We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week: broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby

The quiz from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Karl Marx. I’d ask him why he thinks it all went so horribly wrong.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on... Listen and try to be kind.

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I would not think it right to commit any one, I have strong views, but as the chairman of Any Questions? I have to keep them to myself.

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