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They would think (I suspect) that Savile was obliged by the law to behave properly towards children. So neither the youngsters, nor their parents, had to take responsibility for avoiding his indecent behaviour.

But the BBC star Anne Robinson echoed my thoughts over the weekend when she said of the scandal: 'What disappoints me now is that girls leave school and university with decent brains and qualifications, but at no point along the line has anyone taught them a few tricks of the trade, whether it's negotiating a salary or how to deal with a predatory male.'

True enough, but adults, too, were dazzled by Savile's rock 'n' roll fame and northern working-man chutzpah.

He was, for a time, head of the management committee at Broadmoor Hospital for the criminally insane, with his own living quarters there. He was also a trusted, live-in figure at Stoke Mandeville and Leeds hospitals.

His inappropriate behaviour towards staff and patients was ignored. The bigwigs in charge of these institutions — as at the BBC — were taken in like star-struck teenage girls by his fame

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Unmarried, camping around the country, Savile was a weirdo, but there's no law against that.

Being on TV — especially the BBC — suggested that he was trustworthy. As did his charity work and contacts with the Royal Family.

Sometimes reporters from Sunday papers did nose around, but he would flatly deny any impropriety, warn them of the legal consequences and remind them of the charities that would suffer.

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A policeman familiar with the Dunblane massacre of 1996 — in which Thomas Hamilton, a local man carrying four, legally owned handguns, killed 16 children and one adult — told me that before the attack the killer was well known to him and his colleagues. Indeed, some were frightened of him.

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## Generally speaking, I'm shocked

DID you imagine for a single moment that our retired Army generals would hire themselves out to arms firms, saying they could help land them multi-million-pound government contracts?

Me neither. I imagined the old warhorses would concentrate on doing good works in their communities while composing their memoirs.

Now four of them are accused of being 'generals for hire' after a sting by The Sunday Times. The Ministry of Defence is investigating.

Of the former officers who were trapped, the only one of whom I'd

heard was former head of the Army, Lord Dannatt, 61, who retired as Chief of the General Staff three years ago on an £85,000-a-year pension.

The undercover reporters say they offered him £100,000 for two days' work a month for a South Korean company who wanted to sell drones to the MoD. They said he found this offer 'reasonable'.

He promised (they say) to arrange a lunch date with the chief of defence procurement, Bernard Gray, and lobby a top civil servant with whom he

had been at school. But when confronted, Dannatt denied making any such undertakings.

He's the last general you'd expect to get involved in such improper lobbying.

A devout Christian — attributing a number of near-death experiences to having been a challenge from God to 'devote my life to Christ' — he will be familiar with the passage from Matthew:

'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon Earth... No man can serve two masters... Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.'

**G**EORGE OSBORNE revelled in Labour leader Tony Blair's 1997 General Election victory — even while working for Tory premier John Major. So says his biographer, Janan Ganesh. Osborne was 26 at the time, lurking in Conservative Central Office until they'd found him a safe parliamentary seat. Like his chum David Cameron — another well-connected young Tory at the time — he was able to describe himself as a 'prime ministerial adviser'. Are we in the mess we're in because well-connected, wet-behind-the-ears types, who'd never held down a proper job, are now in control? Ganesh quotes Osborne as telling colleagues a year ago: 'There is light at the end of the tunnel, but the tunnel is getting longer and the light is getting dimmer.' The light at the end of Osborne's political tunnel might be from the oncoming Labour express train.