

teenage girls lined up outside, waiting for a chance to see David. But she noticed one little girl particularly.

This girl stood out from the rest because she was standing slightly apart from the main group, and she was wearing calipers.

"I couldn't help admiring her courage," Linda told me, "to go out there and wait for David when she couldn't even walk properly . . . she was just terrified that she might get trampled in the rush when the girls caught sight of David. I guess that's why she was stood back a bit — because she'd gotten used to some of the dangers of being crippled."

Linda went in. But she kept thinking of that little girl all through the morning, hoping she'd be okay. Then suddenly she blinked a couple of times . . . Because there, over the other side of the stage, was that same girl!

Linda could hardly believe her eyes, but she knew she wasn't mistaken. It was the same girl. . . But how had she hoodwinked the brigade of security men on the gates?

They had eyes like eagles, so that not even the pluckiest, most pushing kid could have got past them. And this girl stood out a mile.

"Well," Linda went on, "I decided that, now she was in, I was going to do my best to help her stay there! It was obvious that she was glowing with the excitement of it all and she wasn't being any trouble to anybody."

So Linda made her way across to the girl, anxious to give her one or two tips.

"I started to explain to her," she continued "how she wasn't supposed to come inside at all, but if she stuck close to me she'd probably be okay and nobody would ask any questions."

"She looked up at me and

smiled — she had the sweetest face. Then she said, 'Gee, thanks lady, but it's all right 'cos I've got this,' and she held out a piece of paper she'd been clutching for me to see.

"It was signed by David and gave her a pass to Columbia Ranch for the whole of that day! No wonder she looked happy and excited . . . What David Cassidy fan wouldn't have done in her place!

Linda told me how David made good and sure that this special fan of his had something to eat and that she saw all the interesting parts of the day's work. Then, just before they quit work at the end of the day, he put her in a cab and he pre-paid the fare for her to get home.

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David never mentioned that incident to anybody. It was enough for him to know that he had made one girl who loved him a little bit happier . . . That he'd given her a memory to cherish. That's the way he likes to show his love. And we'll never know how many times things like this have happened, because David tends to keep them to himself.

One thing you might like to know, though, is that David can be just as thoughtful and generous to his fans on our side of the Atlantic!

Do you remember the night before his first Wembley concert? It was a Thursday — and it was certainly not the mildest March night by a long shot!

Juliet Wilcox and her friend, Julie, have good reason to remember it, because they had travelled all the way down to Wembley from Birmingham in the hope of seeing David.

They had no money, and they didn't have concert tickets either. But, for them, it would have been well worth the trip just to have seen David.

Now the Empire Pool, Wembley, isn't the cosiest place to spend a cold, wet March night. But Julie and Juliet were quite ready to bed down on the steps outside if it meant being that little bit nearer to David.

Meanwhile, David was inside rehearsing with a few more folks including Dave Bridger from Bell Records. During the evening, one of them felt the need for a breath of air . . . and opened the door to see two girls planted outside! Juliet takes up the story from there:

"We thought he was going to tell us to move on. But then David Bridger came out and he asked why we were there and if we planned to spend the night out there.

"Then a bit later, he asked us how we'd like to stay at the Esso Motel. Well, we thought he was joking, but we said 'Yes'."

The great thing was that Dave Bridger wasn't joking at all! The minute news had reached David that there were two of his fans planning on sleeping rough for his sake, he turned round and said:

"I want a hotel booked . . . Charge it to me. Because they are not staying out on a night like this!"

So Dave B. organised the whole thing, and Dave C. paid the bill. And Juliet and Julie spent a wonderful night in a luxury hotel bedroom, with all the excitement of knowing that they were under the same roof as David . . . and that he had put them there!

There can't be all that many girls who can say that David has put them up in a first class hotel and bought them a meal! So Juliet and Julie must be feeling pretty special right now.

But be patient . . . Stay loving and loyal. Because, if you too are one of the girls David loves, who knows? . . .

Next time round, it just might be YOU!!!



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