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What do a Tory Peer, Selwyn Gummer (Lord Chadlington), David Sumner (Sumner Group Holdings) and the Sanchez Perez family (drugs money, laundered through Gold mines) have in common?

It's another company-saving a £50 million PPE contract shaggy dog story

Connections, connections

The *staggering* tale of a Tory Peer and a \xa350m PPE contract. https://t.co/SH2qxOmfQ4

— Jo Maugham (@JolyonMaugham) December 10, 2020

What a start to the story

"A bulletproof truck trundled down the road in downtown Lima, guarded by 18 policeman They were wearing body armour & wielding high velocity rifles

No-one was taking any chances

This was a Special delivery for Peruvian Prosecutor for an anti drug trial

That was in 2011, the same year that Lord Chadlington's daughter got married in Chadlington to Henry Allsopp.

Who was there?

Yes Kirstie Allsopp of Location, location, location and all this Covid nonsense fame) is his sister

Camilla, his Godmother

Jeremy Hunt

Cameron

Well. Come on. Lord Chadlington had been chair of the local Witney Conservative Association. It's only fair.

Hang on. Julian Wheatland, Director of SCL Group/ Cambridge Analytica had also been chair of Witney Conservative

Are we sure Julian Wheatland and his side kick Alexander Nix were not there too @JolyonMaugham? I mean. They move in the same North Oxford circles. Anyway. Back to -the Cotswold connection, -Sumner Group Holdings with a history of financial crashes and -that pesky Sanchez Paredes / Perez family with those lovely gold mines allegedly handy for laundering drug money. What's that got to do with Lord Chadlington? Well his firm, GPW (he was chairman & Director) was asked by David Sumner to produce a business intelligence report on the risks of Sumner Group Holdings Ltd doing business with the Sanchez Peredes/ Perez family. It concluded that although Orlando Sanchez Peredes had not been not convicted of any money laundering crimes, nor appear on any law enforcement sanctions list he WAS listed as a "special interest person" by the Dow Jones register of business risk data..and was currently on trial 4 members of the same family also under investigation for drugs/ money laundering through the gold mines offences. So SGH ran a mile, surely? Nope They bought into the mines, paying Orlando Sanchez Perez and his family a shedload of money. Then floated SGH on the stock market They had already paid £10 million to the Sanchez family as a down payment with a £32 million still to pay. Someone with some sense in SGH decided that continuing to do business with the Sanchez family still on trial, was too big a risk, waving goodbye to the £10 million. Naturally, the newly SGH recruited shareholders were not too happy and sued them. Knowing all this Lord Chadlington wouldn't touch them with a barge pole, would he? Nope. He ended up the company Chairman.

Association...and campaigned for his mate Cameron

So whilst SGH mining company ran into trouble with it shareholder, the public money purse this Government seems to use to line the coffers of its mates sprang to the rescue with 2 PPE contract (£23.8 mill + £26.1 mill) awarded to another SGH subsidiary.

Where's the problem between mates with a company with £376k debt, after all?

I mean, that's what mates and that VIP line to success are for, surely?

Interesting colleagues on the Sumner board.

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That 28 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey registered address rings a bell with me.

Does it you @Turloughc?

The full SGH/ Lord Chadlington/ Sanchez Peredes story is here

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