

Tony Bicknell

■ **Did you get into trouble at school?** I once threw a water bomb at my mate's car, which bounced off and burst on my maths teacher!

■ **What was your first part-time job?** At 13 years old I used to cut lawns and do basic gardening for my grandparents' friends.

■ **What did you spend your first pay cheque on?** Beer, I think!

■ **What was your first full-time job?** I used to sell vitamin pills and healthy shakes for a company called Herbal Life.

■ **What was the best piece of advice you have been given?** Worry only about the things you can

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change, and not about the things you can't! And, don't eat yellow snow!

■ **What was your worst business mistake?** A friend asked me to join him as partners in a funeral directors' firm. He is now a millionaire, oopps!

■ **What was your greatest business achievement?** I have yet to achieve greatness, but I believe I have the right qualities to do so.

■ **What car do you drive today and what does it say about you?** A Volvo S60 D5 2.4. I believe people look at me and say 'That young lad is driving his father's car.'



Tony Bicknell's idea of heaven, relaxing with his two children

■ **If you could have invented any product what would it have been?** Viagra, or the wheel.

■ **What do you most like about the flooring industry?** Competition.

■ **What do you least like about the industry?** Competition.

■ **Name one change you would make to the industry.** Apart from banning all other wood flooring producers in the UK, I would abolish retentions held by the main contractor on sub-contractors.

■ **Which company in the flooring industry, other than your own, do you admire?** Tyndale Carpets. They are professional, structured, well managed and have some great characters.

■ **Where should we have a flooring show?** Richard Branson's Caribbean island, because I left my camera there last summer!

■ **Which single possession would you rescue if your house caught fire?** My photo albums.

■ **Do you have any hobbies?** I enjoy mountain biking, swimming, squash, golf, films pubs etc.....

■ **How do you relax?** Much easier now my divorce is finalised!

■ **What is your favourite tippie?** Guinness.

■ **How many times a year do you take a holiday?** I holiday aboard as often as possible. I particularly enjoy Spain and Cyprus.

■ **What is your idea of heaven?** Relaxing at home in front of an open fire, after eating a good home cooked dinner with my girlfriend and children..

■ **What is your idea of hell?** Eating a home cooked meal by my ex wife, who could burn a fruit salad!

■ **Which one record and book would you take to a desert island?** Led Zeppelin's 4th album, and 101 Ways to Survive on a Desert Island.

■ **Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with?** Madonna.

■ **If you could be anyone (living or dead, fictional or real) who would it be?** Elvis.

■ **Choose five words that describe yourself.** Stubborn, funny, caring, generous and motivated.

■ **Do you have any regrets?** Yes, but there's no point in looking backwards!

■ **Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?** On my 40th birthday (five years away) I plan to spend a week in Canada, canoeing, catching fish, shooting my dinner and living in the wild.

■ **What was your most embarrassing moment?** My 18th birthday party. A large lady stripper stripped me naked at my local, in front of all my family and friends!

■ **If you had to choose another career what would it be?** It would have to involve selling. I like to idea of selling football clubs to rich Russians - there is probably good commission! **CFJ**

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