our seven friends, who were on holiday with us in Portugal when Madeleine was abducted, have been awarded libel damages. The Express group of newspapers admitted that many of the stories written about our friends were completely untrue and without foundation. They have apologised and paid '375,000 in to Madeleine's Fund. This money will be put to good use for the ongoing search for our beautiful little girl.

Our friends were under no obligation to pay the damages in to the fund. However they have from day one indicated that this was what they wanted and have clearly demonstrated that finding Madeleine is of the utmost importance to them. They, like us, believe there is a very good chance Madeleine is alive and can be found.

Thank you Fiona, David, Russell, Jane, Matt, Rachael and Diane.

We would also like to thank our friends in Portugal. They continue to hold a monthly Friday night vigil in Praia da Luz vigil to pray for Madeleine and other missing children, like so many others around the world.

Day 534: 18/10/2008 Saturday to Day 555: 08/11/2008 Saturday

No Update

NOVEMBER 2008

Day 556: 09/11/2008 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

A difficult week for Kate and me ended on a positive note last night. Monday was the 3rd of November- 18 months since Madeleine was so cruelly taken from us. We do not usually put a lot of store in specific milestones - these being just another day without Madeleine. This week was unusual in that both Kate and I were feeling low at the same time, which is an uncommon occurrence, and we can usually rely on one of us lifting the other.

We continue to work very hard behind the scenes. Our support team has been expanded as we try to identify what has been done, what has not been done and what can still be done to help find Madeleine. We are not yet halfway through the Portuguese files but there is less information within the files than we were expecting. As I have stated many times, someone has a key bit of information that can unlock this frustratingly difficult and painful situation.

Yesterday we went through to Liverpool for a Race Night organised by the Greenhills Taverners Society- a group who organise fundraising events for local good causes- along with family and friends. On this occasion all proceeds were going towards Madeleines Fund. Around 200 people turned up and everyone enjoyed a good night. Liverpool and Everton donated signed shirts which were auctioned and with tickets and a raffle around '2000 has been raised. A taxi driver, taking home some of our friends, even got in to the spirit of things by donating his fare to the fund. Well done everyone and thanks for all the messages of support prayers- we left Liverpool in much better spirits than when we arrived

Day 557: 10/11/2008 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Correction to my entry last night. After adding all the money up the total raised at the race night was actually '5000! Well done everyone in Liverpool

Day 558: 11/11/2008 Tuesday to Day 597: 20/12/2008 Saturday

No Update

BLOG ERROR ON FIND MADELEINE SITE THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2008

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DECEMBER 2008

Day 598: 21/12/2008 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Your support, information and ideas really do count -

thank you This is our second Christmas without Madeleine.

Please help us make sure we don't have a third

Dear Supporter,

First of all we would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Your solidarity has helped maintain our strength and our hope - especially at this difficult time of year.

A quick update on what has been happening:

As you may have seen in the media, the Portuguese authorities have lifted our 'arguido' status and in July 2008 closed the investigation to find Madeleine. It is therefore even more important now that we, Madeleine's family, do everything we possibly can to try and find our little girl.

Reassuringly, we know that there is absolutely no evidence whatsoever to suggest that Madeleine has been seriously harmed (and this has been further confirmed after studying the recently released Portuguese police files). In light of this, we passionately believe that there is a very strong likelihood that Madeleine is out there and can be found.

With your support we will NEVER give up looking for Madeleine.

Like any family who suddenly find themselves in such a confusing and terrifying situation, we don't know if any of us could have got through all this without the support of people like you. So thank you so much for your help. Without your prayers and efforts, the confusion, isolation and heartache our family has faced would have been so much harder.

Yours sincerely

Gerry and Kate McCann

How else can you help

1. If you're going abroad this Christmas, please download a copy of the poster by clicking here and put them up on your travels.
2. Tell a friend if they're heading off on holiday and would like to help
3. Please, always keep looking, wherever you are in the world. Thank you.

If you would like more information about how you can further support our search for Madeleine, or have any ideas of your own about what else we can do please visit

www.findmadeleine.com

Day 599: 22/12/2008 Monday to Day 649: 10/02/2009 Tuesday

No Update

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FEBRUARY 2009

Day 650: 11/02/2009 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Where does the time go? I cannot believe it is 3 months since I wrote this blog - not that this seems like the most appropriate term for such a sporadic update. We remain incredibly busy and focussed on the search whilst trying to maintain a near normal life. For Kate and me life without Madeleine does not get easier but Sean and Amelie continue to give us a tremendous amount of joy. Amazingly Madeleine remains a large part of their life and they talk about her daily. We just have to find her!

We have a small team of people working tremendously hard behind the scenes - please do not think that because there is regular coverage in the media that the search has stopped.

I visited Lisbon last month and met with the UK Ambassador and our Portuguese

Lawyer. We need to explore every way we can work with the authorities to enhance the search for Madeleine.

Thanks to everyone who has sent letters, donations, prayers and words of support. It is all greatly appreciated.

Day 651: 12/02/2009 Thursday to Day 689: 22/03/2009 Sunday

No Update

MARCH 2009

Day 690: 23/03/2009 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

March 23 2009 As the second anniversary of Madeleine's abduction approaches, there is much still to be done. We continue to remain focussed on our aim - to find Madeleine and bring her back home safely. As Madeleine's parents we cannot and will not ever stop doing all we can to find her

The search for Madeleine continues with the same strength and determination, and thankfully, there are many people who are continuing to help in a variety of ways. The reduction in media reporting does not signify a lack of effort - far from it! If anything, the search for Madeleine goes on with renewed vigour and great experience. We have quietly and persistently been working very hard - exploring all possible avenues in order to get that key piece of information. Someone somewhere knows where Madeleine is.

It is impossible for us to ignore the day to day heartache of missing Madeleine but there is however, a very important and positive fact that remains.... In spite of all the investigative work done, there is still absolutely nothing to suggest harm to Madeleine and therefore, a very real likelihood that Madeleine is alive and well. You only have to recall the cases of Elizabeth Smart, Shawn Hornbeck

and Natascha Kampusch to appreciate that children can seem to disappear 'off the radar' for very long periods of time. The return of these children to their families not only gives us great hope but also starkly emphasises that perseverance is essential, and surely what every such child deserves.

It is vital that we never, ever give up on Madeleine.

Can you imagine a little girl or boy out there, hoping and waiting to be found but for people then to 'write them off', forget about them, just because there's been no 'news' For that child never to be reunited with their family because everyone had given up on them' Just imagine.....

And so, we will never, ever give up. We urge you to remember Madeleine as a real, living and findable little girl. Our most sincere thanks go everyone who is helping us in our efforts. You know why we must keep going. Please don't give up on Madeleine

Day 690: 23/03/2009 Monday

Press release PDF document

On the 3rd May 2007, 3 yr old Madeleine McCann was abducted from the Ocean Club in Praia da Luz, since then, despite extensive enquiries Madeleine is still missing.

It is almost two years since Madeleine McCann disappeared and there is good reason to believe that she is still alive. Madeleine's family and friends will never give up hope.

At the time of Madeleine's disappearance the emphasis was placed more on international appeals and it has been recognised that the local Portuguese residents of Praia da Luz and the surrounding areas have never been properly asked about information they may have to give.

The purpose of the current campaign is to do just that; ask the local Portuguese residents for information to help to find Madeleine.

Experience shows that the crucial answers are in the immediate vicinity, someone in the area could almost certainly have the vital information that could help Madeleine's return to her family, or a combination of people all coming forward with a single piece of information could piece together vital clues which could solve the disappearance.

Experience also shows that people almost always confide in someone else. Someone in Praia da Luz may have been given information that should be passed on and now is the perfect opportunity to do just that, if anyone has information of any kind, do the right thing and pass it on so that Madeleine McCann can go home.

The campaign is about finding Madeleine. Her family hope and believe that local residents can be a very real help. It goes without saying that they would forever be indebted to anyone who had that vital piece of information.

Over the next couple of weeks in the Lagos and Luz areas residents will see posters, billboards and advertisements, leaflets will be distributed in towns and local markets and there will also be a mailing sent to local.

homes appealing for help. It should be stressed that any information given will be treated with the utmost confidence. Information can be given anonymously by telephone, email, text and freepost.

Day 691: 24/03/2009 Tuesday to Day 719: 21/04/2009 Tuesday

No Update

(Day 706: 08/04/2009 McCanns have revamped the official Find Madeline website. The new look website does not include the Blogs. The Blogs on the new revamped website are now known as Updates.)

APRIL 2009

Day 720: 22/04/2009 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Day Gerry used Thursday 22 April 2009

It has been an incredibly busy couple of months. We have been working on 2 main areas: appeals for new information and awareness raising.

The appeal for new information was launched with a local campaign in and around Praia da Luz starting at the end of March. We have had leaflets delivered to local households as well as A-vans, buses and billboards with posters in Portuguese asking for people with information to come forward. The message is that we must not give up on Madeleine and that if someone knows something, it is not too late to do the right thing.

The second aspect of the new appeals is a reconstruction of key sightings and other information from within the files that may generate new leads. These were decided by our senior detective, and will appear in a documentary, which will be screened in the UK by Channel Four on May 7th. This involved filming in and around the site from where Madeleine was taken. We had hoped to do the filming quietly but it did generate a large amount of media attention and I apologised to the local people for this unfortunate disruption.

It is likely that the programme will be screened in Portugal and other European countries and we are very hopeful that this will generate new leads. Since the case has officially closed, it is vital for Kate and me that we continue to try and discover new information that may help us find Madeleine.

In conjunction with the fresh appeals will be continued awareness raising. Although Madeleine disappeared in Portugal she could have been moved out of the country very easily and at this time she could be anywhere in the world. As it is almost 2 years since Madeleine was kidnapped we will also be launching a new 'age progression' photograph. This has been produced by graphics experts at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the USA. We will be visiting NCMEC this week and then appearing on the Oprah Winfrey show to promote this new image. The Oprah show is broadcast in over 100 countries

worldwide and will ensure the new image is disseminated as widely as possible. The poster will be available to download in the support section in the near future.

Finally we would like to thank you all for the continuing support in the ongoing search for Madeleine ' including all the kind messages and thoughts sent for Mother's Day and Easter. It all helps 'thank you!

We must never give up on Madeleine.

Gerry

Day 721: 23/04/2009 Thursday to Day 728: 30/04/2009 Thursday

No Update

MAY 2009

Day 729: 01/05/2009 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

It is two long years since Madeleine was taken. It is two years since we were a happy family of five. The pain and anxiety does not lessen, but our determination to find our beautiful daughter remains steadfast.

We are no longer looking for a 4 year old little girl ' but a 6-year-old one. This is crucial. We are hoping that the new age-progressed image of Madeleine aged 6, produced by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, will help people to see what Madeleine may look like today.

On May 7th at 9pm (UK time), a televised 'reconstruction' of potentially significant and suspicious events from around the time that Madeleine was taken will be aired on Channel 4 in Britain. Much of this information has not been disclosed to the general public before and it is apparent that there are several highly important unanswered questions remaining. Just one of these answers could provide us with that vital piece of information that leads us to Madeleine. It is our hope that these reconstructed scenes will trigger somebody's memory and prompt them to come forward ' giving us the key piece of the jigsaw that we - and Madeleine especially -so desperately need.

Madeleine is **still missing!** She has the right to be back with her family. We have a responsibility to keep looking for her. We urge you ' please do not give up on Madeleine.

Finally, we would like to thank everybody for their continued help and support. We know that we are not alone in our efforts to find Madeleine, or in our desire to have Madeleine back home with us where she belongs.

Thank you.

NEW DESIGN T-SHIRT AVAILABLE ON FIND MADELINE SITE

Day 730: 02/05/2009 Saturday to Day 733: 05/05/2009 Tuesday
No Update

(Two years 03 May 2009 since Madeleine went missing.)

Day 734: 06/05/2009 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates: On Sunday 3rd May 2009

Everton and Sunderland Football Clubs kindly helped us -once again - to remind everyone about Madeleine and the fact that she is still missing

The football community as a whole has helped us hugely over the last two years and we are so grateful for this show of support and solidarity across all clubs and colours. It is incredibly uplifting to have so many supporters with all the passion and pride they display, standing by Madeleine and willing her home. Thank you!

Day 735: 07/05/2009 Thursday to Day 742: 14/05/2009 Thursday

No Update

Reconstruction video clips 08/05/2009

Madeleine's 6th Birthday, 12/05/2009

Day 743: 15/05/2009 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

15th May 2009 Reconstruction update

There has been a huge response to the reconstruction shown on May 7th and we thank you for all the information recieved. Our investigation team are working through all this information and they will recontact where it is necessary to obtain further information.

If you have contacted us through the anonymous message board and are happy to be contacted please pass your information to investigation@findmadeleine.com Once again thank you for not giving up on Madeleine.

Day 744: 16/05/2009 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

16 May 2009: Kate and Gerry McCann and their children to sue Goncalo Amaral

Kate and Gerry McCann - together with their three children - are to sue the former Portuguese police officer Goncalo Amaral over his continuing, grossly defamatory claims that Madeleine is dead and that her parents were somehow involved in concealing their own daughter's body.

In a statement, Kate and Gerry McCann said: "We - together with our three children Madeleine, Sean and Amelie - are taking this legal action against Goncalo Amaral over his entirely unfounded and grossly defamatory claims - made in all types of media, both within Portugal and beyond - that Madeleine is not only dead, but that we, her parents, were somehow involved in concealing her body.

"This decision has been taken to prevent any further publication of Goncalo Amaral's deeply offensive book "The Truth Of The Lie", his so-called television 'documentary' and any repetition of his disgraceful thesis that we are somehow involved in the disappearance of our much loved daughter, Madeleine.

"The primary reason for our legal action is simple: to stop any negative effect that these absurd and deeply hurtful claims may be having on the ongoing search for Madeleine. We can no longer stand back and watch as Mr Amaral tries to convince the entire world that Madeleine is dead. Nor can we allow this blatant injustice to Madeleine, with its obvious risk of hindering our attempts to find her, to continue.

"Mr. Amaral's entirely unjustified claims have not only brought indescribable devastation and suffering to our lives, they have hugely compounded the already immense pain and anxiety we have endured since Madeleine's abduction.

"Our three children are joint complainants in this action because of the detrimental effect Mr Amaral's continued assertions will undoubtedly have on their future lives. Sean and Amelie require protection as they prepare to start school this autumn. Madeleine requires protection from those who are obstructing the possibility of her being found."

