

A note on Ludo from Mr Whitton – October 2014

Picked up a signed copy of Ludovic Kennedy's *On My Way to the Club* (1989) for £2.13 including postage from England. It was his talk to the Howard League of Penal Reform (1989) that started me looking into the two systems. [The talk is an appendix to *Trial by Voodoo*.](#)

On *10 Rillington Place* (1961) he states what you know. In case you don't have it, a couple of quotes:

"This ... was my first experience of the lengths to which CID officers will go in order to secure a conviction, and I was deeply shocked. I was to find the same sort of malpractice repeating itself in case after case in the years ahead."

"So, thirteen years late, this sorry tale at last ended – a tale not only about a grievous injustice, but about the pusillanimity of those who for whom a belief in the infallibility of the law is more important than its integrity, who think that when a mistake is made, it is better to pretend it never happened than concede that the laws must be human too. Despite *10 Rillington Place* having remained in print from that time to this, the subsequent reluctance of the Home Office and Court of Appeal ever to admit that criminal justice can miscarry continues to this day."