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I can’t resist strawberry pavlova. Even when I’m watching my weight, if it’s on a menu I must have it. I have proposed to shackle women prisoners in childbirth. I never ever did and the proof is in Hansard, but people always assume it’s true. It is irritating! The event that altered the course of your life and character... I’m sorry, but nothing has dramatically swung my life because everything has roughly followed the course I designed. The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I am against abortion, so I would incapacitate every abortion clinic. The song that means most to you... Old Folks At Home by Paul Robeson, about a slave longing to be reunited with his family. It has particular resonance now because my brother died last year, so I’m in the last of my family. The happiest moment you will cherish forever... My reception into the Catholic Church in April 1993. I was an active Christian, but this was the resolution of a spiritual quest. The philosophy that underpins your life... Carpe diem. Seize the day. Get the most out of each day because you don’t know if it will be your last. The order of service at your funeral... I would have a Roman Catholic requiem at Westminster Cathedral. They’d sing ‘He Who Would Valiant Be’. I’d like John Major to give the address. The way you want to be remembered... Just as a loyal, good friend.

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The last thing you do on a menu is... I’d mud rawley’s heart. Matthew Crawley’s heart. MDon’t miss it!

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The way you would spend your fantasy 24 hours, with no travel restrictions... It is a dream to see Earth from above so I would orbit the planet. After that, I’d walk on Dartmoor, where I live, then have a quiet night by the fire with a good book and a whisky and soda.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Strawberry pavlova. Even if I’m watching my weight, if I see it on a menu I must have it.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... All Quiet On The Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque. It brings home the horrors of World War I from the view of ordinary people.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Woman for a day... I’d muddle up Craig Revel Horwood’s scoring cards on Strictly Come Dancing so he awarded 10s to everybody.

The way fame and fortune has changed you, for better and worse... None of the fame thing really matters. I was incredibly driven in my career and the greatest cost was the precious time I missed with my mother.

The film you can watch time and time again... The Pianist. I like the twist that the man who should have been his friend betrays him, while the man dressed as the enemy helps him.

The person who has influenced you most... Sister Mary Evangelista, who was my Latin teacher. She inspired me to love Latin as well as to make the most of life. We are still in touch.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... King Charles II. There is some poor evidence that he married Lucy Walter, but I’d like the definitive answer. It would have had a profound effect on our monarchy.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... Keep up your skills. Don’t assume you will always be able to do something just because you are good at it when you are young.

The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Charles II’s escape after the battle of Worcester. He was on the run for weeks. It fascinates me.

The treasured item you lost and wish you could get back again... I had a set of videos of the Paul Of Tarsus TV series, which I had loved in the early Sixties. Sadly, a relative recorded over one of the cassettes – with an episode of Ultimate Force! I was so furious.

The unqualified regret you wish you could erase... As told to Rob McGibbon.

The misapprehension about yourself... That I was my Latin teacher. She inspired me most.

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