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## FELIX DENNIS

**Publisher** on making money, writing poetry, naked women and the Tories



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- **Witter: What's happening?**
  - **FD:** Just finished first half of my poetry tour.
  - **A vanity exercise, or were you trying to make some money?**  
At the Bath gig, I played to 400 people — and they were paying £20 each for a ticket. I'm not going to make loads of profit out of it.
  - **But is your poetry any good?**  
Say what you like about it but I must be doing something right.
  - **Do you regret supporting Julian Assange? Is he a complete fraud?**  
No, but he has made mistakes. That said, I think the charges against him are bogus, trumped up by the US, to send him to prison for life.
  - **Would you chip in for Edward Snowden too?**  
It's a different case but I am sick of America being a bully — and the country's holier-than-thou approach to phoney patriotism.
  - **Should lads' mags be banned?**  
Don't be silly.
  - **What about Page 3?**  
Might as well ban seaside postcards and Bamforth cartoons. Do you notice women in London walk about half-naked in summer?
  - **Surely that's not the same thing.**  
I will quote Dorothy Parker. If you wear a short enough skirt, the party will come to you.
  - **Is it true that you were the first person to say the c-word live on TV in the 1970s? Would you do the same again?**  
Yes, and probably not. My mother didn't speak to me for three years afterwards.
  - **Is swearing harmless — or infantile?**  
A bit of both. But it's been ubiquitous since Neolithic times.
  - **Are you rich enough now?**  
Making money is still marvellous. But I pay all my taxes. There's no Cayman Islands offshore account for me.
  - **What do you feel about modern politicians?**  
Gutless — most of them are mere ciphers and don't achieve anything.
  - **Who will win the next election?**  
Regrettably I think it will be the Tories — with their slimy promises and that fool who runs London as their new leader ■
- Interview: Mark Edmonds**  
*Felix Dennis's poetry tour, Did I Mention The Free Wine?, continues this autumn. For tickets, visit [felixdennis.com](http://felixdennis.com)*

