

What is it with Men and their Shoes?

Everyone knows about Imelda Marcos and her passion for footwear, and we suspect that deep down, most women are budding Imeldas. But what about men? Are they careless about what they put on their feet or do they have deep feelings about their pedestrian appurtenances?



Here is another subject in this occasional series and we have asked Peter Fuller (aged 66) to answer some questions. Peter is married to Christine, the Chair of the Holy Cross Under 5s Committee.

1. Do you know how many pairs of shoes you have off the top of your head?

Yes

2. Take a moment and think. Can you remember?

Seven- two pairs of trainers, one pair of plimsolls, three pairs of plain black rubber soled shoes, highly polished, and my brown brogues.

3. Do you have a best pair?

Yes

4. Describe them.

The Brown brogues – brown leather shoes with leather soles and heels with a punch pattern on the top.

5. How much will you pay for shoes?

About £20-£25 but I once bought a pair of trainers for £40 which is expensive as far as I am concerned. They were worth £130- top class trainers!

6. Have you a favourite pair?

No

7. Where do you buy?

Generally mail order from Premier Man. This requires planning. You can't just go out and buy shoes on spec, and then if you get the wrong size, it takes time to get them replaced. The advantage is that they can be paid for over a period of time.

8. How do you decide what to wear?

Depends what else I am wearing... If I wear a suit I wear a pair of shoes. If I was going to Church, I wouldn't wear trainers, I would wear shoes.

9. Are shoes important to you?

Only because they keep my feet warm and dry. I would quite happily walk about barefooted in warmer climes.



10. What criteria do you have when purchasing?

A look for a price- being a pensioner. A compromise between how good they look and how much they cost. If I had sufficient money, I would go to a proper shoe maker and have shoes made to measure.

Peter was doing a handyman's job when interviewed.

