The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s the turn of Hairy Biker Si King

The prized possession you value above all others... My Sakae Almighty drum kit and cymbals in my front room. I’ve played for 35 years and try to practise every day.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... I wish my sons (Alex, 26, James, 23, and Dylan, 15) had travelled with me over the years. What better education is there?

The temptation you wish you could resist... Toasted sour-dough bread with butter. I could eat bread and butter 24 hours a day – that’s why I no longer buy it.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... Robert Louis Stevenson’s A Child’s Garden Of Verses. The book that holds an everlasting resonance… The one who’s content with his portion.’

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Led Zeppelin’s late drummer John Bonham. He could teach me to play!

The person who has influenced you most... My mother Stella. She was strong and loving and taught me that style isn’t just the province of the rich. She died in 2008 aged 86.

The favourite place you’ve ever been... South America. After that, it would be the 1970s and I’d watch Led Zeppelin play in L.A. In the evening, my boys and I would take a balloon flight across Namibia and land at the Messum Crater to watch the changing colours of the Brandberg Mountain as nightfall came. We’d then sit around a campfire and cook bobotie – a spicy mince dish – looking at the Milky Way, which is so incredibly clear there.

The happiest moment you will cherish forever... The births of my sons.

The saddest time that shook your world... The end of my 27-year relationship with Jane. We split because we’d lost each other. Jane was focused on the family and I was focused on work. But we remain close – so close we can’t be bothered to sort out the divorce!

The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... To sell out Wembly with my band – which is basically five odd blokes having a laugh while playing a bit of music.

The film you can watch time and time again... The Big Lebowski. The Big Lebowski.

The poem that touches your soul... ‘True Companion’ by Marc Cohn – it makes me feel happy and sentimental.

The philosophy that underpins your life... Be gentle, kind, warm – and quiet!

The philosophy that underpins your life... The Plug. The Hairy Bikers’ Diet Club is perfect for anyone who wants to lose weight eating real food, not rabbit food! Visit hairybikersistclub.com.

The misapprehension about yourself you would most like to erase... The misapprehension about yourself you would most like to erase... I’d break my arm.

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I’d break into the Vatican’s vaults, unearth some of its treasures and give them to the world.

The unending quest that drives you on... The misapprehension about yourself you would most like to erase... To sell out Wembly with my band – which is basically five odd blokes having a laugh while playing a bit of music.

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As told to Rob McGibbon

Bill Murray and Kate Hudson star in comedy Rock The Kasbah, in cinemas Friday. Iggy Pop’s new album, Post Pop Depression, is out on the same day. And The Painkiller, with Kenneth Branagh and Rob Brydon, opens at The Garrick Theatre on Thursday.

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