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The happiest moment you will cherish... People are genuinely disappointed if I'm not wearing platform shoes and a top hat with mirrors.

The prize possession you value above all others... My parents’ wooden Art Deco clock. It never lost a minute until it suddenly stopped in 1988 at the exact time my dad Jack died - 3.30pm.

The unqualified regret you wish you could amend... That I can’t get the four members of Slade to be mates again. I got us together three years ago but it was a disaster and all the old grievances came out, like money and things that were said years ago. We’re in our 60s now and it’s sad we can’t laugh about our amazing 25 years together.

The way you would spend your fantasy 24 hours, with no travel restrictions... Breakfast at Zabar’s deli in New York, then shopping in Milan with my missus, Susan. We’d fly to Paris for lunch and visit the museums. Then to London for afternoon tea at Claridge’s before cocktails on my boat in Portugal, then New York again for a Broadway musical. After that, my old mates and I would eat a curry in Walsall in the West Midlands, where we grew up. Then we’d go on a bar crawl in New Orleans.

The temptation you wish you could resist... I have never been one for resisting temptation – and it’s got me into a lot of trouble.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins (1868), which I read at school when I was 12. It was the first detective novel.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Man for a day... I’d sneak into Jennifer Lopez’s dressing room and watch her getting ready for a gig. She’s talented and has a great booty!

The way fame and fortune have changed you... My mates reckon I haven’t changed but, as an extrovert, Susan says I don’t consider that some people are shy.

The film you can watch time and time again... Cabaret with Liza Minnelli. I saw it in London in 1972 and loved it so much I went again the next night.

The person who has influenced you most... My mate reck I haven’t changed but, as an extrovert, Susan says I don’t consider that some people are shy.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Al Jolson. He was the ultimate performer and the King of Broadway.

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s Slade frontman Noddy Holder.

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The treasured item you lost and wish you could have again... My Gibson SG stage guitar, which was stolen at a gig in the 70s. Years later, I got a letter from a singer who was big in the 80s, admitting he stole it. He was in rehab and part of his recovery was to seek forgiveness for past sins. I didn’t reply as the guitar was so special I couldn’t forgive him. It wouldn’t be fair to name him.

The unending quest that drives you on... I have a thirst for knowledge and new experiences.

The poem that touches your soul... I've always been tickled by Spike Milligan's: 'The boy stood on the burning deck/ Whence all but he fled/ The twirf!'

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As told to Rob McGibbon

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- Love The Great British Bake Off? Now try the recipes at home
- Meet our first two National Garden Competition finalists
- Britain’s most detailed TV guide

If you’ve got children to entertain, try The Smurfs In 3D – the little blue creatures’ movie debut – out on Wednesday. Catch one of the 2,500 events at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. And Morrissey returns to the stage with two London shows this week.

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