



moments over the fruit juice and poached eggs at breakfast time.

And it wasn't always his worries that David shared with Dave. They soon discovered that they shared the same sense of humour too:

"Dave's got a real wild sense of humour sometimes," says Dave (talking about David, of course!). "He can sometimes be so quick with his responses that you'd swear he'd got a script there in front of him!

"I can vividly remember being on the Partridge Family set while I was in the States, and David said something just before a take that created the whole cast up... Shirley just freaked out!"

"Did you actually stay with David while you were in California?" I asked — absolutely green with envy!

"No, I was booked into a hotel," Dave replied, "but I spent most of my time with David, either at the house or on set or just about town. But I only actually stayed over at the house for one night. We'd been sitting rapping, almost till dawn, and Sam and David decided that it was far too late for me to trek back into town. So I stayed at the house."

How could he take it so calmly? If that had been you or me I know we'd have been screaming with excitement!

But I reckoned that second best to being there yourself would be to hear just what it's like to be a guest of David Cassidy... So I badgered Dave with questions till he told me all about it:

"I had an absolutely marvellous time," he began (Well, of course he did!). "It was

all a wonderful surprise in a way, because I only knew about the trip 18 hours before I actually took off. I went over with the BBC film unit to shoot the films of David at home for Top Of The Pops. It meant fitting three films into one week — and, of course, David had lots of other commitments as well. So it was bound to be quite a hassle. And they reckoned that the way to get the best results out of David was to have somebody in the British crowd who he could really relax with. So they asked me, which was great!

"You see, David hates having things sprung on him, and you've got to realise this if you're working with him. He responds very differently to different people, although he is always the professional through and through in the way he approaches his work.

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"Another thing about him that you've got to recognise is that he is terribly self-critical. For instance, it's no good meeting him as he comes off stage after a show and telling him that everything was fantastic... He just won't believe you!

"No, you have to criticize one or two things first — even if everything was fantastic! Then you can go on and tell him how great it was. That way he'll believe that you're genuine! You see, he's always looking at the show from *his* point of view rather than from the audience's. And he always knows that there was something about one of the numbers that could have gone better.

"It's a psychological thing, I suppose, like it is with any great artist. They need somebody there, who understands them and who can

manipulate them in the right way, so that they bring out the best in themselves every time."

I was fascinated by all this... this chance to catch a glimpse of what goes on inside David's mind. But I wasn't going to let Dave forget that there was still a lot he hadn't told me about that Los Angeles trip.

I wanted to know every detail of every single thing he'd done out there!

He smiled and said: "Well, we just talked most of the time. You see we had lots and lots of work to get through in that one week. But, at other times... Well, we ate at the house mostly, we looned around the garden, played with the dogs — and just rapped in general about what was going on in England and the rest of the scene."

"Did you see much of Los Angeles?" I persisted doggedly... "Did David show you around?"

"He didn't have enough time to show me around much himself," came Dave's answer, "but he did something really special instead. He handed his white Corvette over to me to drive around in, while he used his new BMW to drive to work.

"That's one of the things about David that's so marvellous... He really puts himself to a lot of trouble to make sure that his friends have as good a time as possible. And that goes right the way along the line to every one of his fans as well. Because David thinks of them as his friends and he's determined to give them every bit of enjoyment and happiness possible."

Right now, Dave's got his sights set on a return trip to Los Angeles — but he'll be staying there for a month this time!

 ◀ Dave and Dave once again ▶
