



how much is a BALE OF HAY

This issue we catch up with Paul Tapner

Q. How much is a bale of hay?
I'm using big bale haylage and it costs me £40 a bale.

Q. When you were a child who did you admire/inspire you? It's a bit of a standing joke because some years back I took my wife home to Australia and there on the wall in my room – which still looked much like any teenager's bedroom – was a poster of Matt Ryan. Matt was a big hero for me and once I got started in eventing I also admired Ian Stark.

Q. What is your greatest achievement to date? Winning Badminton in 2010 with Inonothing.

Q. What is the most embarrassing moment of your career so far? I don't really get embarrassed so can't think of anything... no, wait, it was probably turning up at an event recently to find we'd forgotten one of the horses who was due to compete. I got on the phone to my wife, Georgina, and she managed to get it to the event in time for its dressage test.

Q. If your horse was human who would he be? If you're talking about Inonothing it would be Manuel from Faulty Towers. It's how we came to give him the stable name, Mannie.

Q. If you could start your career all over again would you follow a different path? No.



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Q. If you could be any breed of horse which would you be? I would be an Appaloosa...

Q. What was the first album/cd you ever bought? I can't remember what it was called but it was by the Australian band, INXS.

Q. If you could take three items to a desert island what would they be? A kitchen, Jamie Oliver and a long range helicopter.

Q. Do you possess any lucky underwear? No.

Q. If you could choose anyone to play you in a film who would it be? Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Q. Dogs or cats?
I prefer dogs.

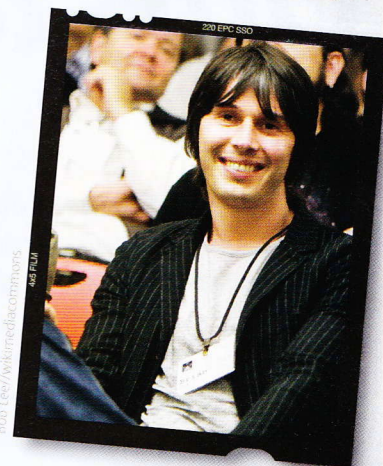
Q. How old were you when you had your first pony/horse?
About 12-years-old.

Q. What did you win your first rosette for? Most improved rider at our local riding school.

Q. What could you not live without? My wife, Georgina (She recently rescued me from a potential 'most embarrassing moment': see above)...



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Q. Who would you have at your ultimate dinner party? Probably Stephen Fry, Tom Cruise – it would be interesting listening to them arguing about scientology, Professor Brian Cox (above), and Dawn Fraser who is an Aussie sporting icon...

