

Overview

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Date	Information / Claim
1983 - 84	Suzy Lamplugh works on the QE2 ship as a beauty therapist. In 1984 she uses some inheritance money to buy Flat C, third floor, somewhere on Disraeli Road in Putney.
October 1985	Suzy Lamplugh is interviewed by Keith Perry of Sturgis Estate Agency and starts work in the residential team at 654 Fulham Road.
25.07.1986 FRIDAY	A night in the pub, the Prince of Wales, as usual. The pub is around 200m from where Suzy lived in a flat in Putney. Her lodger was Nick Bryant. Did Suzy leave her chequebook and diary at the pub on this evening?
SATURDAY	Suzy works in the estate agency. That evening, she attends a 21st birthday party of a friend.
27.07.1986 SUNDAY	Suzy goes windsurfing with Adam Legood and other friends. Suzy returns from windsurfing around 8pm and goes straight to her parents. After that there is a gap before she talks to Adam at 22:15. Some believe she spent the rest of the time in the pub, as the phone call was around closing time. It seems more likely that she left her chequebook and diary in the pub at this time. The caretaker manager at the pub, Clive Vole, finds the items outside near one of the picnic-style tables and puts them safe inside the pub as he walks off to the Chinese Takeaway.
28.07.1986 MONDAY	<p>Nick Bryant reports that Suzy left for work as normal, and her colleagues report that she arrives as normal. There is an argument in the morning, but nothing particularly unusual except for the presence of Mr Keith Perry, the most senior manager in the residential part of the Sturgis estate agency. At 12:40 Suzy leaves at a time corresponding to an appointment to see Mr Kipper at Shorrolds Road, but she does not take the only key to the property. Instead she heads towards home. She is never seen again.</p> <p>Weather: Not typical for summer. Rain and cloud.</p> <p>The schools are already on holiday.</p>
October 1986	A reconstruction is broadcast on BBC Crimewatch.
December 1986	Launch of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.
Winter 1986	The dark BMW is located. It is registered to a Belgian man who had been known as Mr Kipper or Klapper. It is reported abandoned in Queen's Grove, NW8 and it is believed to have been abandoned "several months" prior to its discovery. The police, followed by journalist Peter Wilson, travel to Belgium on a plane

	from Gatwick. It was discovered that the BMW belonged to David Kiper, a diamond dealer. (Kiper had one 'P' in his name.) Johnstone states to Channel 5 that Kiper had a cast iron alibi for the day of Suzy's disappearance.
July 1987	Crimewatch.
8 October 1987	Shirley Banks disappears. She is found dead soon after and John Cannan is found guilty of her murder. Around this time, Cannan drove a black BMW 316, registration A936FJU . A-reg was 1983-84. Shirley's orange mini was found in Cannan's garage. It had been resprayed blue and given a new registration plate SLP386S . S-reg is from 1977-78.
23 October 1987	Lamplugh case is closed. Earlier in October, the Lamplugh family made desperate attempts to link Suzy's disappearance with the 8th October disappearance of Shirley Banks. No link was ever established, but it put the Suzy Lamplugh case back into the headlines.
July 1989	Malcolm Hackett interviews John Cannan.
8 August 1990	Mike Barley interviews John Cannan. He asks John why he changed the colour of Shirley's car and why he changed the number plate. Cannan admitted to changing the plates. Barley claims in the Channel 5 documentary that Cannan told him the owner of the mini killed Banks, Suzy and a third girl and that he, Cannan was the car's owner. Cannan then becomes agitated and retracts the statement. Barley genuinely believes Cannan was making a truthful statement and that it was Cannan who killed Suzy.
March 1999	Murder Review Group created at Metropolitan Police, headed by Barry Webb.
December 2000	Police search Norton Army Barracks in Worcestershire for Suzy's remains.
5 December 2000	Stewart Ault interviews Cannan for the murder of Suzy Lamplugh. Cannan claims he is being persecuted and refuses to cooperate.
November 2002	The Met states that John Cannan is not eliminated from their enquiries.
2010	Another search in the West Country for Suzy based on old information.