Day 745: 17/05/2009 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

KATE & GERRY MESSAGE

Important date coming up: 25th MAY- INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDRENS DAY

Due to this day occurring on a bank holiday, the National Police Improvement Agency (NPIA) is holding a special event on 18th May to mark the day. This will take place at The Deck, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 9PX.

Representatives from police forces and organisations helping missing and exploited children will be present, together with family members whose children are missing.

Please spare a thought for all those children who are separated from their families.

If global efforts are strengthened, more of these vulnerable, innocent children will be found.

Day 746: 18/05/2009 Monday
No Update

Day 747: 19/05/2009 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

KATE & GERRY MESSAGE

Important date coming up: 25th MAY-INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDRENS DAY

Please spare a thought for all those children who are separated from their families. If global efforts are strenghtened, more of these vulnerable, innocent children will be found.

Day 748: 20/05/2009 Wednesday
No Update

Day 749: 21/05/2009 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

[Link 01](#) [Link 02](#)

Have you seen these men' Do you know who they might be' Suspect Pictures
These 2 pictures above show a man carrying a child away from the family's apartment. This sighting was seen by a witness at 21:15 on the evening of Thursday May 3rd 2007

The pictures on the Left show a man that was seen several times by different witnesses during the days leading up to Madeleine's abduction on May 3rd 2007. He was described as ugly with pock-marked skin and was said to be watching the family's apartment intently.

If either of these men appear familiar to you in some way, please contact our investigation team as soon as possible.

Day 749: 21/05/2009 General Update May 2009

May is obviously a difficult month for us now, with the anniversary of Madeleine's abduction as well as Madeleine's birthday. Despite this, it has also been a positive month in several ways, with many people once again offering their support and showing great kindness.

On May 3rd, there were special church services for Madeleine - here in Rothley, in Liverpool and in Praia da Luz. Each of these services was very well attended and described by those there as being very beautiful. In addition many other

masses and prayers were offered for Madeleine on this day throughout the UK and beyond. It is a great comfort for us as a family to know that Madeleine remains so strongly in people's thoughts and prayers.

On May 8th, Bishop Ellis Primary School ('Madeleine's school') held an 'Auction of Promises'. This was a well supported and really fun night, with over '6000 being raised for Madeleine's Fund. Well done and many thanks to everyone who helped make this evening a success! During the same weekend, many runners taking part in a 10K race in Liverpool wore Madeleine 'Don't Give Up On Me' T-shirts and again a substantial amount of money was raised for the fund. Thank you! Keep going everyone - it all helps.

Following on from the Cutting Edge documentary and reconstruction - 'Madeleine was here' - shown initially in the UK on May 7th, we have had many calls and emails coming in to our investigative team. We are really pleased with the response and currently all pieces of information are being prioritised and followed up as necessary. Again, thank you to everyone who has had the courage and compassion to come forward and pass on their information. It may only take one call or one email to unravel this 'puzzle', end the nightmare and hopefully bring our Madeleine home.

On Tuesday May 12th it was Madeleine's birthday. She is now 6 years old. We had a small birthday party with close family and a few of Madeleine's friends. She deserves to be celebrated. Hopefully next year she'll be here to blow out her birthday cake candles herself. Madeleine's grandma and grandad, and great aunt and uncle spent a few days at the shrine in Fatima over the period of Madeleine's birthday and the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. They described it as a very moving experience and a good and comforting place to be at such an emotional time.

Thank you again to everyone for continuing to support us during these difficult times- for all the 'well-wisher' cards, letters and flowers, as well as the birthday cards and gifts sent for Madeleine. Despite the sadness of our situation, we are very aware that we are incredibly lucky to have such kind and invaluable support. Thank you.

Day 750: 22/05/2009 Friday to Day 777: 18/06/2009 Thursday
No Update

JUNE 2009

Day 778: 19/06/2009 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

KATE & GERRY MESSAGE

It is now more than two years since Madeleine was taken from us - more than two years since we saw and held our beautiful daughter, since Sean and Amelie played with their big sister, since we were a happy family of five. Without doubt, two years seems a huge proportion of your life when you're six years old, but in

reality it is just a tiny fraction of the life which lies ahead of you. It is important for us to keep looking forward.

Whilst the fact that Madeleine is still missing remains our greatest anxiety, it is important to remember that the person who took Madeleine remains free. Other children could be at risk from this person too if we do not continue with our investigation, or if the people who know or suspect something remain silent. There is no law enforcement agency actively looking for Madeleine or the person who took her. As such, Madeleine and possibly other children are dependent on good and moral 'everyday' people to help them. We kindly ask you to share this responsibility with us.

Why do we continue'

- There is absolutely nothing to suggest that Madeleine has been harmed.
- Madeleine is still missing and someone needs to be looking for her.
- She is very young and vulnerable and needs our help.
- We love her dearly and miss her beyond words.

We must continue and never give up on Madeleine.

Thank you so much for your continued help, support and information. You have helped to sustain us as a family and continue to increase our chances of finding Madeleine

Day 779: 20/06/2009 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

General Update - 19th June 2009

There has been much reported in the media recently about Raymond Hewlett. As far as our investigators are aware, there is no evidence to link him to Madeleine. He is a person of interest to the inquiry rather than a suspect. Following the sensationalised reporting in certain sections of the media with regards to Mr Hewlett, our investigators wished to interview him in order to eliminate him from the inquiry. Despite our investigators requests via Mr Hewlett's lawyer, their attempts to conduct an interview were unsuccessful as we were simply unwilling to pay. It is very disappointing that certain elements of the media felt it appropriate to pay a convicted paedophile (whether that be directly or indirectly) in order to obtain a 'story', whilst those people who are qualified to carry out such enquiries and who are genuinely looking for Madeleine were unable to do so.

On a more positive note, we have recently been planning a summer campaign in the hope that holiday-makers, travel companies and transport agencies will help us again in our search for Madeleine. So far, things are looking promising and we will soon have "travel packs" available via the website for anyone willing to help in this way. We greatly appreciate the continued help and support we are receiving from the general public. It's incredibly reassuring and uplifting that over two years down the line so many people still want to help. Without doubt, it will increase our chance of finding Madeleine.

On Tuesday evening, we took part in the Rothley & Soar Valley Lions 10K road race here in the village.

Twenty of us (family and friends) wore our Madeleine t-shirts and that together with cheers of encouragement from spectators, made it all worthwhile. It was a

really enjoyable evening and a fantastically well-supported event. We're already talking about next years run! Hopefully we wont be needing to wear our t-shirts for that one

Day 780: 21/06/2009 Sunday to Day 825: 05/08/2009 Wednesday

No Update

*Holiday 'travel packs' now available
10 English posters,
2 luggage tags,
2 wallet cards
1 car sticker
1.75 - to cover postage and packing.*

AUGUST 2009

Day 826: 06/08/2009 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates: Madeleine McCann - New Information Appeal over "Australian" Woman

[Link](#)

A witness has come forward to give the investigators currently searching for Madeleine McCann new information about a suspicious incident that took place in Barcelona in the early hours of May 7th 2007 - just over 72 hours after Madeleine was abducted whilst on holiday in Praia da Luz in Portugal.

The 41-year-old British witness was attending a party with a group of other men in the area of the Port Olympic Marina in Barcelona. It is a busy location that is popular with both tourists and local people. The group had been visiting a number of bars and restaurants in the marina area on the evening of the May 6th 2007 and into the early hours of May 7th 2007.

At around 2.00am on May 7th, the witness became aware of a well-dressed woman, who he describes as appearing agitated. She was seen in the area of the El Rey De La Gamba restaurant-bar for some ten minutes, walking up and down.

The witness got up and walked towards the woman and had a short conversation with her. This conversation was potentially significant to the investigation. However, for strict operational reasons, the investigators will not be divulging any details of what was said to the witness.

It is as a result of this conversation that the investigators now want to trace the woman, who they believe to be possibly Australian.

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Following the conversation the woman sat down in another nearby bar. A further person from the same party group also saw her there. At this bar the woman had a heated discussion with someone in what seemed to be fluent Spanish.

The woman was last seen walking away in the direction of a local hospital and the more distant ferry and cruise ship terminals.

The woman is described by the principal witness as follows:

White

Aged 30 to 35 years

Slim build

Short brown hair

Approximately 5"2 tall

Wearing expensive looking blue jeans and a jersey top, possibly pastel colour

Her build equated to a size 10 dress size.

The witness described her as "a bit of a Victoria Beckham look-a-like". She spoke English with what the witness has described as "possibly an Australian" accent. The investigators now hope the international media, in particular Australian and Spanish broadcasters, will help to distribute the attached e-fit of the woman, which has been prepared by a police artist, as widely as possible.

The British witness does not wish to be identified publicly. The investigators have already conducted some preliminary inquiries in the vicinity of the Port Olimpic

Marina and are continuing to liaise with relevant police forces where necessary.

Anyone who may know the woman should contact the Madeleine McCann investigation team on +44 845 838 4699 or via the Madeleine McCann investigation email address: investigation@findmadeleine.com

Day 827: 07/08/2009 Friday to Day 837: 17/08/2009 Monday

No Update

Day 838: 18/08/2009 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

18 August Re: 'Madeleine Foundation'

We do not wish to dignify the actions of the so-called 'Madeleine Foundation' with any response. We do feel it is important, however, that the general public are made aware that the 'Madeleine Foundation' has no connection whatsoever with our family or those helping us to find Madeleine, including law enforcement agencies or child welfare NGO's (non-governmental organisations). We also strongly believe that the actions of this organisation do not have Madeleine's best interest at heart; if anything, the organisation is hindering all our efforts to find Madeleine and achieve justice.

Day 839: 19/08/2009 Wednesday to Day 858: 07/09/2009 Monday

No Update

Updates have been removed from Find Madeleine website from 03/09/09

Messages of support have stopped at 04/08.09

SEPTEMBER 2009

Day 859: 08/09/2009 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

[Date Gerry used 27th August 2009]

The Finding of Jaycee Lee Dugard in the USA

"Once again - this shows that children can seem to disappear off the radar, only to be found years later alive. It emphasises that we should never assume that

someone is not alive without any evidence to support this - we should never give up.

This case only makes us more determined to find Madeleine. She is somewhere and somebody knows where.
Our thoughts and best wishes are with Jaycee and all her family for a happier and peaceful future."

Day 860: 09/09/2009 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Mr Amaral's Book & dvd banned by court order

" We are pleased with the Judge's decision today preventing further distribution and sale of Mr Amaral's book and dvd -'The Truth of the Lie'.

Mr. Amaral's central thesis has no evidence whatsoever to support it. To claim as he did, that Madeleine is dead, and that we, her parents, were in some way involved with her disappearance, has caused our family incredible distress and it continues to do so.

Without doubt, Madeleine will have suffered as a result of the negative effect this book and dvd will have had on the search for her. Sean and Amelie need protection too from such awful claims.

Hopefully this injunction today will go a long way towards reducing further unnecessary and unjust distress to us all and allow people to concentrate completely on what is important - finding Madeleine. "

Day 861:10/09/2009 Thursday to Day 871: 20/09/2009 Sunday
No Update

Day 872: 21/09/2009 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

[Date Kate used September 13th 2009]

At the start of August this year, our investigators appealed to the general public for more information following a credible account by a witness. This related to a lady acting suspiciously in Barcelona on the 7th May 2007 in the early hours of the morning. Our investigators received approximately 1000 emails and phone calls following this appeal and have been busy working through this information. Thank you to everybody who passed information on to our team. We would like to encourage anyone who may still have potentially relevant information to come forward. It is important to note that although the witness thought that the woman in question may have had an Australian accent, it is possible that this may not be the case.

At the end of August, we learnt of the discovery of JayceeLee Dugard, 28 years after she was abducted at the age of 11. There was nothing new here for Gerry and me, as we have been told of many cases of missing children who have been found years after they were taken from their families. It is important though, as it emphasises yet again how vital it is to never give up on missing children and how criminal and unjust to assume they are no longer alive. A missing child cannot be expected to find their way home, we need to find them. It is tragic and heartbreaking to think of the life which has been stolen from Jaycee and her

family. We hope and pray that they will be able now to find the happiness and peace that they all deserve.

Last week, a judge in Portugal decided to pass an injunction against Goncalo Amaral's book and documentary in which he insists that Madeleine is dead and implies that Gerry and I were somehow involved in her disappearance. Nothing can be more soul-destroying for a parent than for somebody to 'write off' your missing child (for whatever reason) without any evidence to support such a theory. The anguish and torment that we have suffered as a result of Mr. Amaral's unfounded claims and actions has been immense, compounding the pain and sadness we feel every day without Madeleine in our lives. Madeleine deserves so much more than treatment like this. She is still missing and we will never give upon her.

It is important to remember that the good people far outweigh the bad, even though those with cruel intentions can bring you down. Every day we still receive a small bundle of supportive letters to our home and kind messages via the website, as well as positive words from passers-by. After a 'not so good' day, it is this kindness and solidarity that lifts us up and keeps us going. To those people, we are so grateful and we will never forget the great benefit of simple human kindness. Thank you from all our family.

Day 873: 22/09/2009 Tuesday to Day 892: 11/10/2009 Sunday
No Update

OCTOBER 2009

Day 893: 12/10/2009 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

[Aisling Symes Blog removed from site on 22/12/09.]

Aisling Symes

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Aisling and her family. We wish Aisling's parents the strength and support they'll be needing at this most painful time and we join them in hoping for Aisling's safe and speedy return. We urge anyone who has any information about Aisling to come forward to the local police as soon as possible and end this family's suffering."

Day 894: 13/10/2009 Tuesday to Day 902: 21/10/2009 Wednesday

No Update

Day 903: 22/10/2009 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

THANK YOU EVERTON 22nd October 2009

This is a heartfelt note to say a very big thank you to all at Everton Football Club and all of their fantastic supporters. To see so many fans wearing a Madeleine t-shirt was an incredibly uplifting (and emotional!) sight ? such invaluable support and an amazing show of solidarity.

Regardless of tonight's result against Benfica, you have made one family very proud and have made a special and significant impact on the search for a very precious little girl.

On behalf of Madeleine and all of her family, thank you so much. We are very proud to be Blue!



22-10-09- NEW ENTRY PAGE CAPTIONS

New website entrance page.

