

Good morning ladies & gentlemen

If perhaps I should say after
the friendly ^{conviviality} ~~the~~ happenings of the past two days

Good morning friends.

Geoffrey Munson touched on the ^{convivial} ~~subject~~ ^{aspect of Pension Funds} in his
address yesterday morning, that Pension Fund
investment managers & advisers, although they
are to some extent rivals, are also ^{very} friendly rivals
& seem at all times willing to share any particular
expertise which they might have with each other.

This I presume is because we all have the
same admirable goal, namely that of endeavouring to
improve the lot of pensioners, who in an inflationary
age, are the section of our community less able to
provide for themselves & ~~protect~~ ^{preserve} their standard of living

We now come to the last of our speakers & you
can imagine that it gives me great personal
pleasure to introduce him to you. You
all have his contribution outside in ~~your~~ papers
but I can tell you that although he seems to
be following a career somewhat similar to my own
this is entirely coincidental & his choice & not
due to any pressure on my part - but I assure
you I am delighted.

His C.V. does not tell you that he is a
keen cricketer, as I was, but I can assure
you that there is no truth in the story
that as my second child, I will keep
referring to him as "my second slip"

You will have come to expect a story from me when introducing a speaker. Only the oldest of you here will remember, that most famous & respected Germanic journalist Harold Winick - ^{also} now no longer with us. Who you used to ~~write~~ ^{engage in} delightful conversations between Dad & Son to illustrate some point he was making. I was privileged to provide him with the material for one such article for my son Abastan had returned home on holiday from his school Marlborough & his Com report was not up to the high standard I had come to expect of him, & I was giving him a bit of mild parental stick on the matter. He listened politely, & when I had finished he looked at me with those innocent blue eyes & said "Well Dad, I don't know what you are belly aching about. I've read all your writings & I know that you are only interested in the long term result. What's a term of eleven weeks got to do with it?"

I think this could be a slogan for our discussions over the past two days.

It is with great pleasure & ^{hopeful} confidence that I ask Abastan to address us.

Sleeping with Ross Goble = Ross Goble's son - Ross Goble's
Are you ^{young} Ross Goble's son - no I'm his father Jack