The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE DEFINITIVE answer. This week it’s The Hairy Bikers Dave Myers’ turn

The prized possession you value above all others... A Breitling Colt watch which my wife Lil and Si [King, his sidekick in The Hairy Bikers] bought for my 50th birthday. It was very generous.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... That I stopped painting after I left Goldsmith’s art school. It was my dream to be a professional artist. But I went in a different direction.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Fattening foods like fish and chips, pies, beer and pork belly. I love them, but I got fat and unhealthy, which is why we started The Hairy Dieters. I’ve gone from 18st to 14st 12lb recently.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... Jupiter’s Travels by Ted Simon, which my dad bought me when I was 15. I’d start the day with Lil at Sharrow Bay and ride into the Yorkshire Moors in four simple lines.

The priority activity if you were the hero hits cinemas from Friday. And the Pet Shop Boys make London’s Young Vic. Hercules 3D with Dwayne Johnson playing the hero hits cinemas from Friday. And the Pet Shop Boys make their BBC Proms debut on Wednesday at the Royal Albert Hall.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... The painter and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti. I’d ask him about the women he hung out with – and why he loved his pet wombat so much!

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I’d steal a Suzuki Hayabusa motorbike and take it for a fast ride on the motorway. I’d start the day with Lil at Sharrow Bay and ride into the Yorkshire Moors in four simple lines.

The poem that touches your soul... Auguries Of Innocence by William Wordsworth. It gives me a happy glow.

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The way you want to be remembered... The bloke who had a go.

The film you can watch time and time again... Breakfast At Tiffany’s. Audrey Hepburn is fabulous. I’ve seen it 12 times, but it still makes me weepy.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... Don’t fret about something that may never happen.

The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... To ride in the Isle of Man TT Race. It’s utterly thrilling.

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The one thing you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... The painter and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti. I’d ask him about the women he hung out with – and why he loved his pet wombat so much!

The way you would spend your fantasy 24 hours, with no travel restrictions... I’d start the day with Lil at Sharrow Bay Country House hotel at Ulswater, Cumbria, where I’d have a Cumberland breakfast – bacon, sausages, the works, and a pot of coffee – served on Royal Worcester china. Then we’d arrive in Cape Town and pick up a Harley-Davidson and ride into the Great Karoo desert. Elefveness would be a bacon and banana sandwich on dark South African bread. Then I’d go fishing for tuna on Barra del Colorado in Costa Rica with Si and some mates. Later, I’d check into the best suite at the Faena Hotel in Buenos Aires and have a bottle of Bollinger.

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