

This does not happen very often

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I have a confession to make. I overslept this morning, by quite a lot. Usually I am around by six or very soon after. This morning I must have missed the alarm, the rest of the household being up, and the sun streaming in and stayed asleep.

The result is a limited blogging output this morning. But maybe two threads yesterday will have to do, on top of which I also wrote a column for The National, did a 45 minute livecast with them, started reviewing an academic paper, spent time with university colleagues on two grant applications (one of which we now know is successful) and quite a lot else, including work on a new report on wealth taxes. I watched the mixed doubles final at Wimbledon last night and felt really tired. I obviously was!

So my apologies if there is less than usual to read this morning - but the day job also has demands that must be met today.