We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions — and only accept THE definitive answer. This week: actor and singer Jason Donovan

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... Fail to prepare, then prepare to fail. The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Mowing the lawn at our house in Oxfordshire. I have a sit-on mower and I can get pretty fastidious about the lines and edges. The treasured item you lost and wish you could have again... The free-don to do anything I wanted. The unending quest that drives you on... For my children to grow into well-balanced human beings. The philosophy that underpins your life... I believe in helping people. The misapprehension about yourself... I can happen at a nice venue by the sea. The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... Not spending time with my best friend. The happiest moment you will cherish forever... When anything seemed possible.

The event that altered the course of your life and character... The birth of Jemma in 2000. At the time, I was still dabbling in cocaine and Angelo and I weren’t together because I was reluctant to commit. Jemma was the trigger that made me change my life. The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I’d hunt down all the terrorists and ensure they die slow, miserable deaths. The song that means most to you... It’s My Life by the British pop group Talk Talk. It reminds me of the innocent days of my late teens in Australia when anything seemed possible. The happiest moment you will cherish forever... Marrying Angie in Bali in 2008. We’d been together for ten years and finally committing formally to my best friend was a special moment. The saddest time that shook your world... Getting asthma. It came on two years ago and, although I have it relatively mildly, it’s incurable. As a singer, it’s disorientating and upsetting to have to deal with it. The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... As much as I love doing musical theatre, I long to be cast in a serious TV drama or thriller movie. I’m confident I could do a great job, but I’m not on the radar for casting directors. The philosophy that underpins your life... Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. The order of service at your funeral... I haven’t given it any thought. I’m not religious, so I definitely don’t want any religious stuff at all. All I hope is that it can happen at a nice venue by the sea with a big party and some decent red wine for everyone. After all, that’s what my life has been about. The way you want to be remembered... As a good husband, a great dad, a hard-working, honest and passionate bloke who lived life to the full. The Plug... Jason Donovan stars as Tick in the national tour of the musical Priscilla Queen Of The Desert www.priscillathemusical.com. ■ As told to Rob McGibbon

PS... Sandra Bullock’s crime-fighting comedy The Heat hits cinemas on Wednesday. The Sound Of Music closes the Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre season. And BGT brothers Richard and Adam Johnson’s debut album, The Impossible Dream, is out Monday

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From top: a Balinese villa, ‘It’s My Life by Talk Talk, Andy Warhol, a battle of Pomerol, Equus, Peter Sellers and Shirley MacLaine in Being There, a sit-on mower, exotic fruit and Kylie Minogue