

17 Unusual things about Jeremy Nicholas

1. Jeremy was once punched in the face by maverick football manager Brian Clough. He fell over backwards and landed on Brian's Labrador, Del Boy.
2. For seven months in 2003 he presented a country music breakfast show from studios in Wembley. He doesn't like to talk about it, but the pay was very good.
3. He's the voice of the stadium announcer on the global best selling FIFA video games. His first game was FIFA 06, followed by FIFA 07, FIFA 08, FIFA 09....and you can probably guess what the rest are called. His last was FIFA 16.
4. In real life he was the stadium announcer at top London side West Ham United from 1998 to 2014. As a lifelong Hammers fan he announced all the West Ham goals very loudly and the opposition goals very quietly.
5. Jeremy was once ambushed by a bearded man in robes who claimed to be Jesus carrying a machine gun. He was frogmarched into a live radio studio, where the on-air presenter was forced to read out a statement demanding the man's fingerprints be compared with the Shroud of Turin. The man turned out not to be Jesus.
6. His toughest gig was in 2007 when he was the after-dinner speaker at the black tie gala dinner at the Professional Speakers Association International Convention. He was very nervous as the speakers sat back and waited to be entertained by the man from the television. It went down a storm and he was invited to join.
7. In 2012 he became the 41st person in the UK to be made a Fellow of the PSA, now renamed the Professional Speaking Association.
8. He met his wife Jeanette Kruger on the internet dating site match.com.
9. They married at West Ham United's Boleyn Ground on 11th November 2006. It's an easy date to remember as 11.11 is Remembrance Day. He knows when he sees poppies on lapels that it's time to book a table at a local restaurant.
10. He once reported for BBC TV on the face of Elvis appearing on a piece of Stilton cheese, in among the blue veins.
11. Jeremy was born below sea level in Littleport, a village in the fenlands of the Isle of Ely, now part of Cambridgeshire.
12. He doesn't like heights, gluten and Matthew Kelly.
13. At his funeral he would like the following tunes played:
Don't Fear the Reaper - Blue Oyster Cult
Light My Fire - The Doors
Mr Blue Sky - Electric Light Orchestra.
14. The scariest moment in his broadcasting career came when he was rung up at the end of his breakfast show to say Jeremy Nicholas was in reception to meet him.
15. He narrowly lost out to Anthea Turner after reaching the last three in the hunt for a new Blue Peter presenter. His audition film about recycling polystyrene was never shown.
16. In 2015 he was awarded the PSAE - Professional Speaking Award of Excellence. It's a lifetime achievement award presented for the twin criteria of professional attitude and platform excellence. Surprised to win, he promptly burst into tears onstage, showing he had neither. They let him keep the award anyway.

17. In 2010 he split his trousers onstage during a talk on Using Humour at Emperor's Palace in Johannesburg. The talk got more laughs than normal.

18. He's the co-owner of an artisan chocolate making business in west London called Bianca Marton Chocolates. It's won numerous awards since it opened.