The
DEFINITE
ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly
probing questions – and only accept
THE definitive answer. This week
it’s presenter Lorraine Kelly’s turn

The prized possession you value above
all others… An amazing album of pho-
lorrainekelly.tv.

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The new album from the Colombian superstar, is out on Monday.

Values at London’s Harold Pinter Theatre. And Shakira, the
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The philosophy that underpins your
life… Squeeze every last drop of hap-
iness out of every day.

The order of service at your funeral… I
want a humanist ceremony conducted
by someone who knew me. I’d like a
piper playing a lament or two and to
finish with a ceilidh dance. I’d like my
ashes scattered in the Outer Hebrides.

The way you want to be remembered…
As a good mum and a loyal friend.

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NEXT WEEK

● Hermione Norris on her role
in WW1 drama The Crimson
Field
● Try Bake Off winner
John Whaite’s perfect
pastries
● Jamie serves up
divine Mother’s Day suppers
● PLUS Britain’s best TV guide

Bette Davis in All About
Eve. Above: Cadbury’s
Roses. Far right: a safari
in Tanzania

PS…

Chris Evans is back as Captain America in The Winter Soldier – in
cinemas Friday. Caroline Quentin takes to the stage in Relative
Values at London’s Harold Pinter Theatre. And Shakira, the
new album from the Columbian superstar, is out on Monday.

‘I have a passion for
astronomy. My dad was
really into it, and I got my
first telescope aged five’

go for a walk on the beautiful white
sands on the Isle of Barra, in the Out-
er Hebrides. It would be 80º and I’d
cook a fantastic barbecue for all the
family, including Mum and Dad and
my brother Graham. We’d have cold
Cava, which I actually prefer to
expensive champagne, and dance on
the beach. I’d end the day watching
the Southern Lights at the South Pole,
then sleep under a dome there with
the amazing night sky above me.

The saddest time that shook your
world… Covering the Dunblane
shooting. Pam Ross, whose five-year-old
daughter Joanna was killed, invited
me into their home and I saw Joanna
in her coffin. It was heartbreaking.

The unfulfilled ambition that contin-
ues to haunt you… To go into space.

The polar explorer Ernest
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That. No matter who you are or what
your curiosity…

The unlikely interest that engages
your curiosity… Astronomy. My dad,
John, was into it and I got my first tel-
scope aged five – I even had a model
of the solar system in my bedroom.
The passion has never left me and I
love going to the Dundee observatory.

The priority activity if you were the
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its secret recipe. It’s
great for hangovers!

The book that holds an everlasting res-
nance… Greenvoe by the late George
Mackay Brown. It’s set on Orkney – a
place I love – and is full of fascinating
island characters and lyrical language.
His writing is like poetry.

The temptation you wish you could
resist… If I open a packet of HobNobs,
or a box of Roses, I keep going until
I’ve eaten the lot.

The person who has influenced you
most… My mum, who’s 72. She taught
me to want to be the best I can be.

The figure from history for whom
you’d most like to buy a pie and a
pint… The polar explorer Ernest
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The way you would spend your
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The Plug… Lorraine Kelly’s book
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lorrainekelly.tv.

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The crime you would commit knowing
you could get away with it… I’d break
into the secret US archives and find
out who was really behind JFK’s death.

The song that means most to you…
Careful, by Scottish pop singer Horse
McDonald, is the most beautiful love
song. She’s a good friend of mine and
she turned up at my house a few years
ago and serenaded me with it after I’d
fallen off a horse!

The happiest moment you will cherish
forever… After my daughter’s birth, it’s
giving my OBE for services to charity
from the Queen at Holywood-
house in Edinburgh in 2012. I cried.

The treasured item you lost and wish
you could have again… A silver charm
bracelet I was given by my mum when
I was 12. It went missing a few years
later during a house move.

The unending quest that drives you
on… To get better at everything I do.

The poem that touches your soul…
Robert Burns’ A Man’s A Man For A
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