

20 QUESTIONS FEATURE

Andrew Fletcher (Director) Armsons

1. When you were a child, what did you dream of being when you grew up?
I always dreamt of being just like Stan Bowles, the 1970's Queens Park Rangers legend.
2. Can you remember any advice your school careers advisor gave you?
I can and I would put good money on it being very different to the type of advice you get today. He basically told me to get an office job and I'd earn more money! Simple and to the point I think you'll agree.
3. How important was your education in getting you where you are now?
Important but not as important as working hard and gaining experience.
4. What was your first proper job?
I was a trainee surveyor for a small firm in Aylesbury.
5. Did you have a Saturday or part time job - and what was it?
I certainly did. I was a paperboy for the local shop. I did mornings and evenings everyday before and after school. Not so bad in the summer, perishing in the winter!
6. Do you think young people have a tougher or easier time in their chosen career these days?
I would say easier. No-one seems to have to serve an 'apprenticeship' anymore. It was a great way to show your worth and learn a trade or skill.
7. If you weren't where you are now, what would you be doing?
I'd be Graphic Artist at my Fathers own firm in London.
8. What is your ultimate goal?
I'd love to travel more and to see the world at some point. Never say never!
9. What has been your greatest success?
Working hard to become a director of my own company, something I always aspired to do.
10. And your most dismal failure?
Seems topical but I would have to say it was being made redundant from my job during the last recession.
11. What has been the most rewarding personal experience of your life?
Having my two children, Oliver & Isabella.
12. Are there any things you regret in your life?
Yes but no comment!
13. Do you have a role model?
I wouldn't say I have a particular role model. I have always respected people who work hard to get what they want out of life, like my father and various colleagues that I have worked with throughout my career.

14. How do you get away from the stresses of working life?

Car racing

15. Whose opinion do you most value?

I'd have to say my mother. No matter what I ask her she always gives me a straight answer and I value her opinion tremendously.

16. What was the best piece of advice you ever received?

My Father told me to go and work abroad, so I did and I spent 5 years in Hong Kong working as a Surveyor. It was a fantastic experience.

17. What would be the best piece of advice you would give?

It would have to be to work hard and apply yourself.

18. Retirement - when will it be and what will you do?

I still feel too young to be thinking about retirement but I suppose it will come back to the earlier question of travel. It will be a great opportunity to see some of the world.

19. How do you think other people see you?

I like to think as someone who doesn't take themselves too seriously.

20. And how do you see yourself?

A loveable rogue!