The DEFINITIVE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week: Wimbledon commentator Andrew Castle

The prized possession you value above all others... A 1912 baby grand piano. It’s been in the family for 15 years and we’ve had many fun get-togethers around it.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Not staying in America when I was 22 after I finished studying there and became a tennis player. I’d have become a better player, but I was homesick.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Chocolate espresso beans. They perk you up and make you fat in one go!

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Story Of Doctor Dolittle by vet author Arthur W. Sapey.

Wadadli beers. Then we’d have a game of bowls. Later I’d sail a small catamaran then nap on the beach. We’d have cocktails at the Tanjung Rhu Resort in Malaysia – gin and tonic for me, champagne for Sophia and a foul-coloured mix of fruit juices for the girls! I’d have lobster for dinner, followed by a midnight walk on the beach. I’m 51 now, so I’d happily snuggle up in bed at home.

The happiest moment you will cherish forever... When my mum, Lyn, saw Lynyrd Skynyrd live. It came on at the end of every party when I was aged 15-17 and reminds me of happy times.

The event that altered the course of your life and character... Playing tennis all day with a friend on a public court near my home in Taunton when I was nine. After that I was hooked.

The person who has influenced you most... My wife Sophia. Without her I wouldn’t be as gentle or listen as much. We’ve been married for 24 years and we’re undyingly loyal.

The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Writing poetry. It’s a valve to let my emotions out. But my poems will never see daylight.

The figure from history for whom you’d like to be remembered... Wilfred Owen’s Dulce Et Decorum Est. It came on at the end of every party when I was aged 15-17 and reminds me of happy times.

The treasured item you lost and wish you could get back... A 1912 baby grand piano. It’s been in the family for 15 years and we’ve had many fun get-togethers around it.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... If you give, you get.

The song that means most to you... Lynyrd Skynyrd’s Free Bird live. It came on at the end of every party when I was aged 15-17 and reminds me of happy times.

The priority activity if you could do it again... Winning changed me. All the family moved to a council house, but I’m proud of my working-class background.

The order of service at your funeral... I’d have a reading of Brian Patten’s In The Dying Of Anything, which helped me when Mum died in 2004, but I’d leave the rest to my daughters.

The way you want to be remembered... He did the best for his family.

The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... I’d devise a computer programme that added a few noughts to my bank account.

Michelle Dockery hits the big screen in sci-fi thriller Selfless – in cinemas Friday. Classic musical Seven Brides For Seven Brothers is at Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre from Thursday. And Noel Gallagher headlines at Latitude Festival, which starts on Thursday in Southwold, Suffolk.