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If you stay quiet you are as guilty as those who took her.

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A little girl stolen? a family torn apart. But saying nothing is the worst crime of all.

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The world is watching, If you know something? say some thing

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It's never too late to do the right thing.

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One phone call. One email can end one familys nightmare.

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Imagine if she was your child? Imagine the pain and the grief?
Imagine if someone like you never came forward?

[Day 12/10/2009 Aisling Symes Blog now removed from site.]

Day 904: 23/10/2009 Friday to Day 920: 08/11/2009 Sunday. No Update

[Day 908 27/10/09 Find Madeleine website can now be accessed in 3 Languages. English, Spanish and Portuguese.]

NOVEMBER 2009

Day 921: 09/11/2009 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

UPDATE: [Date Gerry used November 8th 2009]

Earlier this week, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (CEOP) launched a special message, an appeal, to the person who knows or strongly suspects who was involved in Madeleine's abduction. The aim of this initiative was (and still is) to prick the conscience of that person who knows and prompt them to come forward with that key piece of information which could lead to Madeleine coming home. The more people we can reach worldwide with this message, the greater the chance of us reaching that person who knows. And the more times this message reaches that person, the greater the chance of them doing the right thing and passing on the information that they have been keeping secret. With this in mind, we would like to thank everyone around the world, individuals and organisations, who have helped us by watching this special message on-line and forwarding it on to their friends, business contacts and network communities. We are once again overwhelmed and uplifted by the amazing commitment and kindness shown by the general public in our efforts to find Madeleine. The message can still be viewed, downloaded and forwarded in 7 different languages from www.ceop.police.uk We would be really grateful for your continued help. Together, we can reach that person who knows.

If you are that person, remember that it is never too late to do the right thing. This will never go away until we have found Madeleine. We love her too much. Please do the right thing by giving that information to your local police. Alternatively, please call the ?Find Madeleine? investigation team on +44 (0)845

838 4699 or email the team at investigation@findmadeleine.com. One email or one phone-call ? and this nightmare could be over for everyone.

Day 922: 10/11/2009 Tuesday to Day 942: 30/11/2009 Monday No Update

DECEMBER 2009

Day 943: 01/12/2009 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

UPDATE: Update November 2009

Thank you to Tony McVey and all at Atlantic Scaffolding in Liverpool for this fantastic show of support and help with our campaign to find Madeleine.

Day 944: 02/12/2009 Wednesday to Day 953: 11/12/2009 Friday No Update

Day 954: 12/12/2009 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Update: Saturday 12th December 2009:

Yesterday morning Gerry and I attended the Civil Court in Lisbon for the planned trial relating to the injunction against Goncalo Amaral's book and DVD. The trial was postponed until January as Mr Amaral's Lawyer was unable to attend. As the injunction remains in place (following the Judge's decision in September), we have no reason to be dissapointed. For us it was important to be there, especially for Madeleine.

We travelled to Praia da Luz yesterday afternoon. I have longed to come back here for two years for personal and emotional reasons. Early this morning we went to the lovely little church of Nossa Senhora da Luz. It was so quiet and peaceful - a real sanctuary. Although our pain feels much rawer here, it is comforting at the same time since we feel closer to Madeleine. We then walked down to the rocks on the beach, with its crashing waves and sense of vastness and freedom -another place where I've always felt able to reach out to Madeleine and find a little solace. For the rest of today we are planning to catch up with some very good friends. We hope that the media will respect our privacy and needs, as requested, as well as those of the local community.

Day 955: 13/12/2009 Sunday to Day 960: 18/12/2009 Friday No Update

18-12-09- NEW ENTRY PAGES CHRISTMAS APPEAL CAPTIONS

All we want this Christmas is for Madeleine to be home.
If you know something say something

Christmas is a time for children. Please help us bring ours back

Madeleine is just one of many children who aren't with their families this Christmas. Please spare a thought for them.

There will be a spare place at the Christmas table again this year.
If you know anything - do the right thing and help us fill it.

There's only one thing Madeleine wants for Christmas - and that's to be back home. If you know where she might be please help.

Day 961: 19/12/2009 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Christmas Update: December 18th 2009

It is heartbreaking for our family to accept the likelihood of spending a third Christmas without Madeleine. Her absence is even more tangible at this time of year. It is difficult also to believe that another year has passed by.

It has however been an incredibly busy year with so much hard work going into the investigation and campaign to find Madeleine. This fact alone is positive in many ways and probably explains why the last twelve months appear to have flown by! There is however also a feeling of great disappointment when the one thing that we want so badly still eludes us.

Some people (thankfully in the minority) may have their own reasons and agendas for wanting to discontinue the search for Madeleine, and for others it may be easier or more 'convenient' to give up. For us, there is no option, no alternative. We long for our 'baby', our daughter, our sister, our granddaughter,

our friend, our dear sweet Madeleine to be home. This drive and perseverance to find her is not wishful thinking; it is reinforced by facts and evidence. The facts and evidence say: Madeleine is still missing and there is a very real likelihood that she is alive. Hence the search to find her must continue.

Whilst it has been left for us as Madeleine's parents to find our daughter, there is no doubt that our chances of finding her are much greater with the eyes, ears, hearts and minds of the general public assisting us.

We would like to thank everyone who continues to support and help us. Thank you also for all the Christmas cards, kind messages, flowers and gifts, as well as the many masses and prayers offered for Madeleine. This wonderful support, together with the commitment of so many people to finding Madeleine is quite incredible and invaluable.

We can assure you that we will never stop looking for Madeleine and our resolve will not weaken, no matter what challenges are put in our way. We are prepared to pursue all avenues if it is felt to be of benefit to Madeleine. We continue to hope and pray that the coming year will be a happy and successful one.

Merry Christmas to all of Madeleine's supporters and our best wishes for a very good and peaceful 2010.

Day 962: 20/12/2009 Sunday to Day 987: 14/01/2010 Thursday
No Update

JANUARY 2010

Day 988: 15/01/2010 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Court Case (Injunction) in Lisbon 14th January 2010

We are currently in Lisbon for the trial to determine whether the injunction against Mr Amaral's book and DVD should remain in place. This trial is about whether the book is a true reflection of the official judicial process in to Madeleine's disappearance and whether its contents damage the ongoing search for Madeleine, her siblings and our reputations.

Mr Amaral's book and DVD contains some information from the PJ files but there is a lot in the files which is not in Mr Amaral's book. Hence it is highly selective and therefore biased. Mr Amaral's book contains his opinions rather than fact. His

opinions differ from the findings in the PJ file. The conclusions of the latter are: 1. there is no evidence that Madeleine is dead and 2. there is no evidence that Gerry or I are involved in Madeleine's disappearance. This is very different to the theories and conclusions of Mr Amaral. It is logical and common sense that spreading these theories as Mr Amaral did (and continues to do) damages the search to find our little girl. If the general public (and the Portuguese people in particular) are bombarded day in and day out with such theories, this will eventually 'colour' their understanding and judgement - lies and inaccuracies become fact. If people subsequently believe that Madeleine is dead and that we are involved in her disappearance then they will not look for Madeleine, will not consider any suspicions about others which they may have and will not come forward with information. We consider this highly detrimental to the search for Madeleine.

There are few points which have been raised in the last few days which I would like to address specifically:

Abduction theory: For us, there is only the abduction theory possible because we were not involved in Madeleine's disappearance and we know Madeleine did not wander off by herself. It is obvious and right that the police should consider other theories initially.

The window: I described to the police officers exactly what I found that night, as it was and is highly relevant and I knew that every little detail could be helpful in finding my daughter which is our only aim. The window which is a ground floor window was completely open and is large enough for a person to easily climb through it. Whether it had been opened for this purpose remains unknown. It could of course have been opened by the perpetrator when inside the apartment as a potential escape route or left open as a 'red herring'

The dogs: We realise that the behaviour of the dogs was the turning point in the investigation for the PJ. The use of dogs has proved to be problematic and unreliable in previous cases

(please refer to the Jersey 'Haut de La Garenne' case and other research published about their use and reliability). It is vital to note that alerts by such dogs are classified as intelligence rather than evidence, as police officers familiar with their use will verify. These alerts must be supported by forensics in order to be used as evidence. The results of the forensic examinations did not identify any blood or Madeleine's DNA. To suggest or use the dogs' reactions as evidence is simply wrong and abusive.

The proposed reconstruction: The suggestion of a reconstruction of our movements and other key witnesses at the crime scene and/or surrounding area in the early days following Madeleine's abduction was declined by the PJ as 'not usual' for Portugal. When the PJ finally requested a reconstruction to take place in 2008, Gerry and I were still arguidos and as such would have attended for a reconstruction. Some key witnesses (including some of our friends) declined to attend the planned reconstruction as they were not convinced of the aims and usefulness of it. In particular, as the reconstruction was not to be shown to the media (and hence the general public), they did not feel it would help to find Madeleine. Had the intention been to show it to the general public, it may have

'jogged' memories and encouraged people to come forward with information. It should be added that other key witnesses were not invited to attend.

Our team is confident that the injunction will remain in place because none of the witnesses thus far have been able to prove in court that Mr. Amaral's right to express his opinion is superior to the rights of our family to peace, respect and protection of reputation, and above all, the right to continue the search for our daughter Madeleine effectively and without hindrance. As has been made clear this week, Mr Amaral's 'thesis' is not supported by any evidence. The search for Madeleine must go on until we find her and bring her abductor(s) to justice.

Kate McCann

Day 989: 16/01/2010 Saturday to Day 999:26/01/2010 Tuesday
No Update

Day 1000 27/01/2010 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Today marks 1000 days since Madeleine was taken from us. It's hard to even say the number. We remember the first few days after Madeleine was taken, watching the clock and counting every hour. Now we've reached 1000 days.

It's difficult sometimes to understand how we've been able to keep going and survive without Madeleine, especially since nothing has changed since that terrifying first night. Madeleine is still missing. Sometimes it even feels 'wrong' to be coping. And yet if we weren't, there would be no search and no campaign to find Madeleine and that just doesn't bear thinking about! We are very aware though that our ability to cope and keep going for Madeleine has been greatly augmented by the incredible support we have received from so many people and this should never be underestimated. We will always remember and be forever grateful for this help, support and kindness.

This evening we will be holding a fund-raising event in London – 'Still Missing, Still Missed; An Evening for Madeleine'. We will be remembering Madeleine and other missing children throughout the world. We are hoping to raise a good amount of money to further the search for Madeleine but also to benefit the charities, Missing People and Missing Children Europe and the fantastic but often unrecognised work that they do on behalf of all missing children in the UK and Europe.

Also this evening, 1000 lanterns will be released into the night sky - an event which has been called 'Look Up & Look Out for Madeleine'. They will be released from many different locations in the UK, Portugal and the USA. It is a symbolic way for our family, friends and supporters to show that we have not forgotten Madeleine and will never give up on her.

In addition to the above, Simon Armitage has very kindly (and courageously) written a poem for Madeleine to coincide with the 1000th day since her disappearance. It is called 'The Beacon'. We think it is an incredible and really beautiful sonnet. It manages to convey so accurately and succinctly, both our darker moments and the reality of hope and possibility, as well as including powerful and touching references to Madeleine. We hope it will be read by many.

One thousand days.

Madeleine is still missing and she needs to be found.

We will continue to turn every stone. We will never give upon Madeleine.

Thank you for your support and solidarity. Together we can bring Madeleine home.

The Beacon

Dusk, doubt, the growing depth of an evening sky,
dark setting in as it did that night,
the forever vastness of outer space
reflecting the emptiness here inside,
shadowing, colouring, clouding the mind.

But somewhere out there there has to be life,
the distance only a matter of time,
a world *like our own*, its markings and shades
as uniquely formed as a daughter's eye,
distinctly flecked, undeniably hers,
looking back this way through the miles and years

to a lantern cupping a golden blaze,
its candle alive with a fierce blonde flame
for the thousandth time, for as long as it takes.

by Simon Armitage

Enter website 

Day 1001: 28/01/2010 Thursday to Day 1022: 18/02/2010 Thursday
No Update

FEBRUARY 2010

Day 1023: 19/02/2010 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Verdict on Goncalo Amaral's book and DVD

We are very pleased and relieved with the judge's decision today. By upholding the injunction against Goncalo Amaral's book and DVD, the judge has rightly agreed that there has been significant, ongoing damage to the search for our beloved daughter Madeleine and to the rights of our family. We are grateful to the judge for accepting that this injustice must not continue.

The court case has demonstrated, once again, that there is no evidence that Madeleine has come to any harm. It has also clearly shown that no police force is actively looking for Madeleine, even when they are, shockingly, presented with new information and leads. The motives of those who have tried to convince the world that Madeleine is dead, and who've disgracefully and falsely tried to implicate us in her disappearance, need to be seriously questioned.

As painful and personally damaging as the slanderous claims of Mr Amaral and his supporters have been to us and our family, our primary focus has always been, and always will be, to find Madeleine through our own best investigative efforts. It is still incumbent upon the British and Portuguese authorities to ensure that every credible lead has been investigated and that a meaningful search for our innocent and vulnerable little girl is properly carried out.

We must and will keep looking for Madeleine and those responsible for her abduction. We implore the public, especially the Portuguese people, to help us look for Madeleine, to remain vigilant and to give us any information that could help us find our daughter. Please do not give up on Madeleine. Please call 800 814 028 (In Portugal) or 0845 838 4699.

Thank you

Kate and Gerry McCann

Day 1024: 20/02/2010 Saturday to Day 1037: 05/03/2010 Friday
No Update

MARCH 2010

Day 1038: 06/03/2010 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Statement March 5th 2010

Events this week have yet again been incomprehensible and particularly upsetting.

On Tuesday, the Public Prosecutor in Portugal released a large number of documents (relating to the investigation to find our daughter Madeleine) to the British Media, following their request for access. Disclosing such information publicly greatly jeopardises the search for Madeleine and puts witnesses and innocent members of the general public at risk (as well as causing them great anxiety). Release and publication of information in this manner also potentially compromises future investigations. It is difficult to see how anyone benefits from this week's actions.

It is imperative that the Authorities take responsibility for sensitive and confidential information. We, together with the general public, need assurances that this will not be allowed to happen again. Equally, we need absolute assurances that all credible information and leads will be investigated.

We also urge each individual working for the media to consider their own personal responsibility - to put commercial interests aside occasionally and to bear in mind the potential consequences of their actions, especially when people's lives and well-being are at risk.

