We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s actress Hermione Norris’s turn.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to be a pin-up and a plum... Nell Gwyn was the first commercially successful actress. I’d love her to join her to her about her world and ask her about her boyfriend, Charles II.

The film you can watch time and time again... Spy Game with Robert Redford and Brad Pitt. It’s beautiful – essentially it’s a love story between two men.

The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... The culture of fear we live in because it stifles creativity. People have the freedom to fail because that’s the way it is. The film that holds an everlasting resonance... Pat Barker’s Regeneration Trilogy [Regeneration, The Eye In The Door and The Ghost Road] opened up the First World War to me. The scale of the loss of life is deeply moving.

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