

How are you today?

Sorry, I got my finger trapped in a door so I've got a kind of bandage on it. It's so painful. It's crazy.

How did you do it?

Not sure. I'd had a few whiskies, and I closed the door funny in the pub loo and it was trapped. I was howling in pain but laughing as well. I was very drunk. It was an accident. I didn't mean to get that drunk. I haven't been that drunk in ages. I just didn't eat enough dinner.

The last time you spoke to Metro you were hoping to get a strong core. Did you succeed?

I really didn't. My core is jelly, but I do think I'm less anxious. I thought my anxiety came from my core. It turns out you've just got to do a bit of therapy.



Ghostly goes on:
Kiell Smith-Bynoe

SIXTY SECONDS

With **Charlotte Ritchie**

You've come back for a fourth series of Ghosts. Did you imagine it would get this far when you read the first script?
I remember thinking,

when I first read it, 'This is the best thing ever.' It was just amazing to read something I found so funny. I already loved Horrible Histories [which was written by the same people]. I spent a lot of time at uni watching YouTube outtakes of

THE GHOSTS STAR, 33, ON ENJOYING LENGTHY REVIEWS ON TRIPADVISOR, DRUNKEN INJURIES AND NOT GETTING HANGRY ON HOLIDAY

INTERVIEW BY PAUL SIMPER

Horrible Histories filming while I was doing my dissertation. I found it so funny watching them all crack up. That's really lame. I don't think I've told them that. Maybe I won't. You can write it and then they'll read it.

Yours and Kiell Smith-Bynoe's characters, Alison and Mike, try their hand at the hospitality trade in this latest series - have you ever left a bad review on Tripadvisor?

No, but I really enjoy reading them. I stumbled across this guy who has left lengthy reviews for places like The London Honey Company, like 2,000 words. He gives really specific feedback. He wrote one on M&M's World saying he had such a good time there that he bought loads of M&Ms. Then he went back around the shop and came across this guy who worked there who he said was great who had a lovely haircut. I was like, 'This is heaven'.

If you see one or two reviews that are positive about a place, would you trust those or worry about the one bad review?

If I'm in another country and I'm looking for a café I will google 'café' and go through the reviews and go to the best reviewed one. But this is the thing,

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right - do you want to trust the people who leave a review?

What sort of person are you on holiday? Are you a planner?

I like to have a bit of a plan but would build in spontaneous time. Meals are the main thing to plan around. I want to know what I'm going to eat and where. I don't mind finding out somewhere en route but need to know because I get very hangry and tired like a baby if I haven't eaten. Oh my god, I want a holiday so much.

When was your last one?

I took myself away for a night to a campsite recently. And I went on a walk in a forest. So that was a day. In terms of a proper holiday that was probably last year. I did go to a wedding in a foreign country but I don't find weddings relaxing at all.

What were your favourite days filming your latest series of Ghosts?

We have a couple of song-and-dance routines by the ghosts this series, which are ridiculous. It's like when Buffy The Vampire Slayer did a musical version. You're like, 'Are we allowed this?' There are people who would kill me to be in my position.



What are you working on now?

I'm finishing the Netflix show about a serial killer, You. We've been doing series four and I'm part of the new cast. The show became huge in lockdown but I didn't watch it. I watched the beginning of the first episode but I found him too creepy. The real guy [Gossip Girl's Penn Badgley] is a nice guy. The character is reprehensible. My character is very different from what I've done before.

Were you pleased with the response to your Grantchester secret wedding?

We had a decoy bride to throw off the Press! I was nervous because I had already married a vicar in Call The Midwife but this one [Tom Brittney's Will Davenport] is quite a different character.

Tom says there is a 'terrible accident' in series eight and Will spirals out. Is there anything you can say?

It puts a strain on their relationship in the way that it does when a person in a relationship has a big crisis. That doesn't happen in a vacuum. When you empathise and love someone it really affects you. It's a bit touch and go. Bonnie has a bit of a dark night of the soul and that's tricky for a partner.



Serial killer:
Penn Badgley