Our own investigators have acted professionally and with complete integrity. We are eager to encourage anybody who has any information which may relate to Madeleine's abduction to contact our investigation team directly by phone (0845 838 4699 or 800 814 028), by email (<http://www.investigation@findmadeleine.com/>) or via the P.O box address given on the website. Information may be given anonymously via each route.

We are incredibly grateful to all those who continue to support us in our search for Madeleine. During weeks such as these, it is invaluable to know that we are not facing this difficult journey alone

Day 1039: 07/03/2010 Sunday to Day 1044: 12/03/2010 Friday *No Update*

Day 1045: 13/03/2010 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Update: Saturday 13th March 2010

Today we joined hundreds of runners to take part in a 10km run in Hyde Park to support the work of the charity 'Missing People' (<http://www.missingpeople.org.uk/>).

'Miles for Missing People' is the first of what will now be an annual event.

Many relatives who also have a family member missing (through a variety of different circumstances) came to support the event and raise awareness for all missing children and adults.

We want to thank Martin Houghton-Brown and the team at Missing People for organising today's run, and of course for all their commitment and hard work, despite limited resources and recognition.

We would also like to thank everyone who came to run and/or show their support today, as well as all those who have very generously sponsored me and the other runners.

Events like that today, help to remind the world that these children and adults are still missing. By supporting such a cause, we are all giving them a much needed chance of being found - and hopefully reunited with their family

Day 1046: 14/03/2010 Sunday to Day 1094: 01/05/2010 Saturday
No Update

MAY 2010

Day 1095: 02/05/2010 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Website Update: Third Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who has stayed with us during the past three years ' hoping, praying and supporting our efforts to find Madeleine and bring her home. We know we couldn't have achieved as much as we have without this help.

Milestones and anniversaries are never easy, but the work to find our little Madeleine will continue regardless, with the same determination and tenacity as it always has and for as long as it takes.

It might be three years without Madeleine but it certainly doesn't feel like we're at the end of the line - far from it.

Madeleine. Still missing, still missed, still looking!

**Day 1096: 03/05/2010 Monday Day 1106: 13/05/2010 Thursday
No Update**

[12 May 2010 Madeleines 7th Birthday]

Day 1107: 14/05/2010 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Update: Another 81 Miles for Madeleine

Poster for Event

Madeleine has been missing for just over 3 years and recently had her 7th birthday.

This weekend I am competing in the Etape Caledonia - an 81 mile (130km) cycle through Highland Perthshire with almost 2000m of ascent. I am raising money for Madeleine's Fund- Leaving No Stone Unturned and I would be grateful if you would consider sponsoring me. I hope to get round in under 5 hours- weather, injuries and luck permitting!

Donations can be made online via our donation page or directly through internet transfers (direction are on the donation page).

Please include etape in the reference.

Thank you..
Gerry

**Day 1108: 15/05/2010 Saturday to Day 1112: 19/05/2010 Wednesday
No Update**

Day 1113: 20/05/2010 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Update: May 18th, 2010 *[date used]*

I competed in the Etape Caledonia on Sunday, May 16. Due to mild conditions, excellent pacemaking (especially Duncan Morrison number 1172) and a following wind the whole way round, I managed to come in well ahead of expected in 3 hours 51min 27sec. I finished 171st out of over 3500 finishers so there is not much room for improvement next year!

Thanks to all who have sponsored me and especially Andy Renwick, Alan Crombie, Paul MacIntyre and Michelle Jeffrey for support on the day and donating to Madeleine's fund.
Gerry

Day 1114: 21/05/2010 Friday to Day 1116: 23/05/2010 Sunday
No Update

Day 1117: 24/05/2010 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY: May 25th

Tuesday (25th May) is International Missing Children's Day (IMCD). This is a day when we remember all of those children around the world who are missing and separated from their families.

It is also an opportunity for everyone to try and help these children and to make a difference to this vast and tragic global problem.

The NPIA will be re-launching the UK's Child Rescue Alert on Tuesday.

This 'Alert' system for child abductions has been updated in order to improve its effectiveness. It should hopefully prove to be a very useful aid in finding abducted children quickly and returning them to their families. Our hope is that the 27 European Member States will all strive to have similar systems up and running effectively as soon as possible, including the essential facility for cross-border cooperation.

PACT (Parents and Abducted Children Together) will be marking International Missing Children's Day in a particularly exciting way! Have a look on www.pact-online.org now to find out how. The team at PACT do an incredible job in trying to make the world a safer place for our children, so please support them if you can.

As a parent of a missing child, every day is difficult in some way. We would like to ask everybody to spare a thought and prayer for all missing children, during this coming Tuesday in particular. If you can help in any way, either through practical means, by improving awareness in some way or by donating to one of the Missing Children organisations (see our 'Missing Children' section) we would be very grateful.

Just because a problem cannot be seen, doesn't mean it's not there or can be forgotten. Missing children need our help. We can all make a difference.

Thank you for your fantastic support.

Kate

Day 1118: 25/05/2010 Tuesday to Day 1123: 30/05/2010 Sunday
No Update

Day 1124: 31/05/2010 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

May 31st, Important Update: Child Rescue Alert

Last Tuesday, May 25th, was **International Missing Children's Day**. Disappointingly, the day didn't seem to get as much attention as it deserves, or rather, as all missing children deserve ' and need!

The day was also important as the **UK's new 'Child Rescue Alert'** was launched. Gerry and I, along with many others, campaigned hard back in 2008 for the development of such a system within all countries across Europe, to help when a child is abducted. Many of you also helped to make this campaign successful by lobbying your M.E.P.'s at this time. In view of this, I feel it's important that as many people as possible within the UK are aware of, and familiar with this new 'Child Rescue Alert'. This is a system which could save the life of a child. Each member of our country could play a role in achieving this, if they are aware of the CRA and its usage.

The Child Rescue Alert will be used by the police when it is probable that a child has been abducted and in imminent danger of serious harm or death. When the CRA is launched, the public will be notified via various media channels, including TV and radio, with broadcasts being interrupted on a regular basis, to ensure that as many people as possible are aware of the abduction and therefore able to help. The telephone number to call with information following an alert will be: 0300 2000 333. (NB: If you think your child has been abducted or if you think you have seen an abduction taking place before a CRA is launched, call 999 immediately).

For more information on the Child Rescue Alert, please visit www.npia.police.uk

Another way to help missing children right now is to visit http://shop.ebay.co.uk/pact_auction/m.html. This is an on-line auction of celebrity artwork organised by PACT (Parents and Abducted Children Together; www.pact-online.org) in support of missing children. You can bid now for creative 'balloon' artwork by Robert Pattinson, Sir Roger Moore, Sir Michael Caine and many more ' and at the same time help PACT continue their desperately important work on behalf of all missing children! (The auction closes later this week).

Finally, as another May comes to an end, we'd like to say another 'thank you' to everyone who has continued to support us in our search for Madeleine. We are so grateful for all the cards and letters full of kind words and encouragement, the donations to 'Madeleine's Fund', the beautiful flowers and also the birthday cards and gifts for Madeleine. Suffice to say, such support and kindness is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Kate

Day 1125: 01/06/2010 Tuesday to Day 1153: 29/06/2010 Tuesday
No Update

JUNE 2010

Day 1154: 30/06/2010 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann
Missing Children: Kate's Message

It is only since Madeleine was taken from us, that Gerry and myself have become aware of just how many children go missing each year from all around the world. The scale of the problem is huge. In fact, it is terrifying. I have asked myself many times "why did I not know about this? Am I that naive or is it the fact that the problem itself is not well publicised for whatever reason?"

It is impossible to give a number for the amount of children that go missing but suffice to say it is hundreds of thousands. This includes 'runaway' children, parental/family abductions and 'stranger' abductions such as in Madeleine's case. The reason for the lack of precision with regards to number of cases, appears to be that there is as yet (in the UK and many countries throughout Europe at least), no standard method for collecting, recording and categorising data. Without this, it is not possible to implement strategies to tackle the problem - recover children and reunite them with their families as soon as possible. PACT (Parents and Abducted Children Together) is one of the organisations in the UK trying to propose/request such national policies be brought in to place by the Government. Surely our children deserve this?

Madeleine's abduction itself was quite unusual, in that it was the abduction of a ?foreign national?. This introduced unique difficulties, not least a language barrier. Given that people and families travel quite extensively nowadays particularly within a 'borderless' Europe, we believe that a Europe-wide response to the problem is mandatory. I would think that not an unreasonable request of countries belonging to a 'European Union'

It is fair to say that the USA is probably at least 20 years ahead when it comes to dealing with the problem of missing and abducted children. NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) was founded in 1984 by John and Reve Walsh after they sadly experienced the frustration and lack of effective response available, when their own son, Adam, was abducted and subsequently found murdered in Florida in 1981. NCMEC now offers a vast range of invaluable resources to law enforcement agencies, helping to investigate cases of missing children and child exploitation cases as well as training and education. These resources along with the AMBER Alert system which operates in the USA (a nationwide effort between police departments and the media to blanket local airwaves immediately with information and photographs when a child is abducted) have led to the safe recovery of many children. Needless to say, the Americans have a great deal of experience and knowledge to offer, and we need to learn from them if we wish to make Europe and the rest of the world a safer place for our children. In recent years, similar 'Child Rescue Alert' systems have been introduced in certain European countries- Belgium, France, UK and Greece but we have a long, long way to go.

Gerry and I have been criticised at times for publicising Madeleine's disappearance. We did what we felt was best at that time, obviously having no experience of such ordeals. Thankfully NCMEC has assured us that this was the right thing to do. People have asked (usually in a critical manner) ?why has Madeleine received such attention when there are thousands of missing children

around the world?? My feeling is that the publicity surrounding Madeleine's abduction was not inappropriate- Every child in such a situation should receive this same amount of attention, but it shouldn't be down to the family to instigate it. The public awareness of Madeleine's plight has at the very least, highlighted cases of other missing children and the extent of the problem as a whole, and from that we can take a small bit of comfort.

All missing children are vulnerable to exploitation including sexual exploitation, with this being the motive in many of those cases of stranger abductions where a motive can be determined. Child sexual exploitation and child pornography in particular, is sadly and shockingly extensive worldwide. It is a multi-billion dollar industry aided by the use of the Internet with the 'thirst' for younger victims growing. Once again, my 'bubble' of a life burst as I began to discover the facts relating to this now global crisis. As we travelled through Europe in an attempt to raise awareness of Madeleine's abduction and appeal for help, we were repeatedly made aware of the unbelievable existence of such a horrifying activity and its vastness in our so called civilised and 'child-loving' society. How can such 'businesses' be condoned or tolerated by us all? What are the benefits for our children of being in a European Union where several member countries offer child pornography as a LEGAL past time? The most vulnerable members of our society are our children and they deserve better than this. Lack of sex offender registers, lack of reliable tracking systems for known offenders and no CRB check requirements , not even for those working with children are other major areas of concern within many parts of Europe. My eyes have certainly been opened to a whole new world out there - a very worrying one.

As a parent of an abducted child, I can tell you that it is the most painful and agonising experience you could ever imagine. My thoughts of the fear, confusion and loss of love and security that my precious daughter has had to endure are unbearable - crippling. And yet I am not the victim, Madeleine is. No child should EVER have to experience something so terrible.

JULY 2010

Day 1155: 01/07/2010 Thursday to Day 1160: 06/07/2010 Tuesday

(ORIGINAL) plus 3 edits

New support Student page added to Find Madeleine site today

Support: Students for Madeleine

Sign-Up

Name:

Email Address:

Course/Degree:

University/School:

Member of Student Union: Yes No

Member of social networking sites (which ones) :

Are you travelling this year':

Where are you going':

when

Day 1156: 02/07/2010 Friday

(Edited 1st Time): Support: Students for Madeleine
(New entry page not working)

We know many students travel over the summer, take gap-year travel and also go places off the beaten path. We are launching a new initiative for students to help in the search for Madeleine.

If you would like to help with this project, please send the information below to: students_for_madeleine@findmadeleine.com .

Name
Email Address
Course/Degree
University/School
Member of Student Union?
Member of social networking sites (which ones)?
Are you travelling this year?
Where are you going?
When

Day 1157: 03/07/2010 Saturday

(Edited 2nd time) Support: Students for Madeleine

As a student you may be travelling over the summer, or taking a gap-year and even exploring places that are off the beaten track.

If this sounds like you, then via our new student initiative, you might be able to play a vital role in the search for Madeleine. Please fill out the form below and our 'Students for Madeleine' Program Manager will be in contact with you shortly.

To find out more about this part of the Find Madeleine Campaign, please email: sfm@findmadeleine.com .

With your support we can find Madeleine.
Thank you.

Sign-Up
Name:
Email Address:
Course/Degree:
University/School:
Member of Student Union: Yes No
Member of social networking sites (check all that apply)?:
Facebook
Twitter
MySpace
Bebo
Digg
Reddit
Flickr

StumbleUpon
YouTube

Are you travelling this year?: Yes No

If yes, where are you going? (example: Country1, Country2, Country 3):

When
Submit Cancel

Day 1158: 04/07/2010 Sunday to Day 1159: 05/07/2010 Monday No Update

Day 1160: 06/07/2010 Tuesday

(Edited 3rd time) Support: Students for Madeleine
(New entry page now working)

Reaching out to all students?????????Can you help?

We are launching a new initiative for students to help us in our search for Madeleine. To increase our chances of finding Madeleine, it is vital that we maintain awareness of her in as many places as possible worldwide. 1 in 6 children are found and returned to their families, simply because a member of the general public has recognised them after seeing their face on a poster!

We know that many students travel over the summer, often to places off the beaten path. Others may decide to take a 'gap-year' before continuing on to university.

If you are a student and would be willing to help with this initiative, we would be very grateful if you would fill-out the form below. Our 'Students for Madeleine?' Program Manager will then make contact with you to suggest ways in which you can help.

If you have any questions regarding this aspect of the Find Madeleine Campaign, please send an Email to sfm@findmadeleine.com.
Thank you.

Name:

Email Address:

Course/Degree:

University/School:

Member of Student Union: Yes No

Member of social networking sites (check all that apply)?:

Facebook

Twitter

MySpace

Bebo

Digg

Reddit

Flickr

StumbleUpon

YouTube
Are you travelling this year?: Yes No
If yes, where are you going? (example: Country1, Country2, Country 3):
When
Submit Cancel

Day 1161: 07/07/2010 Wednesday to Day 1219: 03/09/2010 Friday No Update

Website Entry page reorganised

Have you seen these people?