In Depth

Date	Time	Information / Claim	Source	Date Made	Disputed?
25.07.1986 FRIDAY	Night	<p>Suzy is out with Adam Legood. They have dinner in a Mossop's, a Putney restaurant and finish the night at the Prince of Wales pub, Suzy's local, which was next door to Mossop's. Adam thinks she lost her chequebook, diary and a postcard at this time.</p> <p>Adam tells David Videcette in March 2018 that he never went in the pub, that Suzy never lost any items there, and storms out of their meeting. None of this is plausible and contradicts what he said in a documentary. It is a fact that Suzy's chequebook and diary were in the Prince of Wales on 28th July and the police collected them from that location.</p>	Adam Legood David Videcette		Would Suzy really not have noticed her missing items until Monday morning?
27.07.1986 SUNDAY					
	Daylight	During the reinvestigation, a woman reports that John Cannan was standing next to her as she looked through the window at Sturgis Estate Agency in Fulham Road.	Channel 5 Documentary	After 2000	
	20:00	Suzy arrives home from a day windsurfing at Worthing with Adam and other friends, and goes to her parents.	David Videcette		
	21:00	Suzy leaves her parents' home - but where does she go next?	David Videcette		
	22:15	Adam Legood speaks to Suzy on the phone.	David Videcette		
28.07.1986 MONDAY	07:45	<p>Suzy is getting up and getting ready for work. Lodger Nick Bryant is up slightly earlier than usual for an 08:30 meeting. Nick asks Suzy if she will be "in tonight" and she says yes.</p> <p>David Videcette suggests Suzy had a 6pm viewing at work and a later tennis match. He also suggests Nick Bryant did not make it home until "very late" and was so tired that he didn't even call the police who had broken into the flat and left an urgent note to call them.</p>	Time stated BBC Crimewatch David Videcette		N
	8:00 - 8:30	Sophie leaves her flat and drives to work in her Fiesta, arriving at the usual time. Nick Bryant, her lodger, leaves slightly before Suzy. Suzy irons her clothes for the day (peach blouse, grey skirt, dark jacket) and then locks	David Videcette Crimewatch also mentions the ironing		N

		the flat. She drives to work as normal.	board conversation		
		Sophie argues with a colleague, Nigel Hindle, in the office about who should handle an offer on a property. The two of them have each received offers on the same property over the weekend.	Nigel Hindle David Videcette		N
	08:40	Suzy leaves for work in the Fiesta	BBC Crimewatch		N
	08:50	Suzy arrives at Sturgis as normal.	BBC Crimewatch		N
		Sophie calls the bank to report her chequebook missing. Stephanie Flower recalls Suzy talking in the office about a lost chequebook and specifically mentions morning time, therefore, whether the items were lost on Friday night or Sunday night, it must have been Monday morning when Suzy was talking about the lost property in the office. (Although Suzy did work a Saturday shift this week - need to check whether Stephanie was there too.)	David Videcette		Did Stephanie Flower work the Saturday shift with Suzy?
		Clive Vole @ Prince of Wales calls Sophie's bank to report that he has her chequebook. Clive is in the middle of a stocktake with his partner, Karen Furness, and the licensees of the premises, Michael & Zoe Hutchings. There is also at least one other person present, tasked with the stocktake.	David Videcette		
		Sophie calls Clive at the Prince of Wales to arrange to collect the chequebook. We do not know what time she agreed, but one supposition is that it is around 13:00.	David Videcette		
	~ Midday	Keith Perry and Mark Gurdon of Sturgis head to Crocodile Tears wine bar for a management lunch. They meet another Sturgis branch manager there. Nobody remembers whether Keith ever returned to the office. That same lunch time, Nigel Hindle goes out with Stephanie Flower for lunch. Over in Putney, the pub stocktake is nearing its end. Michael and Zoe head off out of town to Wales to see Zoe's sister's newborn baby. Clive and Karen are left in charge for the week.	David Videcette		
	12:40	Sophie has to wait for the Australian temp receptionist to return from lunch so that she can go out. She leaves the office, perhaps heading towards Putney. The police account suggests 37 Shorrolds Road where her work diary suggests a meeting with Mr Kipper, but this is no longer believed	David Videcette		

