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makes it fun to
be young!



Welcome back!

Are you sitting comfortably? No? Well, I'll begin anyway! Yes, 'David Fan' of Newcastle, I do believe you when you say you've played our free record so often you'd like another one from us just in case the first wears out! No, Margeret of Hull, I don't think I could lend you Paul Kale for a week to tide you over between boyfriends. Yes, yes, yes... I do think a pen pals column would be a good idea and I'm even now getting *that* into operation! The theme of this issue is 'Yes, you can!' and we tell you how to do everything from livening up your old clothes to making a super suede shoulder bag. So be young, be foolish but above all be *happy*... and a very super week from all of us...



Meet the real David Cassidy - as only we know him!
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Ricky Wilde... could he be the next to win your heart? He's waiting on page 8.



EYES & EARS



The hottest gossip from the U.K. teen world brought to you each week by Paul Kale.

Those small, round things that I mentioned last week have been driving you mad with curiosity! I've been bombarded with phone calls, had to sort through piles of mail, and I even had a telegram! So I'm going to keep you in suspense a bit longer and leave it until the end of my page. Were you turned on by GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS last single 'Help Me Make It Through the Night'. I sure was. I used to lie in bed, in the dark and listen to it. It was really beautiful when the frost was making leafy patterns on my window. Gladys my love, with your soft velvet voice, I don't need any central heating. Hurry up with the next release... I'm waiting!

I've been listening to the new JIMMY OSMOND album out called 'Killer Joe'. It's on the MGM record label (No. 2315 157) and will cost you £2.25. It features Jimmy's no. 1 hit 'Long Haired Lover from Liverpool' among the 10 tracks. My particular favourite is the title song 'Killer Joe' - this is sure to be a winner for Jimmy.

RUTH AARONS, a lady worthy of respect and envy, is no less a person than David Cassidy's manager. This remarkable lady dropped in to see us while she was over here, making the arrangements for David's tour next month. And to think that the female staff here tell me it's a man's world! Remember PETER FRAMPTON, who used to be with 'The Herd' and 'Humble Pie'? Well, I saw Peter recently and he was telling me about his new group FRAMPTON'S

CAMEL. They recently finished a British tour and flew over to the States to record their first album. This is due to be released this month. MOODY BLUES, on their last Stateside tour, played a 20,000-seat gig in San Antonio. The only advertising was a single poster on a billboard in the theatre's box office. Here it is, the thing you've all been waiting for! Those round objects are nothing less than super red and yellow JACKSON FIVE badges - the ones *everyone* wants! I've got ONE HUNDRED of them in my desk drawer just waiting for you. Write in and tell me, in not more than 25 words, why you should have one of the badges and if your reason is one of the best 100, I'll be sending you a badge. The most original reasons will be printed on this page. The address for your entries is: J5 Badge Competition, c/o Paul, Melanie, PO Box 21, Tower House, Southampton Street, London WC2E 9QX. Good luck! Watch out next week for the Melanie Page Three Honours List I where I get the chance to name my favourite people and some of my favourite things. Keep writing to me 'cause it's lovely to know somebody cares (this lot at Melanie don't - imagine, they wanted me to stay at home when I had a cold!). Still, I'm almost well again now. Look after yourselves, let me know who you've seen and where. Much love,

Paul



Gladys - Help me through the night!



Killer Jimmy?



Ruth - success in a man's world.



A camel for Peter?



Something worth winning...