

# Liebster Award Nomination

## The Liebster Award

Awarded to **Life is Knutts** by **Little Hearts, Big Love**



This morning, I woke up to a tweet (that says a tweet, not a twit, though I have called my husband worse...) from the lovely Louise who blogs over at wonderful [Little Hearts, Big Love](#).

Louise has nominated me for this blogging award because she is super brilliant, really thoughtful and kind and, for some reason, she finds my blog amusing. Who knew?!

In all seriousness, Louise is such a supportive blogger. I am still fairly new to this blogging game and she has shared, commented, liked and made me feel so welcome in the blogging community so, for those reasons Louise, thank you very much.

Louise is a married Mummy to 2 lovely little girls, [one of whom was born with CHD](#), or a Childhood Heart Defect, which you

can [read more about here](#). She has been ever so poorly, and still has a long and unknown road ahead of her with looming operations and medical intervention, but Louise shares her families experiences to raise awareness of CHD and to support others going through a similar situation. She works bloody hard and, in my eyes, is a bit of a super mum (even though I know she would disagree with that statement). So, thanks again Louise and now for the answers to my questions she has set.

Here goes!

### **1) Why did you decide to start blogging?**

I began blogging because my friends and family were fed up with me littering my personal facebook page with long rants and rambles about the kids and holidays so I started to write my blog, Life is Knutts.

Kind of.

In all honesty, it was due to friends and family that I began my blog. It began when I wrote about the saga that was our [Honeymoon to Iceland](#) in 2012 on facebook. People found my posts funny and told me I had a knack for writing so I bit the bullet, found some courage, and started Life is Knutts a few years later. I do love to write and I also love to make people laugh. With me, at me, whatever. As long as people have a smile on their face after having a read of my posts, I consider it a job well done.

### **2) Which of your own blog posts is your favourite?**

My favourite blog post of my own...gosh this is difficultly because I don't think any of them are much good! ☐

If I had to pick one, it would be this one, [To Tantrum or not to Tantrum](#). I am not normally an opinionated person, but something happened in the media (and on my personal social media) which really got my back up. I couldn't help but have a little rant about it!

### **3) Marmite – love or loathe?**

LOVE!! In fact, I had it on my crumpets this morning. Sorry Marmite haters!

### **4) What's your favourite book?**

Gone Girl. I don't get to read many books due to blogging and family life, but that was the last one I read and it was utterly brilliant. It kept me gripped and I couldn't put it down. I think the book was better than the film, but that was also pretty good if you fancy a good movie to watch.

I also love the Harry Potter books. They're brilliant escapism.

### **5) If you could only go back to one of the places you have visited on holiday, where would you go and why?**

Iceland. It is one of the most magical places I have ever been to. It's otherworldly, mysterious, rugged. Like nowhere else I have ever seen.

The people there are also the friendliest I have ever met and the landscape...utterly breathtaking.



I would go back there in a heartbeat.

I also have a passion for Scotland, much for the same reasons.  
If I was brave enough to make the move there, I would. It's

just stunning and we are so lucky it's on our doorstep.



**6) What's your favourite childhood memory?**

Family holidays to Cornwall and Devon.

Specifically, cycling along the [Camel Trail](#) between Wadebridge and Padstow with the wind in my hair, the sea breeze in my face and a Cornish Pasty or a Cream Tea at the end of it.

I think the memories and experiences during these childhood holidays set me up for life. I am a real lover of the outdoors, especially the coast.

I just love being there. It's where I 'find my happy' I think.

**7) What's your top blogging tip?**

Join Linkies. You get to know who is who, you get to connect with other like-minded people, and you can get your work 'out there' whilst networking a bit at the same time. Also, ignore stats. It's really easy to get caught up in page views and likes, but at the end of the day, if you enjoy what you're doing and get happiness from it, that's all that matters. It takes time to build these things up, but the rewards will come. Just keep plugging away.

**8) If someone made a film about your life, who would you like to play you?**

Pahahaha!!!! What a brilliant question!