		<p>credible. The diary entry is in Suzy's handwriting and contains the note "o/s" which means "outside the property."</p> <p>There is no evidence that Suzy ever visited Shorrolds Road on this date. She does not take the key for that property, and leaves her handbag on her desk. However, her colleague James Calvert told a Channel 5 documentary that she asked him for the key and he implies he gave it to her then. She takes only her purse and car key, suggesting a brief errand. She is never seen again.</p> <p>BBC Crimewatch repeats the unlikely claim that Suzy had the keys to 37 Shorrolds in her possession. If she had, the police could not have collected them later. They also wrongly repeat the assertion that Suzy went to Shorrolds Road as absolute fact. They claim 3 separate witnesses saw her there, specifically, and not a generic "man and a woman".</p> <p>A police whiteboard is seen with the note "Kipper / Skipper".</p>	<p>BBC Crimewatch</p> <p>Channel 5 Documentary</p>		<p>It seems implausible now that Suzy ever had the key to Shorrolds road and very unlikely she ever went there.</p> <p>How did "Skipper" come about?</p>
	12:45	<p>Crimewatch puts Suzy's car in Stevenage Road at this time, and Stevenage is a 5-min drive from Sturgis.</p>	<p>Wendy Jones BBC Crimewatch</p>		<p>Y</p>
	12:50 13:00 13:00	<p>Crimewatch refers to a man in a short-sleeved polo shirt walking home, who saw Suzy standing in the gateway at No. 37. Suzy looked to be waiting for someone.</p> <p>The main witness, Harry Riglin, hears the door to No. 37 close and he looks out to see a man and woman looking back towards the front of No. 37. Riglin provides a description of the man only, which leads to the famous drawing.</p> <p>Nicholas Doyle is walking to North End Road market. Suzy is standing in the middle of the path looking up at No. 37 and she smiles at him as he walks past. Doyle saw the man was holding a bottle of champagne with ribbons around the neck. Doyle provides a description leading to a different drawing, but there are key similarities with the drawing produced after Riglin's statement.</p> <p>Crimewatch warning: Suzy's car was not seen by any witness in Shorrolds Road.</p>	<p>BBC Crimewatch</p>		<p>This entire series of events has been analysed over the years. But if Suzy did not have the key to 37 Shorrolds then none of this actually happened.</p>
	12:55	<p>According to Google Maps, the pub is a 12 min (1.4 mile) drive from work. We suppose Sophie arrives around 12:55.</p> <p>There is a possibility that Suzy went first to her flat, to collect her tennis</p>	<p>David Videcette</p>		

		racquet and clothes. The racquet is later found in the flat, and there was no tennis gear in the abandoned car. Could something have happened at the flat?			
	14:00	A taxi driver in Stevenage Road says he saw Suzy's car parked up.	BBC Crimewatch		Who is the taxi driver?
	14:00 - 14:30	A man hails a taxi in the same area. The man tells the driver he had just witnessed a man and woman having an argument.	BBC Crimewatch		Could be anything.
	14:45	Barbara Whitfield, Suzy's friend, thinks she saw Suzy driving in her car in Fulham Palace Road. Barbara is cycling, not driving, so would have had time for a good look. Suzy was driving towards Barbara in the opposite direction and Barbara waved. Suzy had a male passenger whom she was talking to so did not see Barbara. Nick Carter on Crimewatch states they are taking this seriously as Whitfield is the only witness who knew Suzy. However she is also the only witness in Fulham Palace Road. Strangely, this location ties in with Suzy driving to Putney that day to collect her lost property. But the timing is wrong. Did Barbara get the right day at the wrong time, or did she get everything absolutely right?	BBC Crimewatch		The police think this was a different day. The southern end of Fulham Palace Road becomes Fulham High Street which is on the way to Putney... but this timing does not coincide with the time Suzy left the office at 12:40.
	~ 15:30	With Suzy not yet back at work, Mark Gurdon starts to make some calls to her friends and family after checking that no colleagues have seen her. Wendy Jones returns home from her shopping trip and notices Suzy's car is still there outside her house in Stevenage Road. As the car is parked awkwardly, overlapping a neighbour's garage, Wendy believes the car has never moved.	David Videcette Channel 5 Documentary BBC Crimewatch		
		Clive Vole recalls an odd phone call in the afternoon from a woman. The woman asks if "Susan" is coming over, and he thinks she means Suzy. The woman asks him to try and "keep her" in the pub. Clive does not take the woman's number or other details and she is never heard from again. Suzy herself never arrives, or something happens to her in the pub. We suppose one of these two options because the chequebook and diary are still at the pub when the police arrive to collect them. Today, the diary is in the hands of the police and has been so since 1986.	Clive Voles		
	16:30	Mark Gurdon and another colleague go to 37 Shorrolds to knock on the door and peer through windows. He thought perhaps she was locked inside. They did not look inside and presumably did not have the key, if Suzy had it... but then how did the police end up with the only key?	BBC Crimewatch		It makes sense that they did not look inside if they knew Suzy did not have the key.

