

50 Facts about Matt Rutherford

1. I have a (nearly) 18 year old son
2. My son is currently finishing A-Levels and selecting a university - we're very proud!
3. I was born in Hammersmith, London
4. I'm British - and proud to be English
5. I'm married for nearly 20 years to a beautiful French girl (she's still my girl)
6. My wife is a teacher, and I'm very proud of her.
7. My French is poor - despite my many advantages here
8. I've lived to the West of London most of my life, now in Berkshire
9. My parents are both from West London
10. My father worked in the film industry on some well-known movies
11. My mother had a variety of jobs - and is now a poet and writer
12. I've worked in IT & support for most of my career
13. I was sacked from my first ever job - I was not a good fit for the world of work
14. I left school at 16, with 2 O-levels. So I have no degree - just 'nous'.
15. I've been lucky enough to travel a lot with work - the US, Russia, China, New Zealand and more
16. I love working with teams, and seeing careers and skills grow
17. Outside work, I've travelled a lot for leisure - South Africa, Egypt, Morocco
18. My favourite city destination is Marrakech - I love the contrast between the city and the desert
19. My favourite vacation would probably be a cruise - we did one for our honeymoon and saw some beautiful places in the Caribbean
20. I can tell you where to find the best cappuccino in Rome
21. I have asthma (really well controlled now), and type II diabetes (controlled with tablets)
22. I struggle with my weight - and worry about my health as a result
23. I'm either currently on (or thinking about going on) a diet - whenever you read this!
24. I really love my job - am passionate about customer service and experience
25. If I hadn't chosen this career path, I would have loved to have studied Law
26. I love reading - and am trying to read 24 books in 2018 (it's going OK)
27. We have more than 400 books in our house - which really isn't big enough for them!

28. I watch a lot of films
29. My favourite film ever is Fitzcarraldo - the story of a man pulling a boat over a mountain – I watch it twice a year and still marvel at it
30. I went to school in Hayes, West London... it wasn't a great school - but I survived!
31. I was bullied at school for wearing glasses and being geeky
32. I was a DJ for 30 years - worked in some big nightclubs and enjoyed a great life, and met some amazing friends
33. I love music - and still listen to as many new albums as I can
34. I still get real goosebumps hearing the right piece of music
35. I (we) really enjoy live music and try to get to gigs as often as possible. Last one was last Friday - next one in two weeks
36. I keep a bucket list of people I would pay ANYTHING to see perform live (top of the list - Scott Walker)
37. I (we) go to the cinema a lot
38. I enjoy clay pigeon shooting which I took up when I stopped DJ'ing a few years ago
39. I've shot at 2 European Championships and 1 World Championship - and didn't come last!
40. I love art - particularly photography, posters and propaganda work
41. My unfulfilled ambition is to take really good photographs
42. I collect vintage postcards - for the messages more than the pictures
43. I am slightly obsessed with shoes - and probably own more pairs than my wife
44. I am permanently on the hunt for the perfect barber shop
45. I support Arsenal Football Club - and am always on edge of despair and elation when I watch them play
46. I keep and maintain a blog - as much for me, as any reader
47. I have designed and maintained websites for friends - a good skills challenge
48. My greatest skill is googling faster than anyone else in the room
49. I will definitely try and write a book one day
50. Mine is a flat white