

Mumpetition
noun, rivalry by mums to make their child seem smarter

FABULOUS DOES...

Backstage gossip with EDITH BOWMAN

DJ, TV presenter and all-round film buff, Edith Bowman, 38, is preparing to present from this month's BAFTAs red carpet. So we caught up with her for all the gossip over some popcorn at her favourite cinema.

Where *Everyman Cinema, Belsize Park, London*

Wow, these seats are comfy!

They're amazing! When Rudy [her three-year-old son with Editors frontman Tom Smith, 30] was a baby, I'd come here all the time. He'd sleep while I watched films and ate cake.

And you're a popcorn fanatic...

Absolutely. Sweet's better than salted, but the best is microwave butter popcorn. We made some last night.

Well, you need your strength for your backstage presenting at the BAFTAs. Have you got a dress yet?

No, but my friend owns a vintage shop so I'm hoping to get something there. This is my fourth year on the job. I want to look good, but I've learnt that it can be chilly standing outside on the red carpet for four hours in February, so I won't be going too skimpy.

You mean it's not all glamour?

No. It's exciting, but you don't know who's coming or what mood they're going to

be in. I've worn tights, thermals, even jogging bottoms, under my dress. One year it rained and my dress soaked up about three litres of water.

But it's worth it to meet A-listers, surely?

Oh, yes! I interviewed Madonna at an event last week. I had a complete Baby from *Dirty Dancing* "I carried a watermelon" moment. We were both

wearing red fingerless gloves and I screamed and pointed it out. Luckily, she laughed. She's way more beautiful in the flesh. Some celebs can be disappointing.

Ooh, like who?

Harrison Ford was in a c**p mood when I met him. He seemed bored. Maybe he was jet lagged or had done 45 interviews already that day.

What about diva strops – you must have seen a few?

They tend to go on behind closed doors.

'I made a fool of myself in front of MADONNA'

What's the best thing you've ever overheard?

Angelina Jolie told me one of her daughters wanted to dress up as broccoli for Halloween, but only if Brad did too, so she bought them both costumes. I had a mental image of him dressed up as a piece of broccoli.

Now you're a mum, can you still cut it with the cool kids?

I suppose. I'm passionate about music. I did the 10pm slot on Radio 1 last week and it was great to play new bands.

There must be a few guilty pleasures lurking on your iPod though...



Fabulous! Antonia bags a front-row seat with Edith

S Club 7's *Reach* is an amazing tune.

How are Rudy's tastes coming along?

Pretty well. I've made him a compilation of *Spider-Man* and *Star Wars* theme tunes.

So you're enjoying being a mum?

Motherhood makes you excited about life again. Rudy's started telling jokes. The other day he asked me what colour burps are. He said they were purples.

[Not understanding the punchline] Er, Ha? Do you still see BFF Cat Deeley?

We met for afternoon tea at Christmas. Not one cup of tea crossed our lips and I rolled home at 9.30pm in quite a state. She's still down-to-earth Deels.

Sounds a bit like you Edith.

Thanks! [Eyes up the popcorn again.]

● Edith hosts the Orange British Academy Film Awards red carpet show on BBC3, February 12



Edith will present from the BAFTAs red carpet

THE DAMAGE

Lattes drunk 3
Times Edith said "amazing" 13
Minutes spent admiring 1,150 photos of son Rudy on Edith's iPhone 5
Phone calls from Edith's mum, Eleanor 1

