

February 6th 2022

Not sure how this works, but.....

Okay, first post. Already out of gas!

Is this where my work will be posted, or will these posts link to my work? I can barely even navigate the digital territory. Better push on and let it work itself out.

Alright, what does someone who is not a journalist do when he wants to enter the domain of journalism? Pick some subjects to write on, I guess.

I have a few. **Schools and Critical Theory. The Family and the Attack Upon It. The Politicization of Everything (or the New Communism of Woke) . And, of course, Captain Covid.** Also, some things lighter: do you think cats are better than dogs?

It'll be slow going, but hopefully it's going to pick up speed until it's a juggernaut, bowling over literary giants like Enid Blyton on down.

Regards,

Dan

February 8th 2022

Flying the Flag

'Ello folks.

Funny how you grope around for something (sorry, Miss!) and find nothing, but swan along in a daze and strike gold (you have that one on me, Miss!).

Been wondering where to start with this idea of journalism, including wondering what journalism amounts to, and mid-wonder, I walked past the local police station. On a flagpole out front flew.....what? A multi-coloured symbol of captured ground.



My first thought was, 'What the hell?' My second thought was, 'So that's what journalism is.'

So, I've found the subject of my first article. I'll try and post - no, I will post - twice a week and let anyone who cares know how it's going. I'll put the finished piece on here, obviously. YOU THERE! YOU, DROOLING IN THE CORNER, I'M TALKING TO YOU!

Regards, Dan

February 12th 2022

Good Habits

I'll try and post twice a week! Hah!

So, a bit late, here's an update about my thinking, or lack thereof, regarding my first article. No-one is reading, so this is a posh version of talking to myself: I may need professional help.

First up - I need to reference two articles from a local newspaper; I need to decide whether to name some names. It's not that it's an expose, the names are already in the paper. It's not that I blame the people involved either. The kind of weaponised compassion on view is designed to back people into corners and corrupt their thinking. So....keep their names out of it? It'll weaken the article if I don't include all details. I don't know yet. Funny how ethically challenged you can feel over something hardly anyone is going to read.

Second - tone. I don't want to sound like a wise-ass and I certainly don't know it all. I don't have an informed opinion on everything. Or anything

really. I want to go with my gut but I don't want it popping out from under my shirt and hanging over my belt, offending all right-thinking people...(I'm actually quite svelte and beautiful. Nicely toned, if you will.

There we are - back to tone again)

Regardo

Dan.

February 21th 2022

The Title

Ello,

All at sea about how to proceed.

Should that be the title of my first piece? In actuality (is that a real word?

Ah, now I have to look it up. No I don't! This isn't the finished article, so

who cares? More good habits kicking in!). In actuality, I have a title. It's

close to the only thing I do have. I thinking on calling it 'Corruption'. It's

the word that came to mind when I see a partisan flag above the cop

shop and the local copper (a good man) in the local rag under the

heading of '**Being you is not a crime, hating you for it is**'.

'**Being you is not a crime, hating you for it is**'. Again, *what the hell?*

But where do I start? Am I going to be objective or am I going to be

truthful? Or can I be both? Should I go in guns blazing or

carefully-carefully? Do I write the piece and look for quotes, or speak to

some people and write the piece around it? And if I go asking questions, do I want to deal with any fallout? Isn't it fantastically awkward that my first piece revolves around the Old Bill - why couldn't it be.....any other institution? One that can't lock me up.

Hmm.....Well, enough shilly shallying. Next post will be the beginning of the first draft.

Regards,

Dan.

March 4th 2022

Impostor Syndrome

Hey Ho,

Bumbling and fumbling around. I get the title to my first piece ('Corruption') and then stall because I get my second piece - just falling into my lap. A group of doctors called '**The Children's Covid Vaccine Advisory Group**' want folk to contact their doctors to stop the vaccination of kids. This seems tailor-made to provide material for a writer who a) believes it's right to do such a thing and b) is suffering from impostor syndrome and wants some kind of officialdom cover to hide his lack of credentials.

The motor is spluttering along at the moment and could stall again at any time. Not so much writer's block as it is "How do I get to the writing part?"

Thanks for reading, Nobody! Dan.

7th March 2022

Corruption (Draft 1)

Here's the start of my first article. It's not much, but it's a start.

I was walking past the Police Station the other day, past the Nick, past the Cop Shop. It stands on a small hill, probably not a deliberate attempt at architectural authority but there it stands, and it is opposite the town primary school. Behind it is the football ground.

I pass this place regularly. My experiences with the local constabulary have been few and they have been fairly unpleasant, fairly neutral, fairly pleasant. That's life with people in general, I find. However, it is different with the Police. They can lock you up, and that puts you on your guard. So it's important to draw back and realise the necessity of such an institution - otherwise one might get resentful.

It's also important for the institution to realise the necessity of broadcasting it's necessity: especially in the era of 'Defund the Police'.

So....I was walking past the Police Station.

I looked up at nothing much and saw something amazing. Flying over the station, atop the flagpole in front of the building, was (naturally enough) a flag. It was a multi-coloured flag. The LGBT flag.

7th March 2022

Into My Lap

Nice ambiguous title to this post.....

Here's what fell into my lap.

<https://childrensunion.org/campaign/>

My idea is to follow the advice from the children's union and then follow that up again by finding out how many doctors signed the open letter. My understanding is that many (most) doctors have not dug into the issue of vaccinations and are just following orders and being well paid for it.

<https://www.conservativewoman.co.uk/keep-taking-the-vaccines-and-your-gp-will-keep-taking-the-cash/>

But I could be wrong.

As regards this journalism thing, it seems that writing is in some ways the least of it. There is so much organising to do, following up, fact checking (in the old-fashioned, non-internet sense). My head is in seven different places most of the time.

Bitch, bitch, bitch! No-one's forcing me to do this. Or are they? Who the hell vaccinates kids who don't need it?

