The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week: Royal commentator Dickie Arbiter

The prized possession you value above all others... A silver apple engraved with the letter ‘D’ that Princess Diana gave me for helping with her first solo work trip to New York in 1989. I was media manager for Charles and Diana for five years.

When my dad, Hans, died... My book, On Duty With The Scramble For Africa by Thomas Pakenham. I spent 13 years in Africa when I was young, and this tells how greedy Europeans developed the continent. The one piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... If you want something in life, go out and get it.

The film you can watch time and time again... Zulu with Michael Caine. It makes me wonder what Southern Africa would be like today without the Zulu war.

The temptation you wish you could resist... German marzipan. It has a thin layer of dark chocolate and I can eat a whole box.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Scramble For Africa by Thomas Pakenham. It engages your curiosity... It's so emotive.

The priority activity if you were the national watering hole... Elephants at a watering hole at sunset. We'd end the day in New York having dinner at a simple diner with Victoria, who's 40, my grandson Raff, who's 11, and my son-in-law Ryan. I'd end up back at home completely knackered!

PS...

Everyone’s favourite bear hits the big screen in sure-fire hit Paddington – in cinemas from Friday. The Wind In The Willows is brought magically to life at the Royal Opera House from Wednesday. And Olly Murs’ new album Never Been Better is out on Monday.