If you have, please contact our investigation team at:

+44 845 838 4699

SEPTEMBER 2010

Day 1220: 04/09/2010 Saturday. Madeleine Beth McCann

FUND PAGE RESIGNATIONS UPDATED

Fund updates Douglas Skehan resignation 24/08/ 2010

John McCann Resignation 23/07/2010

(6) Who are the directors of Madeleine's Fund?

There are nine directors of the Fund. They are:

- ? Peter Hubner; a retired consultant;
- ? Brian Kennedy, a retired head teacher;
- ? Edward Smethurst - A Commercial lawyer;
- ? Jon Corner - Director of a media company;
- ? Michael Linett- retired accountant
- ? Kate McCann General Practitioner
- ? Gerry McCann Consultant Cardiologist

(7) What is the money being spent on?

The majority of the fund money has been and continues to be spent on investigative work to help find Madeleine. Additionally money continues to be

spent on the wider 'Awareness Campaign' 'reminding people that Madeleine is still missing and to remain vigilant. None of the directors have taken any money from the fund as remuneration.

Anyone who wishes further information with regards to the financial details of Madeleine's Fund and its professional advisors, please refer to the accounts filed at Companies House. Crown Way Maindy Cardiff CF14 3UZ

Day 1221: 05/09/2010 Sunday to Day 1223: 07/09/2010 Tuesday

No Update

Day 1224: 08/09/2010 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

About the Fund

Madeleine's Fund - 'Leaving No Stone Unturned' is a not-for-profit company which has been established to find Madeleine McCann, support her family and bring her abductors to justice. The Fund is following best practice governance procedures as set out in the Good Governance Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector. The directors of the company are Peter Hubner, Brian Kennedy, Michael Linnett, Edward Smethurst, Jon Corner, Kate McCann & Gerry McCann. They have appropriate legal, business and charitable experience. An experienced Fund Administrator has been appointed to ensure the highest standards of transparency and accountability. This should enable the Directors to maintain an appropriate governance distance in the day-to-day operations of the Fund.

Poster Display Map

Step 1 - Pinpoint Where You Have Put-up a Poster

- Step 1
Pin Point Poster
- Step 2
You're Information
- Step 3
Attach a Photo

Download Posters

Drag the marker to where you put a Madeleine Poster:

Day 1225: 09/09/2010 to Day 1232: 16/09/2010 Thursday.

No Update

Day 1233: 17/09/2010 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Update September 6th 2010 (Date appeared on line Day 1233 17/09/10)

As the Summer draws to a close, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped with our Summer Campaign by using Madeleine luggage tags, displaying posters, wearing Madeleine t-shirts while on their travels and of course for remaining vigilant. Thank you also to all the students who are helping with our 'Students for Madeleine' initiative. I have no doubt that it all helps. Keeping Madeleine's image out there greatly increases our chances of finding her. It is a reminder to people that she is still missing and to please keep looking for her. In addition, we know that somebody knows where Madeleine is. One more reminder of her may be all that it takes for them to finally come forward and let us know.

Despite the summertime being a relatively quiet period for everyone, our work to find Madeleine continues. There will be some changes and development in terms of strategy and ideas as we endeavour to leave no stone unturned in our search. This will include some changes to the board of Madeleine's Fund, simply to try and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of what we are doing. It has now been three years and four months since Madeleine was taken from us. None of us ever thought we'd still be in the position we are today. Inevitably there has to be change for a variety of reasons but importantly, this will also allow people to help and support us in different ways. Regardless of change, everyone's focus, commitment and desire continues to be that of finding Madeleine.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Day 1234: 18/09/2010 Saturday to Day 1250: 04/10/2010 Monday

No Update

OCTOBER 2010

Day 1251: 05/10/2010 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

We were told last night of the resignation of Jim Gamble from the Child Exploitation and On Line Protection Unit (CEOP). We are certain that he will be a huge loss to the field of child protection. Knowing how committed Mr Gamble is to this cause, it is extremely saddening that he feels unable to continue to lead CEOP which appears to be as a consequence of the proposed Governmental changes.

The search for our daughter Madeleine has been greatly enhanced by the work carried out by the team at CEOP. We would like to thank Mr Gamble for all of his efforts, both for Madeleine and for all missing and exploited children.

In this challenging economic climate, we urge the Government to remember the value of our children and the importance of the invaluable work which is necessary to protect children against the devastating crimes of child abduction and exploitation

Day 1252: 06/10/2010 Wednesday to Day 1279: 02/11/2010 Tuesday
No Update

[Day 1274: 28/10/2010 Thursday New German website launched]

NOVEMBER 2010

Day 1280: 03/11/2010 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Wednesday, 3rd November, 2010

It is exactly three and a half years since our daughter Madeleine was

so cruelly taken from us. Three and a half years without her seeing her brother, her sister, her Mummy, her Daddy or her best friends.

We are still searching for her. Our small team continues to review all available information, even though we STILL don't have access to ALL of the information that the UK and Portuguese authorities have. Our team has interviewed hundreds of witnesses, received over 1000 calls, dealt with over 15,000 emails and maintained a computerised database of all information they have received. Despite the difficulties resulting from lack of official assistance, they 'follow up' all new leads to try and get fresh information into the investigation.

It is incredible to think that for the last two years and three months NO police force has proactively been doing anything to help us find Madeleine. Crucially, there has been NO formal review of the material held by the police authorities - which is routine practice in most countries, and especially when a key piece of the 'jigsaw' may have been overlooked.

We have tried in vain to get the authorities to play their part but our requests have seemingly fallen on deaf ears. It is simply not acceptable that they have, to all intents and purposes, given up on Madeleine. We need the authorities to do more.

However we know we are not alone. We have the tremendous support of family, friends and of course you the public. A lot of this support comes in the form of people saying to us 'if there's anything we can do, just let us know or 'I'd like to

help but I don't know how'. To these people, and indeed yourself, my plea is simple:

We need your support to continue to lobby the British and Portuguese Governments to undertake a joint or independent review of Madeleine's case.

How can you do this? Simply visit:

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/madeleinemccann_case_review/ today and sign the petition to call on the UK and Portuguese authorities to conduct an independent and transparent review of all information in relation to the disappearance of Madeleine. And in turn, please spread the word and encourage as many others to do the same. Together we can, and will pull all of the loose ends of Madeleine's case together and find her.

Thank you.

Looking for our daughter is not without significant cost.

Another way you can show your support is by continuing to help us fund the search for Madeleine.

To carry on searching for Madeleine and to ensure that the process has continued in a meaningful and proactive way, we have been able to utilise the generous donations paid in to Madeleine's Fund by the general public, libel damages paid to ourselves and our friends and money raised through a variety of fund-raising efforts. The fund has allowed;

- Our investigation team of ex-police officers to operate and conduct enquiries in the UK, Portugal and further afield.
- A Portuguese assistant/translator.
- A 24 hour telephone line with translators to receive information from the public
- Media liaison in Portugal and the UK to ensure that we convey the simple factual messages: there is absolutely no evidence that Madeleine has been physically harmed; we must keep looking for her and those who took her.
- Awareness campaigns in Portugal, Spain and further afield.
- Website hosting and development and social network site campaigns to raise awareness through the internet
- A part-time campaign coordinator

If Madeleine's Fund remains as it is, with the current rate of expenditure, it will run out in Spring 2011. This would essentially mean that any kind of proactive search for Madeleine would cease. So again we need your help. If you can,

please consider donating to Madeleine's fund.

- £1 pays for the multi-lingual call centre availability for 1 hour
- £2 per month pays for 12 travel packs that are distributed to holidaymakers going all over the world
- £10 pays for 1000 posters that are translated and distributed across the world.
- £25 pays for the access to a 24 hour multi-lingual telephone service for 1 day
- £50 pays for the running costs of investigation office (and staff) for 2 hours
- £420 pays for 10,000 multi-lingual prayer cards for Madeleine, with photograph and contact details

Someone knows what has happened to Madeleine. We simply need to reach that person. We need to obtain that key piece of information, that 'missing piece of the jigsaw'. One call may be all we need to find Madeleine and who took her.

Our little girl is now seven years old; innocent, vulnerable and waiting to be found. Please, please sign the petition and help us to find her.

On behalf of my family, thank you.

Gerry

Day 1281: 04/11/2010 Thursday to Day 1292: 15/11/2010 Monday
No Update

Day 1293: 16/11/2010 Tuesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Monday, 15th November, 2010

(Date appeared on line 16/11/2010)

There are several different reasons as to why I finally came to the decision with my husband Gerry to write and publish a book. This decision has not been an easy one. Many factors needed to be given thorough and careful consideration, not least the impact of such a book on the lives of our three children. My reason for writing is simple; to give an account of the truth.

Publishing this book has been a very difficult decision and is one that we have taken after much deliberation and with a very heavy heart. However, in the last few months with the depletion of Madeleine's Fund, it is a decision that has virtually been taken out of our hands.

Every penny we raise through its sales will be spent on our search for Madeleine. Nothing is more important to us than finding our little girl.

We are hopeful that this book may help the investigation to find Madeleine in other ways too. Our hope is that it may prompt those who have relevant information (knowingly or not) to come forward and share it with our team. Somebody holds that 'key piece of the jigsaw'.

Bill Scott-Kerr, Publisher at Transworld, bought the book from the Christopher Little Literary Agency for publication in Spring 2011. All royalties will be donated directly to Madeleine's Fund ' Leaving No Stone Unturned Limited.

Bill said: 'It is an enormous privilege to be publishing this book. We are so pleased to be joining Kate and Gerry McCann in the Find Madeleine campaign.'

The McCanns' Literary Agents, Christopher Little and Neil Blair, said: "We are honoured to be part of this emotive project and to support the McCanns in their search for Madeleine."

Thank you for your continued support.

Kate

Day 1294: 17/11/2010 Wednesday to Day 1323: 16/12/2010 Thursday

No Update

DECEMBER 2010

Day 1324: 17/12/2010 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

(Put On line 17/12/10)

Updates Friday, 17th November, 2010

This month marks our fourth Christmas without Madeleine. We hope with all our hearts that wherever she is, she is safe and well and whoever may be with her is treating her with the love and respect she so deserves.

We would like to thank all our supporters for 'staying at our side' in spite of the injustices that we continue to be subjected to. Madeleine is the person who

suffers most from all of this injustice. It is this fact alone which causes us the most distress. It is absolutely heart-breaking.

The Wikileaks 'news' this week has led to the repetition of many unfounded allegations and smears both in the UK and in Portugal in particular. This has been seized on as an opportunity by those who wish to compound our suffering and hamper our efforts, including the very person who was entrusted with finding our daughter. Those who could help **Madeleine but choose to do nothing are also complicit in this injustice**. Without the love and help from so many good people around the world we would not be able to find the strength to continue the fight to find our daughter.

Thank you to all those who have signed our petition calling on the UK and Portuguese Governments to conduct an independent review of Madeleine's case. The petition is still on-going. If you haven't signed and would like to further the search for Madeleine, please sign our on-line petition or sign a paper petition form. The latter can be downloaded from the website and distributed to shops, post-offices etc. and returned to us.

Along with our family, we would like to thank everyone who has sent us Christmas cards, letters, donations and gifts at this difficult time of year. It is impossible to find enough positive words to describe such kindness or the hugely important and heart-warming effect it has on us. Without any doubt, it helps us immensely and we are incredibly grateful.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and positive 2011. Please remember to spare a thought and a prayer for all the children who will not be with their families this Christmas.

Thank you.
Kate and Gerry

Day 1325: 18/12/2010 Saturday No Update

Day 1326: 19/12/2010 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

(Date edited from 17 Nov to 17 Dec 19/12/10)

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Day 1327: 20/12/2010 Monday to Day 1459: 01/05/2011 Sunday *No Update*

MAY 2011

Day 1460: 02/05/2011 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Monday, 2nd May, 2011

2011 has been an incredibly busy year so far. Every year since Madeleine was taken has been, but this one, particularly so.

Between January and March we held 3 fundraising events' 'Bags of Hope for Madeleine' - at the National Space Centre in Leicester, the Crypt in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow. Despite the time and effort required in organising these evenings, all three were very positive. As

well as the money raised to further the search for Madeleine, these occasions were important in gathering supporters together, re-energising the campaign and increasing awareness of the frightening and poorly resourced problem of missing and exploited children. The tangible warmth and support present also gave Gerry and I and all our family an essential boost. We'd like to thank everybody who supported these events - the venue staff, caterers, entertainers, those who donated bags and other prizes and of course all those who attended the events. We're very grateful to Steve Womack, Ricky Tomlinson and Sanjeev Kohli in particular, for giving up their time to support Madeleine, and for making these evenings extra special.

The main project this year has been writing my book. It will be launched on Thursday 12th May, which poignantly and coincidentally happens to be Madeleine's 8th birthday. It's a relief that the end of this intense period is now in sight. We hope and pray that it will bring us the result we long for and that not only the book but this whole ordeal and heartache will be behind us before too much longer.

Madeleine is still missing and there is still a lot to be done. Our efforts to find her are not diminishing. If anything, they are escalating. The need for a review by the authorities of Madeleine's case remains, and our desire to achieve this unwavering. This is a stone which definitely needs to be turned for Madeleine.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude to all of our supporters for not forgetting. Four years may have passed but our little girl is still missing. And, she is still findable. Your continued kindness and backing could help us achieve this.

Thank you again for not giving up on Madeleine.

Kate

Day 1461: 03/05/2011 Tuesday to Day 1463: 05/05/2011 Thursday *No Update*

Day 1464: 06/05/2011 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

**Campaign page [Link](#)
Madeleine: by Kate McCann**

UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand Store Availability:

The book will be available from Thursday, 12th of May - wherever books are sold.

The hardback will be in every major supermarket that stocks books, from Thursday, 12th of May, as well as in all branches of Waterstone's, WHSmith (High Street branches and Travel outlets - airports in trade paperback/hardback at major stations) and the independent sector.

Online Availability:

Available as a hardback and in eBook format.
Amazon.co.uk
Tesco.com
WHSmith.co.uk
Waterstones.co.uk
Random House Consumer Site
The Book Depository
DAY 1464

Mainland Europe Availability:

Sold in outlets that stock English language books, but may not be available until a few days after the 12th of May.

