

PARTRIDGE FAMILY FAN CLUB



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Hello there!

On the other side of the Atlantic, we've still got a lot of part-time Partridges, all ready and waiting for the go-ahead to start shooting — which still hasn't come yet! Susan, Danny, Brian and Suzanne have been able to get some work in, though, in spite of the scriptwriters' strike.

You see, Screen Gems have made a cartoon series about the Partridges, which sounds as though it'll be absolutely great. There's only one big drawback . . . No David and Shirley!! And that really is a big 'miss', however much we all love the other members of the Partridge Family. It just seemed a crazy way to go about it.

Well, I immediately 'phoned David to check it out. If it was true, I wanted to know why he'd let it happen that way. He explained to me that it certainly was true and he told me how it had come about that he and Shirley weren't featured in the show:

"The way I see it, this cartoon series is aimed at a very young audience . . . younger than the folk who view our present 'live' shows. And these kids are going to identify with the younger members of the family . . . I guess they'll be getting enough of their Moms and big brothers at home anyhow! So Susan, Danny, Brian and Suzie have been doing the voice overs, while Shirley and I have been taking an extra rest!"

Mmm . . . Sounds reasonable, but I'm still not really convinced. Although David's not directly involved in the new series himself, he's been keeping in touch with all that's been going on. So he could tell me quite a bit about the format.

It does sound like a real fun series, and I suppose that — if anybody else was doing it — older viewers would switch over without giving the programme a second thought. But I've got a hunch that, with the Partridges on the scene, it might well prove to be a different story! If we're lucky enough to see it over here in Britain, I'll bet you'll be glued to the box . . . I certainly shall be!

Now, when the 'younger generation' of Partridges finished doing the overs for the cartoons last month, they all felt that they'd earned a holiday. And, as their school term had finished too, there didn't seem to be anything stopping them!

Brian had been looking forward to his holiday ever since his Birthday in April. Why? Well, his star Birthday present was a surf-board . . . A real, professional type job, not just one of these kids' things. And, ever since, he's been longing to try it out on some really big breakers. He reckoned that the one place that would do his brand-new board justice was Hawaii; so his Mom promised to take him there for a week's vacation before he was due to start back at the studio again.

Compared to Hawaii, the sunshine we get here in Britain is half-hearted to say the least! But there's some good news on the trail, folks . . . Because Bell Records are planning to boost British summertime with another Partridge Family album release! So don't go squandering all your scrimpings and savings on your holidays, will you? You'll need to keep enough back to get you first in that queue outside your record dealers on release day!!

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