		Gurdon also rang around local hospitals before talking to Suzy's family.			
	17:15	The owner of the garage in Stevenage Road at the place where Suzy's car is parked returns home in his car and parks inside his garage. He notices the oddly parked white Fiesta.	BBC Crimewatch		Who is the garage owner?
	17:30	Mark Gurdon phones the police to report Suzy missing.	BBC Crimewatch		Timing different to Videcette?
	18:00	Suzy's work diary has an appointment with Joanna Wright, for a property viewing. She does not still not returned to work so cannot have made this appointment, as she did not have the key to the property.	David Videcette		
	18:45	As Sophie is still not back, Mark Gurdon calls the police.	David Videcette		Timing conflicts with Crimewatch?
	Evening	Suzy's mum believes Suzy has made plans to play tennis this evening. We do not know which courts she plays at or who she is supposed to be playing with.	David Videcette		Need fact check and expand
	19:30	Mick Jones and Mr Lamplugh attend Suzy's flat at 49 Disraeli Road. They break in but there is no sign of Suzy.	Channel 5 documentary		
	21:00	Peter Johnstone, CID officer, is called at home. A full scale police search begins for Suzy's car.	Channel 5 documentary BBC Crimewatch		
	10:01	<p>Suzy's car is found in Stevenage Road, and parked untidily, with no keys. Suzy's purse containing bank cards and £15 are in the car, in the door pocket at the driver's side. The driver's seat is pushed far back as though Suzy was not the last driver.</p> <p>On the rear parcel shelf is a cream-coloured straw sunhat with band. The driver's door is unlocked but the passenger door is locked. The handbrake is off, down. The detectives Johnstone and Jones say the driver's seat was so far back that Suzy could not have driven it.</p> <p>Crimewatch claims the keys to 37 Shorrols were never found, but then how did the police have them shortly after?</p> <p>Mike Barley summarizes the night of the first day by saying they knew three things: (1) Suzy left her office soon after 12:30, (2) her car had been found at 10:01 in Stevenage Road and (3) she had not been seen again.</p>	<p>David Videcette BBC Crimewatch</p> <p>Channel 5 Documentary</p> <p>BBC Crimewatch</p> <p>Channel 5</p>		What does the presence of the purse show? Suzy was in the car with another person? Why did she let him drive? There is no blood or other suspicious forensics in the car. Where in the car was the purse?

	Night	Adam Legood is questioned extensively by police.	David Videcette		
29.07.1986 TUESDAY	07:00	Det Supt Nick Carter is assigned to the Lamplugh case and will lead it until his retirement in 1987.	David Videcette		
	Morning	Carter, the Lamplughs and Adam Legood host the first press conference at the Fulham police station canteen.	David Videcette		
		The police are using a key to get in and out of the 37 Shorrolds Road property, the assumption being that it is the one and only key from Sturgis estate agency.	Crime scene photographs taken by police photographer on 29.07.1986.		
04.08.1986	Morning	The police stage a reconstruction for the TV cameras using police officers to represent Suzy and Mr Kipper.	David Videcette		

Sources

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The Vanishing of Suzy Lamplugh, UK, Channel 5 documentary made by Turquoise TV, aired Wednesday 16th December 2020 and available to stream on My5.

BBC Crimewatch, October 1986, 12 weeks (or 81 days) after Suzy disappeared.