North America Availability:

Available as a hardback and in eBook format from Thursday, 12th of May.
Available for pre-order on Monday, 9th of May.

Amazon.com
BarnesandNoble.com
Chapters Indogo (in Canada)

Hardback will take slightly longer to reach store

Day 1465: 07/05/2011 Saturday to Day 1470: 12/05/2011 Thursday
No Update

[12/05/2011 Madeleines 8th birthday]

Day 1471: 13/05/2011 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

(put on line 24 may 2011) also as update)

Our Letter to David Cameron, 11 May, 2011 Dear Prime Minister,

Request for An Independent Review of Madeleine's Case (campaign page)

Our Letter to David Cameron, 11 May, 2011

Dear Prime Minister,

As a devoted father and family man, you know the importance of children. Our beloved eldest child, Madeleine, was abducted from Praia da Luz, Portugal, four years ago. Since then, we have devoted all our energies to ensuring her safe return.

Today we are asking you - and the British and Portuguese governments - to help find Madeleine and bring her back to her loving family.

We live in hope that Madeleine will be found alive and returned to us. One call might be all that is needed to lead to Madeleine and her abductor.

To this end, we are seeking a joint INDEPENDENT, TRANSPARENT and COMPREHENSIVE review of ALL information held in relation to Madeleine's disappearance. Thus far, there has been NO formal review of the material held by the police authorities - which is routine practice in most major unsolved crimes.

It is not right that a young vulnerable British citizen has essentially been given up on. This remains an unsolved case of a missing child. Children are our most precious gift.

Please don't give up on Madeleine.

Kate & Gerry McCann

David Cameron's Response [Link](#)

Day 1472: 14/05/2011 Saturday to Day 1481: 23/05/2011 Monday
No Update

[Day 1474 Index page, campaign page, Video Appeal, May 2011
please help us spread these videos virally]

Day 1482: 24/05/2011 Tuesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

The Big Tweet on International Missing Children's Day

Campaign page

Help find missing children by retweeting appeals on International Missing Children's Day (IMCD). Missing People will be tweeting an appeal for a different missing child every 30 minutes for 24 hours on their official Twitter account.

All you have to do to show your support is retweet one, some, or all of @missingpeople's appeal tweets using the hash tag #imcd as they go out. Let's make #imcd trend!

WHAT: The Big Tweet for Missing Children - a Twitter marathon to mark IMCD.

WHEN: Wednesday, 25 May, 2011, for 24 hours beginning at 00.01 BST

Day 1483: 25/05/2011 Wednesday to Day 1598: 17/09/2011 Saturday
No Update

Day 1531: 12/07/2011 Tuesday

Official Find Madeleine Campaign Link

Links for mailing and luggage labels.

http://www.findmadeleine.com/pdfs/luggage_labels_2011.pdf

http://www.findmadeleine.com/pdfs/madeleine_labels.pdf

http://www.findmadeleine.com/pdfs/luggage_labels_2011.pdf

<http://www.findmadeleine.com/>.

Day 1552: 02/08/2011 Tuesday

Image name: teaser_luggage_tags

Holiday Travel Packs

Going on Holiday? Order a travel pack to highlight Madeleine on your travels or

Download luggage tags and print at home.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Day 1599: 18/09/2011 Sunday. Madeleine Beth McCann

UPDATE

Madeleine: by Kate McCann

Australia:

Publisher: Random House

16th May, 2011

Brazil:

Publisher: Editora Prumo

6th September, 2011

Canada:

Publisher: Random House

16th May, 2011

Germany

Publisher: Bastei L?be

16th September, 2011

Hungary

Publisher: Scolar
27th October, 2011

Netherlands

Publisher: De Boekerij
20th June, 2011

Portugal

Publisher: ASA LEYA
23rd May, 2011

Spain

Publisher: Ediciones Singular (Medialive Content)
19th October, 2011

Sweden

Publisher: Norstedts
Early March 2012

United States

Publisher: Random House
16th May, 2011

UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand Store Availability:

The book is available from Thursday, 12th of May - wherever books are sold.

The hardback is in every major supermarket that stocks books, from Thursday, 12th of May, as well as in all branches of Waterstone's, WHSmith (High Street branches and Travel outlets - airports in trade paperback/hardback at major stations) and the independent sector.

Online Availability:

Available as a hardback and in eBook format.

- Amazon.co.uk
- Tesco.com
- WHSmith.co.uk
- Waterstones.co.uk
- Random House Consumer Site
- The Book Depository

Mainland Europe Availability:

Sold in outlets that stock English language books.

North America Availability:

Available as a hardback and in eBook format from Thursday, 12th of May.
Available for pre-order on Monday, 9th of May.

- Amazon.com
- BarnesandNoble.com
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Day 1600: 19/09/2011 Monday to ay 1622: 11/10/2011 Tuesday *No Update*

OCTOBER 2011

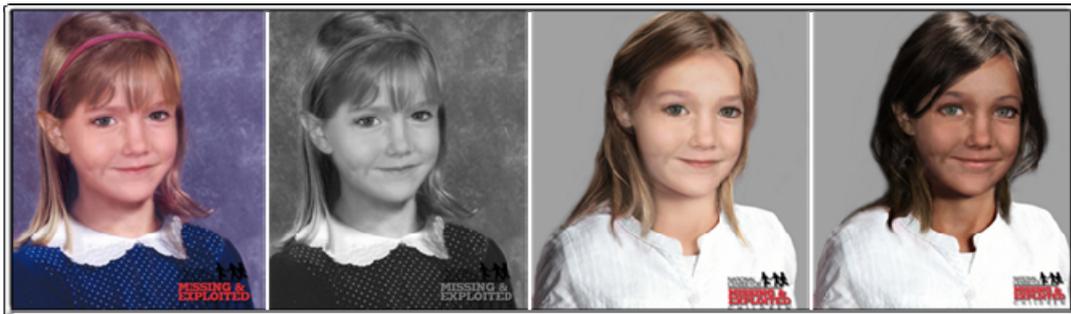
Day 1623: 12/10/2011 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Campaign page

Promotion of Age-progression images

Produced by experts at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, here are the latest age-progression images of Madeleine.

How Madeleine May Look Now



Madeleine is now 8 years old. These 'age-progression' images have been produced by experts at NCMEC, Washington. They are a guide as to what Madeleine may look like now. Please keep looking. Thank you.

Day 1624: 13/10/2011 Thursday to Day 1637: 26/10/2011 Wednesday *No Update*

Day 1638: 27/10/2011 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Thursday, 27 October, 2011

My grandparents always used to say that the years pass more quickly the older you get. It certainly feels that way.

I still dream of being able to stop time. Our only alternative however is to continue doing as much as we can to the best of our ability to enhance the search for Madeleine. So that is what we'll do.

Thank you to everyone who has bought and read my book. Not only is this helping to fund our investigation and campaign, it will also improve and maintain awareness of Madeleine and our need to find her. It seems obvious that the more people who are informed worldwide, the more eyes and ears Madeleine will have assisting the search for her. We are really grateful for your support.

We also appreciate the general public's help in achieving a review of Madeleine's case. It is a big relief to us that our government finally agreed for a review to take place. We are grateful to them and to the Metropolitan Police Service for undertaking this fundamental and highly valuable procedure which has been underway now for several months. Although it will be a lengthy and difficult process, it is definitely a major step forward for Madeleine.

I would also like to thank everyone who has written to us or sent their support in some way over the past six months. We have once again been touched by the incredible kindness and commitment shown to us and Madeleine, and bolstered by the continuing encouragement and positivity.

Kate

Day 1639: 28/10/2011 Friday to Day 1658: 16/11/2011 Wednesday
No Update

NOVEMBER 2011

Day 1659: 17/11/2011 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Campaign page

Madeleine: by Kate McCann Audiobook

Australia:

Publisher: Random House 16th May, 2011

Brazil:

Publisher: Editora Prumo

6th September, 2011

Canada:

Publisher: Random House
16th May, 2011

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27th October, 2011

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23rd May, 2011

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Amazon.com

BarnesandNoble.com

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Day 1660: 18/11/2011 Friday to Day 1692: 20/12/2011 Tuesday. *No Update*

DECEMBER 2011

Day 1693: 21/12/2011 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

[Do you hold the missing piece of the puzzle?](#)

It's Christmas - again. A time of mixed emotions for our family and many others in similar positions around the world. A time to hold together.

Thank you to all our supporters for your help throughout the year and for remaining united with us in our longing and determination to find Madeleine.

The year has ended on a positive note. Our search for Madeleine and the Metropolitan Police review of the case are progressing well. In addition, this December saw a landmark event for the protection of, and support for, missing children and their families left behind. The Government's Missing Children and Adults' Strategy aims to reduce the number of people who go missing; to protect the missing whilst they are away and to give families access to support, similar to victims of crime. The strategy follows 12 months of campaigning by individuals and organisations like the charity Missing People.

Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign and influenced this significant development.

This Christmas, please keep Madeleine and all missing loved ones and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

The support you give enables us to move into 2012 with renewed energy and continued hope.

Kate and Gerry

Day 1694: 22/12/2011 Thursday to Day 1722: 19/01/2012 Thursday
No Update

JANUARY 2012

Day 1723: 20/01/2012 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Are you using Facebook's new timeline layout? We have created a new banner for you to use on your profile.

Right mouse click on the image and save to your desktop. You can then upload it as a new profile picture.

http://findmadeleine.com/images/madeleine_cover_image.png

findmadeleine.com

Do you hold the missing piece of the puzzle?

**Do you hold
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of the puzzle?**

If you have any information
that can help us get Madeleine home,
please contact us at:
investigation@findmadeleine.com
or
+44 845 838 4699
findmadeleine.com



Day 1724: 21 January 2012 Saturday to Day 1781: 18/03/2012 Sunday
No Update

MARCH 2012

Day 1782: 19/03/2012 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

**Updates
Saturday, 17 March, 2012**

On Saturday, Gerry and I, along with our friends and hundreds of other runners ran in the 'Miles for Missing People' 10K event in Regent's Park, London.

It was greatly encouraging - judging from the brilliant turnout - to see that the weather and resulting conditions (rain, wind and mud!) didn't put any of us off. It was also fantastic to have so many children there, participating in the fun run. Well done!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event (including all those who generously sponsored me and other runners). In doing so you have contributed to the essential work done by the team at Missing People, and thereby helped the many missing children and adults, and their families left behind.

And finally, thank you to Missing People for all their hard work and commitment, day in day out, to make the lives of people like ourselves that bit more bearable.

Kate

Day 1783: 20 March 2012 Tuesday to Day 1818: 24 April 2012 Tuesday
No Update

APRIL 2012

Day 1819: 25/04/2012 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Entry Page

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?



© Teri Blythe
Madeleine McCann Age progressed to age 9



MADELEINE AGED 3

This is a new age-progression image of Madeleine, commissioned by the Metropolitan Police. It is a *guide* as to what Madeleine may look like *now*, aged 9.

If you see a young girl who looks like this, **PLEASE CONTACT:**

Your **local police force** immediately, **AND**

Operation Grange
on 0800 0906 1011 (in the UK free call)
+44(0)202 158 0126 (non-UK free call)

or

Operation.Grange@met.pnn.police.uk

OR **Crimestoppers** *in confidence* on 0800 555111

Thank you.

If you know where Madeleine is now or who was involved in her abduction, or if you were in Praia da Luz around the time of Madeleine's abduction (3rd May 2007) and have not spoken to anyone in the police, *please* contact Operation Grange or Crimestoppers using the contact details above.

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Day 1820: 26 April 2012 Thursday to Day 1826: 02 May 2012 Wednesday
No Update

MAY 2012

Day 1827: 03 May 2012 Thursday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

Wednesday, 2 May, 2012

It's hard to define succinctly how it feels to have reached five years without Madeleine. Impossible, heart-breaking, frightening, exasperating, incomprehensible. Sometimes it feels like forever and at other times, just like yesterday.

What is certain though is that since the Metropolitan Police review was commenced last May, the chances of finding Madeleine and discovering what happened are now significantly greater. Additionally, albeit less importantly, our lives and those of our family have been much more bearable over the past year, simply by knowing those stones are finally being turned.

We hope that the investigation will be reopened in Portugal soon, as this will give us the best possible chance of finding Madeleine and the person who committed this crime - of solving the case. The term 'mystery' (commonly used by the media) is not applicable until all possible avenues have been explored. They haven't been, and can't be until the case is reopened.

The age-progression image of Madeleine released last week is an important tool in the search for Madeleine. We believe this image bears a strong resemblance to what Madeleine will look like now. Please help us by distributing this image as far and wide as you can. Someone might just recognise her.

Abducted children have been found many years following their disappearance.

We cannot give up. We won't give up. Please keep looking for Madeleine.

And if you know something, please do the right thing:

CONTACT: OPERATION GRANGE on 0207 321 9251 (0044 207 321 9251 from outside the UK) or Operation.Grange@met.pnn.police.uk

OR CRIMESTOPPERS in confidence on 0800 555111; www.crimestoppers-uk.org

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us, comforted us, battled with us, cried and laughed with us over the past five years. We couldn't have made it this far on our own. Your support has been amazing, invaluable and very, very humbling. Thank you.

And now.... the search goes on!

Kate and Gerry

Day 1828: 04 May 2012 Friday to Day 1832: 08 May 2012 Tuesday

No Update

Day 1833: 09 May 2012 Wednesday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Campaign Page

Madeleine: by Kate McCann

9 May, 2012 - Now Available in Paperback with a new epilogue.

Retail price is £7.99 and is available in the UK wherever books are sold, online, high street and supermarkets.

Audiobook

Day 1834: 10 May 2012 Friday to Day 1844: 20 May 2012 Sunday
No Update

[Madeleine Beth McCann 9th birthday 12 May 2012]

Day 1845: 21 May 2012 Monday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Campaign Page

Find Madeleine Campaign Joins Big Tweet for Missing Children

On International Missing Children's Day 25 May, 2012 the Find Madeleine Campaign will join Stephen Fry in helping to safely reconnect missing children by taking part in the charity Missing People's Big Tweet for Missing Children.

The charity will be tweeting a different appeal for a missing child every 30 minutes for 24 hours. The Find Madeleine Campaign is supporting this creative digital campaign by retweeting the appeals that Missing People tweet to their followers.

