



# the greatest gift



Tour was less of a hassle, and I had more time to sort of look around.

"But as for getting presents for Christmas, it was decidedly a dead loss! I brought back presents alright, but I was so pleased with them that I just couldn't hold them off 'til Christmas—I gave them to the people immediately!

"So that left me with five months to come up with some more ideas. And I still haven't got half the stuff that I'll be needing "

## HINTS

As it was getting on for the middle of November when I spoke to David, He wasn't really pushed for time. Still, I wondered if he hadn't been thinking about anything for himself.

After all, it's not too hard to get an idea of what you want and then drop a few hints. That way, you can get the word around and then still be surprised when you actually get what you want.

David chuckled when I told him that. "No, I reckon it would be pretty easy to do that, but there are a couple of drawbacks. If you really appreciate having a surprise when you open your presents as much as I do, then it really takes the thrill away from it.

"But there's another reason, as well. It would be kind of awkward if I went around dropping hints, and then ended up with four versions of the same present!"

Well, I could see David's point. If he mentioned that he wanted something in this magazine, for instance, I know that I could expect at least a hundred presents in the post

**E**ach year, all over the world, people must try to decide what to give their friends and relatives for Christmas. In every country that celebrates this holiday, you can find people scratching their heads, making lists, looking in shop windows and generally trying to find exactly the right gift for the right person.

It's a problem that everyone has, and David Cassidy is no exception. "Every Christmas, I seem to have the same problem—what to get for who.

"I don't think you could say I go mad when it comes to giving gifts. I guess I send quite a few cards, 'cos I seem to know more and more people

every year.

"But as far as presents go, I guess I have to think in terms of about a dozen people. I know all of them pretty well, and you'd think that would make it easier when it came time to buy the presents—but it doesn't!

"I just seem to have even more problems, because although I know the people, that means that I want to make sure and give them exactly what they want, something that they'll really dig. And that usually means a lot of looking."

I thought that, with all the travelling around that David has done in the past year, it would be the easiest thing in the world to pick up gifts along the way.

David agreed, "Yeah, I have brought back quite a lot of stuff this time. The World