I've got no idea, but my husband fancies the pants off Natalie Portman so probably her...and he would then most likely become an expert in acting and get to play himself in the film so he could pretend he is married to her for a bit. I am sure she would revel in the chance to play me. She will have such highlights as washing my husbands pants and picking up his socks which he's left wedged down the side of the sofa. It would be the pinnacle of her career I'm sure. Sod Star Wars and Black Swan...

**9) Is the glass half full or half empty?**

Half full. Unless it's got Gin in, then it's full to the brim. Always.

**10) What's your top tip for getting organised?**

iPhone Calendar alerts! I live by the things.

They're constantly pinging up on my phone and I always set them to go off twice. The first time they will go off a day or two before I need to do anything about them as a reminder and

then again an hour or so before the event so I can make sure I've not forgotten. I also still write stuff on my hand! It's one of the only ways I manage to remember stuff sometimes!

Haha!!!!

How long can I blame baby brain for I wonder?

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So, there we have my answers to Louise's questions. I hope the answers were enjoyable to read!

And now for my nominations...

I nominate the following bloggers to play along if they wish. If you do take on the challenge, you just need to write a blog post with a mention of my blog in it, answer the questions I set and then mention some other bloggers who you nominate for the challenge! Simple!

[and1moremakes3](#)

[Thinking out Loud – Sassy Style](#)

[Smiles and Sundays](#)

[Simply Marina](#)

[Hey Little Sweet Thing](#)

[The Whimsical Adventures of a Not so Super Mum](#)

[Double the Monkey Business](#)

(I'd also like to give a shout out to [Nia Patten Looks](#) and [The Culinary Jumble](#) who are amazing bloggers but who can't take part in the Liebster Award as their blogs are more Beauty/Food based – but be sure to check them out! They're brill!)

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The questions for you to complete are:

1. How did you come up with the name for your blog?
  2. Gin or Juice?
  3. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
  4. What blog post are you most proud of?
  5. What is your favourite food?
  6. If you could learn any skill, what would it be and why?
  7. Instagram or Facebook?
  8. What do you like most about blogging?
  9. What do you enjoy the least with regards to blogging?
  10. What would your perfect weekend consist of?
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Thanks again Louise, and thanks for reading my fellow Knutters. You're all brill!

Gems.x

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## [The Liebster Award...](#)

It would appear that I've been nominated for some sort award.

Sadly I don't win any money or a new shiny car (or a bunch of Mother's Day flowers...of course I'm not still bitter about that...much, ahem) but I do win something money can't buy. Friendship.

The Liebster Award is an award given from one blogger to another. It is a way to encourage new bloggers/writers and to spread the gospel of their blog amongst the blogging community (something I'm very much still learning the ropes about – it's a minefield!) as well as discovering new ones to enjoy.

I was dubious about partaking in this award but for the sake

of my blogging reputation, because I'm British and I'll feel full of regret and utterly terrible for the next year if I just ignore it and because it actually looks like a bit of a giggle, I thought I would join in!

So, thanks to the lovely blogger at the shiny and new (but very whitty) [Words and Rhyme to Pass the Time \(If you get a chance, do read her blog post entitled, "My Dad made a Porno..."\) for the nomination!](#)

I now nominate the following 5 super, smashing bloggers. Do check them out:

[Hooked – A lovely blog about all things knitting, sewing and crafty related!](#)

[R is for Hoppit – An amazingly funny blog written by a brilliant mummy, often has me in hysterics](#)

[Mummy Here and There – A new blog by a Mother who suffers from Autism.](#)

[CracTpot – A lovely, supportive, funny \(and quirkey which I love\) blog about anything and everything!](#)

[Caz the Comic Strip – One of my favourite blogs to read and it has just the right balance of humour, wit and normality.](#)

### **The rules are:**

- Thank the person who nominated you and post a link to their blog in your post.
- Show the award on your blog or in your post.
- Answer the 11 questions asked by the person who nominated you.
- Write 11 random facts about yourself.
- Nominate 5-11 bloggers that you feel deserve the award.
- Create a list of new questions for your nominees to answer.