Stephen Fry, a patron of Missing People said, "A staggering 130,000 children go missing in the UK every year. On International Missing Children's Day (Friday 25 May), I will once again join the charity Missing People in harnessing the power of Twitter to help find missing children via The Big Tweet for Missing Children. You can take part too, by retweeting the appeals for missing children that the charity will tweet every 30 minutes.

On this day, the charity will also be launching 116 000 – the new hotline number to call or text for support if you or someone you love goes missing. So please add #116000 to all your tweets and help to spread the word about this important new number. You never know when someone you love might need it.”

On the same day, the charity Missing People will also be working with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and Parents & Abducted Children Together (PACT) to launch a new Missing Kids website.

If you would like to join the Find Madeleine Campaign in taking part in the Big Tweet for Missing Children, you can find more information at www.missingpeople.org.uk/bigtweet2012

Thank you for helping to find missing children.

Day 1846: 22 May 2012 Tuesday to Day 1848: 24 May 2012 Thursday
No Update

Day 1849: 25 May 2012 Friday. Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

Friday, 25th May, is International Missing Children’s Day (IMCD)– a day to remember the many thousands of children who go missing every year from all around the world.

We hope that this date will become ingrained in people’s minds as we work together to tackle this vast and devastating problem.

This year in the UK, IMCD has been marked by the launch of two highly valuable initiatives:

1. The charity ‘Missing People’ (www.missingpeople.org.uk) have launched a new single telephone number, 116 000, as the number to call for advice, help and support if you, or your loved one go missing. It is free, available 24 hours a day and confidential.

(NB: To report a missing child, call 999)

2. The ‘Child Exploitation and Online Protection’ centre (CEOP; www.ceop.police.uk) in association with ‘Parents & Abducted Children together’ (PACT; www.pact-online.org) have launched a brand new version of the MissingKids website, www.missingkids.co.uk . This website includes information and appeals about the many missing children, in or from the UK, and enables law enforcement agencies to disseminate data and photographs of these children worldwide. The website is an important tool for finding missing children and reuniting them with their families.

Our appeal to you:

Every year in the UK alone, more than a quarter of a million people are reported missing. An estimated 140,000 are children. Behind every missing child or adult case is a family suffering immensely through heartache and confusion.

Please remember the new number, **116 000**. Store it in your mobile phone and pass it on to others. One day, you might just need it, and then it will be a lifeline.

Visit www.missingkids.co.uk and circulate the web address to your contacts. Please spend ten minutes looking through the different pictures of missing children on the website. It has been estimated that one missing child in seven (1 in 7!) is found because a member of the general public has recognised them after seeing their photograph. Every one of us can make a difference.

And finally, thank you to the Government, the charities and organisations, the businesses and the general public for helping to raise awareness, providing critical resources and for joining the search. Let's keep it going!
Kate

Day 1850: 26 May 2012 Saturday to Day 1871 : 16 June 2012 Saturday
No Update

JUNE 2012

Day 1872: 17 June 2012 Sunday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Find Madeleine Team

Investigations Line +44 845 838 4699

Since the Metropolitan Police began their review of Madeleine's case in May 2011, thankfully the demands on ourselves and our investigators have reduced. However we still have (and need!) a small team of very committed and experienced people working hard to help us find Madeleine and others available to step in and assist should the need arise.

The 24-hour 'hotline' for people to call with information is still functioning on 0845 838 4699 for people who would prefer to contact us directly.

Along with a campaign coordinator and translators/interpreters, the team has several individuals with invaluable marketing, advertising and I.T. skills who help with the general campaign to find Madeleine.

Of course probably the biggest and most valuable resource we have in our search for Madeleine is the eyes, ears and minds of the general public. Thank you

to everyone who has, and continues to help us with our efforts to find her. Please keep going!

Day 1873: 18 June 2012 Monday to Day 1890: 05 July 2012 Thursday, *No Update*

JULY 2012

Day 1891: 06 July 2012 Friday, Madeleine Beth McCann

New video released. Please watch and share. [Link](#)

Thank you for not giving up on Madeleine
Madeleine is still missing and we continue to need your help in finding her. Thank you for not giving up on her and continuing the search.

Day 1892: 07 July 2012 Saturday to Day 1959: 12 September 2012 Wednesday, *No Update*

SEPTEMBER 2012

Day 1960:13 September 2012 Thursday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Online Store

We have updated our online store to make it easier to purchase items to help in the search for Madeleine. Please let us know if you come across any issues when ordering.

Thank you for everything you do to help us in the search.

Day 1961: 14 September 2012 Saturday to Day 1966: 19 September 2012 Wednesday, *No Update*

Day 1967: 20 September 2012 Thursday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

20 September, 2012

Thank you to everybody who has supported our summer campaign again. By displaying the new poster, car sticker or luggage tag of Madeleine, awareness of her plight is maintained, as is our appeal to the general public to keep looking for her.

We are constantly thinking of new ways to improve our search for Madeleine: we don't know what it will be, or what it will take to bring us that vital call. It may even turn out to be a simple case of 'the right place at the right time' which is why we need to persevere in our efforts and to keep prompting people.

The Metropolitan Police are continuing with the investigative review and we are really encouraged by their work. We continue to hope that the case will be re-opened in Portugal in the near future so that the investigation to find our daughter can be resumed.

The nationwide campaign that I've been involved in, as part of my ambassadorial role for the charity 'Missing People', is now in its tenth week. This campaign has been possible thanks to the generous help of the Outdoor Media Centre and its members in partnership with the team at Missing People. Images of missing children and adults have been displayed on huge billboards in many cities throughout the UK, appealing to the general public for help. Already many vulnerable have been found since the campaign started which is obviously fantastic news. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative and responded to these appeals. Your help is invaluable. (More updates in due course)

We continue to feel humbled but at the same time buoyed by the amount of support we still receive from so many people. It helps us enormously and undoubtedly helps our search for Madeleine too. Thank you.

Kate

Day 1968: 21 September 2012 Friday to Day 2036: 28 November 2012 Wednesday, No Update

NOVEMBER 2012

Day 2037: 29 November 2012 Thursday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates 29 November, 2012

I welcome Lord Leveson's report today and hope it will mark the start of a new era for our press in which it treats those in the news responsibly, with care and consideration.

Needless to say, more time will be needed to read, digest and understand all the implications of the report but my initial impressions are positive (assuming implementation).

Some important points are worth labouring, especially when there is an element of scaremongering (intentional or otherwise) through the use of misleading language:

We, and the other core participant victims, are all totally in favour of freedom of speech. Nobody is advocating a loss of this basic human right. **But freedom of speech does not equate to freedom to slander.**

None of us want, or is requesting, a government-controlled press. We want a **free press but one which is responsible, accountable and independently regulated**. This is not a big ask. The press can do a lot of good -we've experienced this. But it can also destroy lives -and we've had a more than a fair share of that too. Any professional organisation or industry which has the potential to do harm should be accountable for its actions. Why should the media be exempt from this? Ensuring responsible journalism and accountability is paramount.

It is important to keep in mind what the Leveson Inquiry is about. We gave evidence to the inquiry last year because we **don't want anyone else to suffer** as we, our family and the search for our missing daughter did at the hands of our press. It is this need to prevent such harm to others in the future that has driven the core participant victims to assist the inquiry. We need a system such as that recommended by Lord Leveson to have any hope of achieving this.

Legislative underpinning is not statutory regulation and implementation of such is quite some way from 'crossing the Rubicon'.

I hope the Prime Minister, like the other party leaders, will embrace Lord Leveson's report and act swiftly to ensure activation of his recommendations within an acceptable and clearly defined time-scale.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lord Leveson and the legal team for their colossal efforts throughout the inquiry to date. I truly hope it will lead to an historic and more importantly, crucial achievement for all in our society.

Kate

**Day 2038: 30 November 2012 Friday to Day 2058: 20 December 2012
Thursday, *No Update***

DECEMBER 2012

Day 2059: 21 December 2012 Friday, Madeleine Beth McCann

UPDATE: DECEMBER 2012

As we approach the end of another year, we'd like to thank everyone again for their amazing support.

It is both heart-warming and reassuring to know that after all this time Madeleine still remains in so many people's hearts and minds.

This solidarity and commitment gives us great hope. Thank you.

The Metropolitan Police Review of all the material in the inquiry has been underway for over eighteen months.

We have been really impressed and greatly encouraged by the work which has been done and its findings to date which are revealing there are definitely many stones yet to turn. We continue to wait and hope that the Portuguese authorities will agree to reopen the case so that the many lines of enquiry can be investigated. As Madeleine's parents, we won't be able to rest until we know that all that can be feasibly done to find her, and the person who took her, has been done.

In the meantime, we will continue to do all that we can to aid the search for our daughter and assist the Review process.

This year, Madeleine's Fund has paid for:

1. A 24 hour, 7 day a week telephone line to receive and capture information from around the world which may assist the investigation
2. A small investigation team, including a Portuguese speaker to help with the above and with campaign activities.

Since March 2012 independent 'physical' investigation of lines of enquiry by our team has been put on hold whilst the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Review progresses. This has been to avoid duplication (and thereby unnecessary

expenditure) and to prevent the risk of compromising any work, albeit unintentionally, carried out by the MPS. The private investigation team employed by the Fund continue to cooperate and work with the Metropolitan Police as and when necessary.

3. Part-time administrative support to aid the investigation and campaign to find Madeleine (campaign coordinator and media liaison)

4. The awareness-raising campaign to ensure that Madeleine is not forgotten and to encourage the general public to remain vigilant. This has included the running of the Find Madeleine website.

5. Assistance from a specialist Portuguese communications agency to ensure that our message is communicated as widely and accurately as possible in Portugal, where support and help to find Madeleine is especially needed.

We are very aware that without public help it will be virtually impossible to find Madeleine. It would have been incredibly difficult for us to have maintained a search for her this long without such support, including donations to the Fund. Due to the sales of my book, 'Madeleine', the financial position of the Fund has significantly improved from a year and a half ago so we would like to reiterate our gratitude to everybody who bought the book. This has helped the search in more ways than one. Whilst fund expenditure has decreased over the past six months (due to a reduction in investigation spending as outlined in point 2) the Directors feel it is important that the fund maintains reasonable reserves so that the search for Madeleine can be resumed quickly should the MPS review not lead to a reopening of the case in Portugal. We desperately hope of course that the official investigation to find Madeleine will be reopened – and soon – as we still believe this is probably our best chance of finding our little girl.

Despite becoming stronger in ourselves and being able to create as special a Christmas as possible for our children, this time of year will never be as it should without Madeleine. Whilst Gerry and I think it constantly, Sean and Amelie now vocalise it, especially when doing something really nice like putting up the decorations...."If only Madeleine was here too..."

- ***If you know what has happened to Madeleine, or where she might be now, please, please do the right thing: Find the compassion and courage and let us know. Thank you.***

This past weekend we sat and opened the many, many Christmas cards which have been sent to us, at what is now our sixth Christmas without Madeleine. The majority were from people we have never met. It was once again a very

humbling yet totally uplifting experience. We are deeply touched by the thoughtfulness and compassion which we continue to experience and for the love and hope which shine through for Madeleine. Thank you so much. It means such a lot - and helps us immensely.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all of our supporters. We wish you a festive period full of laughter, warmth and friendship – and hope for a special 2013.

Kate

Day 2060: 22 December 2012 Saturday to Day 2191: Wednesday 01 May 2013, No Update

[Day 2178: 19 April 2013 Friday On line shop update]

MAY 2013

Day 2192: 02 May 2013 Thursday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Thursday, 2 May, 2013

SIX YEARS. I don't think we are the only ones who find this hard to believe.

It's difficult to know what to write as each year passes, still without news of Madeleine. In many ways, nothing's changed. We still worry about her, we miss her as much as we ever did, we remain as determined as ever to find her and to know what has happened.

The one thing that has progressed significantly over the last year is the work of the Metropolitan Police. We remain greatly encouraged by their work and the many things they have managed to uncover so far. Their commitment and increasing determination parallels our own and brings us great comfort and reassurance. We continue to hope and pray that the Met working with the Portuguese Authorities will lead to a significant breakthrough. We need to find Madeleine and bring some peace to our family.

In the early days, Gerry remarked that we weren't sure whether this journey would be a sprint or a marathon. It's been much, much more than a marathon (I'm qualified to say that now!) We really appreciate how lucky we have been to be surrounded by such fabulous support for so long. Thank you to all our supporters for being there alongside us and for never forgetting about Madeleine.

We're here for the long haul, for as long as it takes. Thank you for being there too.

And finally, a special 'thank you' to everybody who sponsored me to run the London marathon recently. Your kind donations, which have now amounted to more than £21,000 (fantastic!) will allow the charity, Missing People, to continue the search for many missing children and vulnerable adults, as well as provide essential support for their families. Your compassion and generosity will help to ease the suffering of many people. Thank you.

Kate

**Day 2193: Friday 03 May 2013 to Day 2356: Wednesday 14 October 2013
No Update**

(Madeleine Beth McCann 10th birthday 12 May 2013)

OCTOBER 2013

Day 2357: 15 October 2013 Tuesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?

Home Page
Are any of these men you?

Were you in Praia da Luz on or around 3rd May 2007, but have not yet spoken to the police?

Were you a victim of a previously unreported crime, in particular a burglary or approached by a charity collector in this area?

The investigation team need to identify and speak to these people. Please contact the Operation Grange team immediately.

Operation Grange
0207 321 9251 (in the UK)
+44 207 321 9251 (non-UK)

or

Operation.Grange@met.pnn.police.uk

Image ref: 1A Image ref: 1B
Image ref: 2A Image ref: 2A
Image ref: 4A Image ref: 4B
[Crime watch video link](#)

**Day 2358: Wednesday 16 October 2013 to Day 2365: 23 October 2013
Wednesday, No Update**

Day 2366: 24 October 2013 Thursday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates Thursday, 24 October 2013

We are very pleased that the investigation to find our missing daughter Madeleine has officially been reopened in Portugal. We hope that this will finally lead to her being found and the discovery of who is responsible for this crime.

We once again urge any member of the public who may have information relating to Madeleine's abduction to contact the police in Portugal or the UK.

Please be patient and respect the work of the police as they endeavour to find the answers we so desperately need. In particular, we request that the media consider carefully Madeleine's safety and the integrity of the investigation in their reporting.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Gerry and Kate

Gerry and Kate will not be giving any comments regarding the progress of the investigation unless there is a significant breakthrough.

