



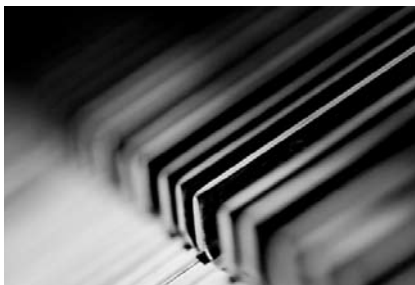
## John Richardson

The co-owner of The Salisbury Chocolate Bar & Patisserie talks loves, loathes and the joys of chocolate



Above: The first glimpses of the Cathedral Close, it's one of the best things about Salisbury

Right: Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate in the Chocolate Bar & Patisserie  
Below: John's secretly a bit of a maestro on the piano



**Q: Where do you live in Salisbury and why?**

**A:** I live close to city centre with my partner and we bought the house together six years ago. I moved to Salisbury 13 years ago to manage the White Hart.

**Q: Is there any where else you'd rather be?**

**A:** By the sea; we both love the English coastline, so a property overlooking the water would be idyllic.

**Q: What would you be doing if you weren't answering these questions?**

**A:** Drinking Assam tea with a piece of chocolate cake and my feet up.

**Q: How will you be spending Easter?**

**A:** I'll be working for part of it and then I'm off to see my gorgeous four-year-old goddaughter in Barton-on-sea to deliver her egg.

**Q: Where do you like to eat out in the city?**

**A:** Charter 1227 Restaurant on the square – Danny is a great chef/proprietor.

**Q: What came first – chicken or egg?**

**A:** Oh, definitely the egg, a chocolate one of course!

**Q: Who or what inspires you?**

**A:** My late mother because she was absolutely brilliant despite her ailments. She was always so positive.

**Q: Best thing about Salisbury?**

**A:** The Cathedral Close through the different seasons, there is no-where like it.

**Q: And the worst?**

**A:** Wiltshire County Council – whoops, that's controversial...

**Q: Share a favourite spot in Salisbury you won't find in the guide books?**

**A:** The summer house in our garden each summer's evening; lovely with a big glass of Chenin Blanc.

**Q: How do you relax?**

**A:** Reading, seaside meanders or simply chatting with some of the excellent friends I've amassed over the years.

**Q: Preferred watering hole?**

**A:** New Inn; the garden's lovely in the summer and handy for after work.

**Q: Tell us something about yourself that not many people know?**

**A:** I used to play the piano, oboe and clarinet.

**Q: Finest hour?**

**A:** Getting the shop with Robert, it was the best career decision I ever made.

**Q: You've got over 80 varieties of loose Belgian chocolates, what's your favourite?**

**A:** It depends on my mood – for a cocoa fix, Rubens dark special praline. For a more frivolous mood, milk chocolate eve caramel.

**Q: In one sentence how would you like your life summed up?**

**A:** A right charmer who loved and lived life to the full. 🍫

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