

Jim Gardner

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■ **Did you get into trouble at school?** Yes, taking a shortcut through the cemetery as the school was three miles away but only one mile away as the crow flies. They eventually bought an Alsatian.

■ **What was your first part-time job?** Paper boy.

■ **What did you spend your first pay cheque on?** Playboy magazine.

■ **What was your first full-time job?** Floorlayer.

■ **What was the best piece of advice you have been given?** Never tell lies when the truth will serve and never drink on an empty head.

■ **What was your worst business mistake?** Laying Junckers Beech Flooring without a DPM (long time ago).

■ **What was your greatest business achievement?** Securing work in the Royal Household.

■ **What car do you drive today and what does it say about you?** Mercedes Benz which I treat like a company van (old habits die hard).

■ **If you could have invented any product what would it have been?** Kahrs Woodloc flooring system, which has eradicated the need for glue in pre-finished engineered flooring.



A moment of passion: Jim Gardner snogs Daisy the Dolphin

■ **What do you most like about the flooring industry?** The fact it is ever-changing.

■ **What do you least like about the industry?** The cheap Chinese imports, gives everyone a bad name.

■ **Name one change you would make to the industry.** Incentives for companies to take on permanent staff and offer full apprentice programmes to train the fitters of the future.

■ **Which company in the flooring industry, other than your own, do you admire?** Kahrs. We have dealt with them for over 40 years now, their attention to detail and quality has never faltered, they were at the front of the green revolution before others jumped on the bandwagon.

■ **Where should we have a flooring show?** Las Vegas, Surfaces is there and the weather is very nice.

■ **Do you have any pets?** A Cockateil called Tufty, bought by my kids (adults) two years ago for my birthday.

■ **Which single possession would you rescue if your house caught fire?** My season ticket for Hibernian FC as I have been a life long member.

■ **How do you relax?** Jacuzzi and steam room.

■ **Do you have any hobbies?** Keen golfer.

■ **What is your favourite tittle?** Earl Grey tea.

■ **How many times a year do you take a holiday and what is your favourite destination?** Depends who's reading this, 3-4

times a year, favourite place America.

■ **What is your idea of heaven?** Hibs winning the Scottish Cup, the last time they won Geronimo was alive (1903).

■ **What is your idea of hell?** Laying Hardwood flooring before heating goes on, no windows in, wet plaster on walls, (your average construction site).

■ **Which one record and book would you take to a desert island?** Book would be the Kama Sutra so I could practice with my shadow, record would be Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Club.

■ **Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with?** Genuinely Nelson Mandela (unless he turned out to be a Hearts fan).

■ **If you could be anyone (living or dead, fictional or real) who would it be?** John Wayne (one of the better cowboys).

■ **Choose five words that describe yourself.** Kind, generous, stubborn, outgoing and happy.

■ **Any regrets?** Not meeting my Dad as an adult, he died when I was a boy.

■ **What was your most embarrassing moment?** When I was born and the mid-wife slapped my mum.

■ **Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?** Being captain of Hibs, walking up the steps at Hampden and lifting the Scottish cup.

■ **If you had to choose another career what would it be?** See my answer to the previous question. **CFJ**

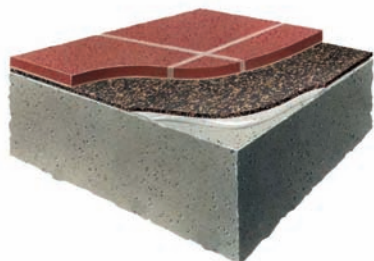


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