Day 2367: Friday 25 October 2013 to Day 2420: Tuesday 17 December 2013, No Update

[16 November 2013 The online store and the PayPal donation button been removed from the Find Madeleine site.]

DECEMBER 2013

Day 2421: 18 December 2013 Wednesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Entry page and update
Christmas 2013

This year seems to have passed particularly quickly - a sign undoubtedly of a very busy year. It would still be a comfort if we could slow time just a little. Thankfully however there have been some very positive aspects with regards to Madeleine. The Metropolitan police review becoming an investigation and more recently, the reopening of the case in Portugal. We are incredibly relieved and buoyed by these developments and continue to hope for further collaboration in the near future with the possibility of a JIT (joint investigation team) between Portugal and the UK to enhance the search for our dear daughter.

Once again we would like to thank all our supporters for their commitment to Madeleine and their ongoing support of our efforts. Please spare a thought and prayer for all families similar to ours who will be unable to share this Christmas with a special loved one.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2014.

Kate xx

Day 2422 Thursday 19 December 2013 to Day 2443 Thursday 09 January 2014 No Update

[Monday 06 January 2014 Entry page changed back to suspects images]

JANUARY 2014

Day 2444: 10 January 2014 Friday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Online Store

You can access our online store via direct link at: <http://shop.findmadeleine.com> or below.

Welcome to the Find Madeleine Online Store

Fortunately, there are many cases of abducted children being found and returned to their families - even after long periods of time. The vital piece of information that leads to a happy and longed-for reunion is usually thanks to a caring and vigilant member of the general public, often recognising a face from a poster.

Largest donations £50 & £100 edited to

Largest donations £49.99 & 99.99

Day 2445 Saturday 11 January 2014 to Day 2454 Monday 20 January 2014, No Update

Day 2455: 21 January 2014 Tuesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Unidentified People of Interest to the Inquiry

Campaign

Contact Us

Have you seen these men? Do you know who they might be?

These two pictures show a man carrying a child away from the family's apartment. This sighting was seen by a witness at 21:15 on the evening of Thursday, May 3rd, 2007.

Based on more recent information, the Metropolitan Police now believe this man may represent a guest at the Ocean Club who was carrying his daughter back to their apartment. However as it is not possible to be certain that these two men are actually the same person, if you have seen this man in the pictures or suspect who it may be, please contact the Metropolitan Police's OPERATION GRANGE on 0207 321 9251 (0044 207 321 9251 from outside the UK) or Operation.Grange@met.pnn.police.uk and/or the Find Madeleine team on +44 845 838 4699 or investigation@findmadeleine.com.

The picture shows a man that was seen several times by different witnesses during the days leading up to Madeleine's abduction on May 3rd 2007. He was described as ugly with pock-marked skin and was said to be watching the family's apartment intently.

If either of these men appear familiar to you in some way, please contact our investigation team as soon as possible

Day 2456 Wednesday 22 January 2014 to Day 2555 Thursday 01 May 2014, No Update

MAY 2014

Day 2556: 02 May 2014 Monday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

3rd May 2014 - Seventh Anniversary Since Madeleine's Abduction

Seven years without our daughter, seven years without a big sister for Sean and Amelie. Sometimes we feel totally stuck for words. A lot of the time there are no words. Our situation seems as unbelievable as it did that very first night without Madeleine.

Whenever I find myself becoming paralysed with disbelief, unease, frustration or sadness, I have to refocus my mind on the positives, of which there are many.

The Metropolitan Police force continue to make encouraging progress in their investigation with new evidence being uncovered, fresh information coming in to the inquiry following appeals and subsequently, links being made between people and events. We are hugely grateful to the general public for continuing to support the investigation, especially those who have found the courage to come forward with information despite difficult circumstances. Whilst the MPS are cautiously optimistic of beginning enquiries on the ground in Portugal in the near future, we really hope that this will turn into a concerted effort from the Portuguese authorities as we know there is still a lot to do. Working together is key to the progress of the investigation and a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) could provide a more streamlined way of working with less bureaucracy. It may be seven years since we last saw Madeleine but the passing of further weeks and months as a result of unnecessary delays and barriers are not only frustrating, they are incredibly distressing. Each day without Madeleine and each day of not knowing is another day too many, regardless of how much time has already gone by.

May is an important month for all missing children and their families worldwide with May 25th being International Missing Children's Day. This May is particularly special in the UK as a new enhanced Child Rescue Alert (CRA) system (to help find abducted and missing children in serious danger) is to be launched by the charity Missing People and the National Crime Agency. This system (based on the highly effective 'Amber Alert' in the USA) I believe, will help to save the lives of abducted children and ease the suffering faced by their families. It's a very exciting step forward.

Throughout the whole month, the charity Missing People are running a 'Forget-Me-Not' campaign with several different ways for the public to get involved to help find missing children. One really important and simple way you can get on board is by signing up to the Child Rescue Alert. By registering, you will receive an alert with relevant information, by text or email, when a child is abducted in your area. This way you can join the search immediately and play a vital role in helping to find a child in danger. Please take a minute to visit www.childrescuealert.org.uk and sign up today. There are several other ways to help too – Take a look on www.missingpeople.org.uk.

It goes without saying, but needs to be said....We are grateful beyond words for the continued and unwavering commitment, help and love from all our faithful supporters. Thank you SO much for keeping Madeleine in your hearts.

**SEVEN YEARS.
STILL MISSING.
STILL MISSED.
NEVER FORGOTTEN.
THANK YOU.**

Kate

Day 2557 Saturday 03 May 2014 to Day 2560 Tuesday 06 May 2014, *No Update*

Day 2561: 07 May 2014 Wednesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

7th of May, 2014. We are *devastated* with the way the media has behaved over the last couple of days in relation to our daughter's case.

Updates

7th of May 2014 - Media Interference

We are *dismayed* with the way the media has behaved over the last couple of days in relation to our daughter's case.

There is an on-going, already challenging, police investigation taking place and media interference in this way not only makes the work of the police more difficult, it can potentially damage and destroy the investigation altogether – and hence the chances of us finding Madeleine and discovering what has happened to her. As Madeleine's parents, this just compounds our distress. We urge the media to let the police get on with their work and please show some respect and consideration to Madeleine and all our family.

Thank you.

Gerry and Kate

Day 2562 Thursday 08 May 2014 to Day 2595 Tuesday 10 June 2014, *No Update*

[12 May 2014 Madeleine Beth McCann 11th birthday]

JUNE 2014

Day 2596: 11 June 2014 Wednesday, Madeleine Beth McCann

Updates

11 June, 2014 - Statement from Gerry and Kate

We are very pleased that significant activity has taken place in Praia da Luz over the last 8 days with police officers and support teams from the UK working closely with the Policia Judicial and the Guarda Nacional Republicana.

We are further encouraged that, despite the intensive searches, no trace of Madeleine has been found and this reinforces our belief that she could still be alive.

As parents of a missing child, we have always wanted all reasonable lines of enquiry to be followed and it is gratifying to know that a substantial amount of work will take place over the coming months with close cooperation of the British and Portuguese authorities.

We would like to thank all those involved for their efforts and the members of the public who have come forward with information.

Gerry and Kate

11 June, 2014 - Update from Operation Grange

Operation Grange officers working alongside experts in their field from around the UK, the Policia Judicial and the Guarda Nacional Republicana today, Wednesday 11 June completed an eight day period of work searching specific areas of land in Praia da Luz.

At this time no evidence relating to Madeleine McCann has been identified. However it has given us an essential understanding of the activity on and people that have used this piece of land.

This was the first phase of this major investigation which has been agreed with the Portuguese following the four International Letters of Request submitted to date. More activity has been agreed and we expect that to commence shortly. In addition further requests are being compiled and will be submitted in due course.

The decision to search the "horse shoe" shaped piece of waste ground to the west of Praia da Luz and other sites was as a specific result of the UK's investigation work to date.

The total area of land searched and surveyed was of approximately 60,000 sq metres and included all utilities, drainage channels and derelict buildings. 41 ground anomalies were identified initially by both aerial survey and ground analysis which were then investigated fully. These included three outside of the original area.

This deployment which was the largest ever undertaken by UK police overseas in a case of this type, highlighted the effective nature of the assistance given by the Portuguese authorities, for which the investigation team and family are very grateful.

The media's understanding and co-operation following Assistant Commissioner Rowley's pre deployment briefing has also been noted and appreciated.

There is still a substantial amount of work yet to be completed in the coming weeks and months, which again should be viewed as no more than normal operational activity in a case of this size and complexity. This recent work is part of ensuring that all lines of enquiry are progressed in a systematic manner and covers just the one hypothesis that she was killed and buried locally. This is the same as would be done in the UK for a murder or high risk missing person enquiry. The scientific support staff involved were there to provide the highest level of assurance that this area was searched to the highest possible standards.

Day 2597 Thursday 12 June 2014
to
Day 2790 Monday 22 December 2014, *No Update*

Email 20/12/2014

DECEMBER 2014

Day 2791: 23 December 2014 Tuesday Madeleine Beth McCann

Christmas, 2014

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all of our supporters.

Once again we have been amazed this year by the support we continue to have for our search for Madeleine - and opening the hundreds of Christmas cards has once again been a truly humbling experience. The warmth, kindness and commitment to never forget has precipitated more than a few happy tears! Thank you.

It's hard to ignore that 'here we are again' feeling at this time of year, still with no idea where our daughter is or of what's happened. What we can say is that our resolve to find out, as well as the hope which has always been present, has not lessened. In addition it's very apparent that the determination of the Metropolitan Police remains steadfast, in spite of the persistent challenges they face.

No matter where she is, Madeleine will, as always, be very much with us and our family this Christmas.

Thank you for holding her in your hearts too.

Kate and Gerry

Day 2792 Wednesday 24 December 2014
to
Day 2917 Tuesday 28 April 2015 *No Update*

APRIL 2015

Day 2918: Wednesday 29 April 2015 Updates

28 April, 2015 - Statement from Gerry and Kate Regarding Libel Case
We want to emphasise that the action was never about money. It has always been focused on the effects of the libels on our other children and the damage that was done to the search for Madeleine.

A lot has changed in the last six years since we started the action and we are pleased that there is an active investigation in both Portugal and the UK. We would like to remind people that there is still an innocent little girl who is missing and that those responsible for her abduction remain at large.
Gerry and Kate

Day 2919 Thursday 29 April 2015 No Update

MAY 2015

Day 2920: Friday 01 May, 2015 - Update Eight years.

Updates

There's no gentle way of putting it. Whilst most days, weeks and months are fairly similar –

Madeleine is missed every day – this time of year cuts deep as it's a harsh reminder of time having passed and precious years with Madeleine lost. Without a shadow of doubt, the love, support, help and prayers that we continue to receive from so many people, in spite of the years which have gone by, encourages us, maintains our hope and lifts our spirits.

We are also buoyed and reassured by the unwavering commitment and continued progress being made in the investigation. We are really grateful to the Metropolitan Police team for their conscientiousness, patience, consideration

shown to us and above all, their will to find Madeleine and determine what has happened.

Cooperation with and from the Portuguese Police has, and still is, vital to the success of the investigation. We are very appreciative of the joint working relationship established between the two forces.

Next month, I will be raising awareness again of the charity Missing People, and the many children who go missing every year. One child is too many. I will be taking part in a 500 mile charity cycle from Edinburgh to London and during this journey, I am hoping to promote the UK's Child Rescue Alert (CRA) system. If you can help me, please do by either donating at www.justgiving.com/KateMcCann/ and/or signing up to the CRA at www.childrescuealert.org.uk.

We've always promised ourselves that something positive has to come out of all the suffering Madeleine and our family have endured. If highlighting the issues of child abduction (and missing children in general) and raising money to enable the charity Missing People to carry out their invaluable work improves this very real and heartbreaking problem, then every push of those pedals will be worth it. Always.

Thank you again for your incredible and very humbling kindness and support.
Kate and Gerry

Day 2921 Saturday 02 May 2015
TO
Day 3099 Thursday 27 October No Update

OCTOBER 2015

Day 3100: 28 Oct 2015

Updates 28 October, 2015 - Update

We would like to thank all the staff from Operation Grange for the meticulous and painstaking work that they have carried out over the last four and a half years.

The scale and difficulty of their task has never been in doubt. We are reassured that the investigation to find Madeleine has been significantly progressed and the MPS has a much clearer picture of the events in PDL leading up to Madeleine's abduction in 2007.

Given that the review phase of the investigation is essentially completed, we fully understand the reasons why the team is being reduced. We would also like to thank the Home Office for continuing to support the investigation.

Whilst we do not know what happened to Madeleine, we remain hopeful that she may still be found given the ongoing lines of enquiry.
Gerry and Kate

Day 3101
Thursday 29 October 2015 TO
Day 3155 Tuesday 22 December 2015
No Update

DECEMBER 2015

Day 3156: Wed 23 Dec 2015

Christmas 2015

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our supporters. Your compassion and help has once again spurred us on through another year and never fails to astound us.

We really appreciate how lucky we are to have such amazing support behind us. Thank you.

It is our 9th Christmas without Madeleine. As always, she is very much on our mind and in our hearts and Christmas preparations. We have not lost hope that we may get to celebrate another Christmas with her. If anything can drive us on, that most definitely will.

This year has blown over so quickly. Life is very busy, which is probably a good thing, but it does mean the months don't seem to last long! Thankfully, the police investigation has made progress over the year. Whilst it is never as much or as speedy as we, or the police would like, we are moving in the right direction and that's the positive. Patience and perseverance are virtues which we've acquired in abundance over recent years - another positive!

2015 has also been a full and successful year for the charity 'Missing People' which is great news for many of those missing and their families too. I loved taking part in the charity's '500 mile Cycle Challenge' in June and would encourage anyone who is interested to give it a go next year. It is such a fulfilling and worthwhile experience on many levels and it really makes a difference for missing loved ones and their families. Thank you for all the support given to the charity this year.

Thank you also for all the lovely Christmas cards we've received. It gives us a lot of pleasure and comfort to sit down together and share your kind messages, with the reassurance that Madeleine has not been forgotten.

And so a new year approaches....new energy, new opportunities, new hope.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2016.

Kate & Gerry

Day 3157 Thursday 24 December 2015
TO
Date No Update
