The problem with being famous

In some respects I feel sorry for quite a lot of famous people. In many ways they're just not free to enjoy the pleasures that 'ordinary' people can.

Think of some types of famous people – C.E.O.s of very big companies, managers of Premiership football clubs, A-listed movie stars…….

(I'm thinking mainly of men.)

Suppose they are now middle-aged (or even older). And now suppose they are among that group of people we might say are 'highly sexed'.

They are probably married to a woman who is also middle-aged (or maybe divorced even).

It must be ***incredibly difficult*** for them to get their 'additional sexual thrills' that they probably ***need*** – that the rest of us can do quite easily.

Particularly if they are so famous that they can easily be recognised, they can't go to strip clubs, they can't go on a nudist beach, they can't go to a prostitute even (remember what happened to Wayne Rooney).

As I said, people like this have to go to 'incredible lengths' to get their 'sexual thrills', which, if they are highly sexed, they probably need.

And sometimes they get through a lot of money going to these 'incredible lengths', and sometimes even, they are bordering on the illegal.

And if it happens that they ***get found out*** doing whatever they do, it is all on the front pages of the newspapers the next day.

And their wonderful career could well be over (it has happened quite a few times, that I can think of).

Now it's the women doing this

This morning I read (in something like a social media post) that Ulrika Johnson had complained about 'older men' dating teens.

Personally I think Ms Johnson may be a bit behind the times. That certainly used to happen quite frequently 20 or 30 years ago. But these days my experience is that it is mostly the other way round.

As I have written elsewhere, in most pubs (and nightclubs) these days, the women are vastly outnumbered by the men, and the women seem to be taking full advantage of this 'inequality of opportunity'.

For I have noticed a few women in my hometown who are 'getting on a bit' (i.e. now in their fifties), who I have come across quite a few times over the last 20 years or so, 'going about their business', and getting older – I have noticed them recently in pubs and nightclubs getting very amorous with young men probably in their twenties – and very often a different young man in their twenties each week.

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Why I Don't Get Invited To Dinner Parties

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I'm against the Me-Too Movement

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Because I come out with anecdotes that are a bit controversial or 'near the knuckle'. For example:

Presenters on the TV

I really wouldn't like to be a young bloke who has ambitions of being a TV presenter, these days.

Have you noticed how, more and more, there is a preponderance of women presenters on the TV, especially on the BBC (but on other stations too). More and more, the men are shunted to the back of the queue.

Blimey, even in men's football matches, there sometimes seem to be more women presenters and interviewers, than men. (This is something I find particularly amazing.)

And when interviewing an expert in a particular field, it is far more often a woman than a man. Similarly when they are interviewing someone doing a particular job – even when everyone knows that men doing that job far outnumber the women (for instance bricklaying or mechanical engineering), it is very often a woman.

Why are men punished 100 times more severely than women for equivalent 'sexual harassment'?

There is a report today (in one of the national papers – sometime in November 2023), that a 28 year old woman was spared jail (in fact, received only a very small fine) for groping a man's crotch and genitals.

Apparently she had been 'chatting him up', had then moved onto leaning against him and touching his face and arm, and then suddenly groped his crotch and genitals. The man, who was with friends, was 'frozen in shock'.

She was arrested and it ended up in court. But there, instead of being dealt with severely, she was told to pay £150 compensation and £172 towards costs.

The judge summed up the case: He told her – "The offence on that evening was not predatory – it was basically, as we see it, a drunken joke that goes wrong."

Really? The judges don't say that sort of thing when men do something equivalent, do they?

If a man did something equivalent to that to a woman he would receive a hundred times the punishment – he probably would be put in jail for a few years.

Why the discrepancy?

The Royal Grammar School (Newcastle)

I worked for a while in Newcastle, and in conversations was made aware of the local 'anecdotes' of the area. One of these was about the very famous Royal Grammar School in Newcastle, which has a terrific academic reputation, and is renowned for sending many pupils to Oxbridge.

And one thing I found out – a lot of local people still joke about it - was that there was a very unusual thing about it, particularly regarding P.E. It had a swimming pool, and presumably this swimming pool was surrounded by fences, because the boys going swimming in it had to be nude – no swimming trunks were allowed.

It was unusual in those days – these days it would be unheard of, I should think. (I expect the Royal Grammar School has long since discontinued the practice.)

Surely, even though, as I said, presumably there were fences surrounding the pool, quite a few people would have got 'a bit of a view', apart from the boys themselves. Certainly quite a few male teachers, some of whom might have been a bit gay. Surely there were some female teachers too – perhaps some of them got 'a bit of a thrill' sometimes – or the cleaners, or caretakers etc.

Does anyone know of anywhere where this still happens? Or girls' schools even?

Now a couple of 'Slightly naughty' / Near the knuckle Anecdotes, written in 2010s:

About a current craze

Sometimes it seems as if most of the national papers are being run by Mary Whitehouse's granddaughter, or something like that – because they seem to have such 'Victorian' or puritanical attitudes. For instance, they were so fed up about the success of 'Fifty Shades Of Grey' that virtually all the columnists 'got together' (so it seemed) and decided that the best way to attack it was to call it 'Mummy's porn'.

And now, regarding this 'sans culottes' craze which is running rampant: very little is mentioned about it at all (directly). But presumably thinking that to continually recommend 'the reverse' could have some effect, there are quite a few articles recommending 'big knickers' – with as much flesh covered up as possible. And it certainly seems to have caught on with Marks and Spencers' bosses at any rate – when I visited some of their stores recently (during my many trips around my county and beyond), in each of them there were loads of posters advertising 'big knickers' in the Ladies department. [BUT (even more recently) M & S seem to have more or less given up on knickers altogether – in their lingerie department there were hardly any – though there were loads of bras.]

** Mary Whitehouse was a prominent anti-porn campaigner back in about the 1970's.*

A fairly typical night in Wetherspoons (recently)

Quite recently, I was in Wetherspoons (the town shall remain nameless), and there was a young woman near me who had her skirt literally up round her waist, and she had no panties on. So she was showing everything - depending on what angle you were to her. She was with a group of friends, some men and some women.

As it happened, I was not at the best angle to see all that much really, so I changed chairs to get a better view.

I enjoyed this better view for several minutes, but then a couple of men from the group (one of whom might have been her boyfriend), pulled their chairs up by me (sitting between me and the young woman, spoiling my view in the process), and they proceeded to lecture me – why what I did was wrong.

I said "Yeah, but you can't blame me for having a bit of a look, can you? – I'm not gay, you know."

One of the men said "Yeah, but you shouldn't actually change chairs to do so, should you?"

And so it went on.

About UK car manufacturers

I suppose UK car manufacturers can be pleased with themselves that over the last 20 years or so, there have been great improvements in the emissions figures of the cars they sell in the UK. However, as someone who was involved in the motor industry about 35 years ago, I know that it was 'standard practice' that manufacturers exported outdated cars (outdated in the UK), for instance to developing countries.

So is this still happening?

Climate change is a global issue and there is little point in greatly improving the emission figures of cars sold in the UK if manufacturers are still exporting hundreds of thousands of high emissions vehicles every year to less wealthy countries.

Furthermore, there are not going to be any new petrol or diesel engine cars sold in the UK after 2030. But I see that they are still going to be exporting petrol and diesel cars.

The mind boggles at the stupidity and hypocrisy of this.