

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

Janet Holt with Dan O’Leary



Dan Dan the veggie man
Sells his veg from his big white van
Every village, every street
All his wares laid out so neat
Want a bargain? Just for you!
Got a special! One or two!
Lovely mangoes – save us one!
Ripe bananas by the drum!
Even grape juice! Know the stuff?
Off a lorry – tastes so rough!
Flowers and plants that always grow
Dan’s the man – and he’s nice to know!

Dan O’Leary comes regularly round our villages on a Thursday evening, selling top quality fruit and veg from the back of his van. Originally from East Dean where his mother Pearl still lives, Dan keeps up strong links with the village. His cheery banter and top quality produce offer a valuable and first-rate service reminiscent of days past.

What type of music do you listen to and what’s your favourite radio station? I listen to all the old stuff! Bee Gees – that sort of stuff!! Often I like songs and I don’t have a clue who they’re by for years! I listen to the cricket on the radio!

How do you relax? I relax by keeping busy! I’ve just taken 4 years to rebuild my house – and I loved it! I like watching the kids do their sport at weekends and I’ve got a kit car. I only ever watch football on telly!

Where would be your ideal holiday destination? I’d love to watch a whole test series in the West Indies! – as long as we won!

What’s the best piece of advice you were ever given? Never discuss politics or religion!

If you won the lottery, what would you do with the cash? Buy all my kids a house and have a big party for all my customers! Then I suppose there’s the Australian Test series, Sri Lanka.....

If you could change it, what would you have liked to have been? Well every man would say he’d of liked to have been a professional sportsman! But I did train as a gamekeeper and I loved that!

What’s your all time favourite book and why? I’ve never read a book! Next question!

What’s your favourite meal? And where do you like to eat out? We go camping quite a lot and my favourite meal is a great big breakfast with egg, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, tomatoes, fried bread and last night’s warmed up Chinese! – but it must be cooked over a fire and eaten outside! Lovely!

What would you like your epitaph to say? Dan Dan the veggie man. Gone but not forgotten. Unlike his veg – He’s gone rotten!