

## **Jon Chambers interviews: Nigel Wilkins after an AIKB quiz**

Jon: I think things went quite smoothly it was a good quiz enjoyed by all

Nigel: Er everyone has said so for which I'm immensely grateful er I I'm just exhausted I'm totally drained emotionally and intellectually. But er yes I mean er apart from the obvious th there were some questions that a particular group found quite easy then it was all pretty much pitched where I wanted it to and and the other scores were very much in a close batch

Jon: Yes

Nigel: So so it was it was tight apart from the obvious

Jon: And there was one particular question that I liked and I don't think anyone would have got the answer and that was the bingo question to do with Gandhi what was the question again can you remember?

Nigel: That that was the bingo caller would shout out Gandhi's breakfast

Jon: Gandhi's breakfast and the answer again

Nigel: Eighty composed of ate nothing

Jon: Yeh. Probably not the question to give to the Indian High Commission but never mind

Nigel: I would astue that if the opportunity arises

Jon: So have you always been a keen quizzier

Nigel: I've always loved quizzing er it's only really since I came back to France that that I've had the opportunity to do it on a regular basis. But throughout my life I've been partieth partating quizzes periodically I actually once appeared on Radio Leicester er where Newtown Linford got thrashed soundly by a suburb of Leicester in their radio quiz. But er yes I've always enjoyed quizzing I I used to er get quiz books for Christmas and birthday presents and my mother, god bless her, would actually give me quizzes as opposed to watching television. So I used to know every capital and er like Doctor Bandaranaike was the first president of Ceylon and that type of thing. That's all ingrained.

Jon: Useful knowledge

Nigel: Yeh



Jon: I doubt if you are asked that one very much.

Nigel: No

Jon: I was very pleased to see you were setting tonight's quiz as that would mean your team couldn't win for once. Ok now so I think correct me if I'm wrong but you used to teach English or drama at a school in Salisbury.

Nigel: English yes

Jon: And one of your students was The Beast on who appears on The Chase Mark Labbett

Nigel: That's right yes

Jon: What was he like in those days

Nigel: Very charming er

Jon: I don't think he'd be listening to this by the way

Nigel: No probably not but he he was a little difficult to reconcile the size of er young Mark there were three brothers I think and he was er the one I taught drama in the first year. But now he was very charming, very nice

Jon: Good

Nigel: They all were actually

Jon: And quite a good quizzier

Nigel: Yeh reasonable

Jon: And talking of brothers there was some there was another bunch of brothers the Fiennes brothers

Nigel: Well not brothers as such. Ralph er actually did his sixth form at the school in Salisbury and also managed to appear in a performance of Man For All Seasons which er the critics gave a big thumbs up to. He was extraordinary but he was in my English group and er it the embarrassing thing was that he obviously knew a great deal more about everything than I did, so my position as teacher was nominal.

Jon: Robert Bolt Man For All Seasons?

Nigel: Yes

Jon: And based on the life of sir



Nigel: Sir Thomas More

Jon: Right okay now I'm going to turn the tables on you Nigel and give you one or two questions you were talking earlier at half time about the 1966 England winning team and in fact that was one of your questions tonight wasn't it who won the 1966 World Cup

Nigel: That was one of the er few Lionesses names who readily tripped on my tongue Beth Mead

Jon: Now I'm not going to ask about the World Cup in 1966 but the FA Cup. Which team won?

Nigel: That was the er Everton Sheffield Wednesday

Jon: Very good which team won

Nigel: I believe Everton did 3-2 er

Jon: Yes

Nigel: And Trebilcock scored 2

Jon: Yes very good and who was the other goal scorer then?

Nigel: Haven't a clue

Jon: Aaahh

Nigel: You don't forget a name like Trebilcock

Jon: McCalliog

Nigel: Was it?

Jon: Yes

Nigel: Jim?

Jon: Jim McCalliog yes

Nigel: Oh god a Saint

Jon: Oh well I didn't know that's that's

Nigel: Another one

Jon: Two Saints you've told me about tonight



- Nigel: Well McCalliog played for Saints in the 76 Cup Final where we beat Manchester United
- Jon: One nil
- Nigel: One nil Bobby Stokes 83<sup>rd</sup> minute there was nothing in it
- Jon: Anyway Nigel hope to see you again at the next quiz when it's my turn
- Nigel: Oh excellent
- Jon: To ask the questions and I dare say your team will be in with a shout
- Nigel: I will go and brush up on Wikipedia immediately
- Jon: Thank you very much and thanks for tonight's quiz it was great fun
- Nigel: My pleasure