

CASSIDY ~ STILL HOPPING ALONG

This morning we received a letter from a girl who met David Cassidy in person. In the flesh! It was when he last came to London for a concert appearance that this daring young thing called at the hotel where he was staying and gained admittance by pretending she worked there! (Clever thinking!) When she was on the right side of the door-men she headed straight for the lifts, where to her amazement Mr. Beautiful himself was standing! The maiden's heart skipped a beat as she approached David and his two burly body-guards. I was so surprised at being the only girl in my entire school to come face to face with him, she swooned.

On the sheer ecstasy of it all! She got into the lift, not taking her eyes off him for a second and shivered at the thought of being a mere hand's reach away from her heart throb. Trouble was, she had uncontrollable butterflies in her tummy and couldn't even manage a whispered "Hello".

So before she had time to gain composure he got out on the first floor and disappeared down the hall. How sad you may groan, but the girl was happy enough just meeting him and swears she will cherish that encounter for ever and ever.

One look at David Cassidy (especially in a lift where he's only a few inches away) would make any girl's heart flutter, as this 23 year old super-star has a charisma that none of his teeny counterparts can match. Go to an airport when the guy's due to touch down on English soil, and you'll see what we mean. Teenagers in their thousands wait patiently, waving banners which read, "WE LOVE DAVID" and "WELCOME TO ENGLAND". There they wait (some with sleeping bags) hoping to catch a glimpse of their idol, clutching notepads and pencils in the hope that he'll sign their autograph books when he arrives.

This kind of fan mania makes it impossible for the guy to walk down the street because it would be like throwing someone in the lions' den, and there have been times when David has been injured by the hysterical fans.

When he travels to England nowadays he uses private jets and helicopters, and when he stayed in England some time back, resorted to a yacht on the Thames, which proved to be a most effective fortress (except when the more enthusiastic fans tried taking the plunge!).

It's the same at his concerts: crowds of screaming gals absolutely spell-bound by David's performance, clutch each other, crying, "David, David oooooowwww" (sob).

It was of course, The Partridge Family, which started it all off, but alas this fourth series is the finale, and naturally dear old Keith Partridge will be sadly missed. But don't fret because we may be seeing David on the silver screen in the not-too-distant-future, cos rumour

has it that a motion picture is in the offing.

But the news which will send your legs a quivering and your stomachs spinning is that David is due in Britain very soon (late April-May period). Initial plans for David's world tour have just been announced and he is set to open in New Zealand. This will be followed by a minimum of five concerts in Australia. During his tour, David will be visiting the exotic East. Following this David will make a quick visit through Europe to reach the fair shores of Britain where he is set to play a major venue near London, and in Scotland and Ireland (so look out for dates in later POPSWOP issues!).

Outside work, Cassidy was involved in the success of 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign and at home he's serving for the second consecutive year as National Youth Chairman of the special Olympics

which is a national charity benefiting mentally retarded kids.

On a more personal basis, David likes to get away from the pressure of being a cult figure, which isn't the easiest thing to get away from! But David's found a way round it by having a special house built on the paradise island of Hawaii. He explains:

I go to Hawaii because I get a good feeling every time I wake up. I have friends who are building some houses and they're coming to Hawaii with me to

help me build a home for myself. It's still in the blueprint stage but I have a lot of thoughts and dreams about it, and I can visualise just how it'll look. I'd like it to be totally self-contained, with solar energy or wind generators for power.

It seems to us that talk of David quitting must be false. At the moment that's out of the question, as the crowds are screaming for more. More television. More concerts. More records. More David. How can he possibly refuse them?