## 11 Facts about me are...

1. I'm minature. Just slightly bigger than a Hobbit but not as hairy in the foot department. I think I'm 4ft 12 on a good day... (there's a joke in there if you look close enough...)
2. I've lived in the same borough all my life and my children were born in the same hospital as me (Hermit...)
3. I love Gin.
4. I love dance and used to teach until I had the kids and couldn't see my toes anymore, let alone touch them.
5. Did I mention I love Gin?!
6. I played the flute at school and because I was so small when I started playing, I had to have a special curved mouthpiece on my flute because my arms weren't long enough to reach the keys on it with the straight piece on (so special...)
7. I love holidays in the UK and I could move to live in the middle of nowhere in Scotland in a heartbeat (if there was work there that is...)
8. I broke my arm when I was 3 by swinging on the arms of a chair and a sofa in the living room..which then rolled away so I landed badly and broke it. Because nobody saw it happen, my parents had a visit from social services...oops. I did get my plaster cast signed by Terry Wogan (RIP you utter legend) and the jockey from Hi-De-Hi though...
9. Have I told you all I really love Gin?
10. I won a poster competition for the Grand Re-opening of our local Wickes (DIY) store when I was at Primary school. I had my poster displayed in there and my photo in the paper. The pinnacle moment of my life....
11. I had a hamster when I was younger called Cartman (from south park) because his bottom was so big he couldnt fit in his little hamster house and I had to get him a new

one... #thestruggleisreal



Special Flute...oh, the shame!!!!

In order to finish my award nomination, I must answer some questions set by my nominee...

So, here we go!

1. Ideal person to get stuck in a lift with?

A lift repair man (who just happens to look like Robert Downey-Jnr...)

2. Top 3 beauty recommendations?

Water, soap and baby wipes... (In all honesty, I love [Liz Earle Cleanse and Polish](#), [Urban Decay's Naked 2 Palette](#) and [Bio-oil](#))

3. Song that will always get you on the Dancefloor?

Argh!! I LOVE my music so this is super tough, either Insomina by Faithless or Queen, Bohemian Rhapsody...

4. Favourite Kids Picture Book?

"That's not my Santa!" by Usborne books because of the one

part where it says this...



5. Travel destination you would love to visit?

Norway and the Fjords

6. What item never makes it off your 'to do' list?

Sit down and have a cup of tea...

7. Why did you start blogging?

Because my friends and family told me to. I began writing stupidly long posts on facebook, mainly ranting about family or holiday incidents and everyone gave me so much encouragement that I was actually not too bad at writing that I decided to give blogging a bash. Thank you friends and family!!!!

8. Recommendation of a blog to follow?

I love so many different blogs for different reasons, but my pick would have to be [Surviving a Sleep thief](#). I can just relate to it on so many levels (\*cries remembering full nights of sleep of before children\*) and the writer, Emily-Jane Clark just cracks me up on a daily basis...very talented indeed.

9. What is your favourite film quote?

Forest Gump, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get". It's so true. Life throws a lot at us, whenever it wants, so we should make the most of what we have and enjoy being here.

10. What would your last supper be? Starter, Main and Pudding?

Starter: Deep fried camembert with cranberry sauce and fresh bread

Main: Christmas Dinner with EVERYTHING on one plate

Pudding: Salted Caramel cheesecake with Jude's Salted Caramel Ice Cream...yummers. And a Gin at the end, obvs.

11. Best piece of advice you've ever been given.

"It'll all work out in the end". It sounds like a crap cliché, but it's so true. It does all work out in the end, be that ending good or bad, it will come to a conclusion. Another one for me is "don't worry about what other people think". I always did (and still do now) and it can have a major impact on you as a person. Just be you.

My 11 questions for my nominees to answer are...

1. How did you decide on your blog title?
2. Where is your favourite place in the UK?
3. Quality Street or Roses?
4. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
5. If you could remove someone from planet earth, who would it be and why?
6. What is your favourite season?
7. Do you believe in Ghosts?
8. What was your first car?
9. Wine or Gin?
10. Favourite film of all time?
11. What is your favourite blog and why?

So there we have it! I hope this post wasn't too boring to read and thanks again to Words and Rhyme to pass the Time for the Nomination!

