

You ASK...

"How...?"

"Who...?"

"Where...?"

"Why...?"

"When...?"

"What is...?"

LINDA GRAY

Hollyoaks' Tabby Maxwell-Brown ...faces your questions!

They ANSWER!

Linda, 76, is the stuff of soap legend from her role as Sue Ellen Ewing in *Dallas*. Now she's putting on the glamour again as *Hollyoaks'* Tabby – and answering your questions...

"How did *Hollyoaks* come about? It's a long way from Hollywood!"
I think what a lot of people don't realise is that an actor just follows the jobs. If you're offered a script and you like it, you say yes. It's as simple as that! I thought Tabby was interesting, and I liked that it wasn't a regular part, because I don't live in the UK. I can come in, cause chaos, then leave – the best of all worlds!

"You must have been asked to do reality shows. What was your most ridiculous offer?"
It was for here in the UK, and I turned it down every year for quite a few years! It was the thing where you eat the bugs [I'm *A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!*]. I was once producer of the show once at a party, walked over to him and said, "Do I look like the type of person to eat bugs?"

"What do you miss most about Larry Hagman?"

"I saw you in pantomime in Wimbledon in 2014, and you were great. Did you enjoy it?"
Oh I loved it, loved it, loved it! I walked over and somebody shouted out, "Hey Sue Ellen!", and I realised, "So that's what this is, people shouting out weird things". They warned me about the

second show on Saturday night, when the audience have all had a bit too much to drink before they come in, so I was prepared for whatever came up!

"Is there anyone in *Hollyoaks* you think Tabby could hook up with?"

I don't know, but I think the comment she made to Tony about liking younger men was a little seed that somebody wisely planted. I think that if they went in any direction with her at all, they'd go for younger...

"Do you have any tips for looking youthful? I turn 60 this year!"
I do – don't talk about your age!

"What would your children say is your most annoying habit?" [Linda has a grown-up son and daughter]
Oh dear, there's probably a list. They're older now, so they do it in a lovely way. I'm sure there's much more than I'm aware of! I don't dwell on it.



Going swimming! Linda from *Hollyoaks* filming outside in Texas in winter



Step back in time! Linda's son Jeff and daughter Kelly at the Grammys in the 90s

"With *Hollyoaks* being filmed in Liverpool, how are you getting on with the Scouse accent?"

Oh my God, I'm doing so horribly. It's this accent that I had no idea about until I came here! I've been learning a lot of phrases, though – yesterday I learned 'coming on a treat'. I hadn't a clue what it means. It's all very strange, but I'll get there – I will!

"Who would you most like to meet?"
I'd love to meet your Queen. I have great respect for her. I've just watched *The Crown* on TV. I'm loving it.

"Have you had any embarrassing on-set moments at *Hollyoaks*?"

We were all doing a scene, and Karl Collins [Louis] came over and said hello, and wanted to have a picture. I immediately said, "I know you", and he looked at me and said, "No you don't, we've never met".

Then I realised I'd seen him on Instagram as I'd started following *Hollyoaks* people. It was like I was a fan!

"I'm a big Texas fan, and I loved the scenes around the pool – you always looked so glamorous in your swimwear. However, sometimes it looked really windy and cold there. Was it?"
Well, it gets cold in Texas, and the very

"How did joining *Hollyoaks* come about?"

first year we did *Dallas*, 1978, we were filming in January and we had a blizzard! The reality was that we were not allowed to film inside the house we used for Southfork – we did all the interiors in the studio in Los Angeles. So you had all these billionaires sitting outside all the time with this crazy hair and wind!

"How is the British weather treating you?"

...asks reader Pauline Griffiths from London

Well, I had a scene with Richard Linnell [Alfie] where we were eating chips outside. It was cold and drizzly, and I thought, "They're gonna wipe up and have it inside in a rice room with a fire". But no, we shot it in the cold! I only had on these thin stockings and little shoes. Richard then told me he had long underwear on – I could've stabbed him with my chip fork!



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Turn those frowns upside down! Tabby first visited the village four years ago

"What's the most ridiculous thing that's been written about you?"

I don't remember the stranger things. They're sort of like raindrops – they just disappear. That's probably a good thing.

"What do you miss most about Larry Hagman [aka JR in *Dallas*]"

His love of life. He was generous and had a magical sense of humour. He kept everything light, and everything was a party. I think Larry was put here to help people understand not to take things so seriously and to enjoy every minute.

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