

YOUR LETTERS

HELPER MUM

Dear Pat,

Last year when David came to Manchester my daughter who is a devoted fan wanted to go and see him. My husband had a long illness and, being short of cash, I went to work on a part time job selling coffee and hot dogs at a buffet in a large dance hall from 8pm to 2am, but it was worth it because my daughter got to see David, and she was thrilled. I would do it all over again.

If you think I am a mad mum, my daughter tells me that her friend's mum sold her kettle to raise the money to get her daughter to David's concert in White City!

Best wishes,
A MOTHER, Warks.



No, indeed, we *don't* think you're mad at all. In fact, it's a shame that everyone doesn't have such a loyal and understanding mum.

We decided to print this letter without a name, so that it would serve as our way of saying "Thanks" to all the fantastic mums who help their children fulfil their dreams. ED.

SHARED NAME

Dear Pat,

Help! I have a problem and it's really getting me down; you see, it's my surname, which, as you can see, is CASSIDY.

O.K., so where's the problem? Everywhere, especially when you're one of his greatest fans! Most people see the funny side of the situation, but many, mostly girls, say that I only like him because I'm a Cassidy too.

The last straw was when I argued with my best friend about it and we split up and she sides with those who say I only like him because we share the same name and I want to show off.

But I don't, really, and for all the trouble this has caused me I have got to the point where I wish that I was just plain Smith or Brown.

Whenever I'm introduced to someone new, my

name is always the immediate source of conversation and amusement. There are times when I would really like to scream, especially when I get first years at my school coming up to me and asking me to write to my famous relation to ask him for his autograph.

My mother reassures me that it will blow over soon and that people are just jealous, but if that's so I would willingly change names with any of them. The only good thing about this is that at some time in my ancestry I could have had a vague link with David, and that's probably the closest I'll ever get to him.

This doesn't affect my liking for David at all as I'm sure he'd think that my "friends" are being exceptionally stupid.

Thanks,
JANE CASSIDY: Pinner, Middx.

Thank YOU, Jane, for an interesting and amusing letter. It's good that you can keep your sense of humour, despite all the troubles you've been through.

Just a word of advice for everyone: David doesn't have any living relatives in Britain, so give all the people like Jane who are lucky enough to share David's surname a chance. ED.



David races off stage after White City, supported by two of Artist Security's finest men.