

call to go riding or swimming with him. But really it's only been comparatively recently that David's had time for this kind of relaxation.

In any case, David has never been able to rely totally on such friends. For a start his success has taken him thousands of miles away from them for long spells at a time. As a result he's learned to be pretty self-reliant in lots of ways and to get lots of relaxation out of his actual music. But even that isn't enough; it doesn't replace the warmth of human friendship. Still, it didn't take David long to realise that he didn't have to do without such friendship, however far away from home he might be. Because, no matter how much pressure he might be under with filming and concert commitments, tours, interviews and cameramen, there have always been his fans. And, as we've seen every time he's been over in Britain, David can really get to enjoy winding down with them. I'm not, of course, talking about the times when he's confronted by thousands upon thousands of them at once, like at an airport, or maybe after a concert. When there are vast numbers like that, David is too busy worrying about everything to be able to relax properly.

No, it's when he meets just a few of you at a time that you notice the big difference. Suddenly he's got plenty of time, he's not in a hurry to rush off—even if he's got to! His eyes shine with happiness and he's smiling without strain. You see, at last he's getting a chance to meet you as people and realise that you don't simply value him as a voice on a revolving disc.

That's why we're always so

delighted to hear from anyone who's been lucky enough to meet and talk to David this way. 'Cos we know they've met the *real* David and, although they may have only spoken to him for a few minutes, they've got to know him better than many a journalist who's had a long, scheduled interview with him. You see, David knows that he's not talking to you as a "public" star, but as a private individual. And that makes all the difference.

Well, it's pretty obvious, isn't it? We don't need to call in Kojak to track down our Cassidy expert—because we know thousands of them already!

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What seemed a really good idea, though, was if somehow all that precious knowledge could be shared. If that were possible, we'd end up with the most amazingly complete Dossier on David that could be imagined.

'Cos, we're sure you'll agree, however long you've been a DC fan and however much you know about him already, there's always something else to find out, anyhow, we decided that it would be unfair—not to mention impossible—to find a *single* David Cassidy "expert" in Britain. While one person may know all about David's home life, someone else may be the expert on the places he's been. And how on earth can you decide between them? See what I mean? Instead, we're hoping to find lots of "experts", who are willing to share and exchange their knowledge of David and to help his newer fans to get to know him really intimately

pretty quickly.

So write in and tell us about the side of David that *you* know best. Maybe you're the person who knows most about David's friends, or his music, or his taste in clothes, or his early childhood. Or perhaps YOU are the person in a million who actually knows him best as a *person*. Maybe you've met him in the flesh and just tuned in with him right away, or maybe you feel you've got to know his personality by the way it comes through his music. However it happened, this is what we—and all our readers—are really interested in.

In fact, we think this is pretty important, so we're going to be giving a few prizes to the letter-writers who help us most in getting to know David even better. There'll be £5 each for the people we reckon emerge as the experts, on:

DAVID'S MUSIC
DAVID'S HOME
DAVID'S FRIENDS
DAVID'S PERSONAL
TASTES
THE PLACES DAVID'S
VISITED

and we'll be giving £10 to the person whose letter gives us the best total impression of DAVID AS A PERSON.

Of course, we're *always* glad to hear from you on any of these subjects, but, if you want your letter to be considered for these prizes, it must reach us by Wednesday 2nd April—which should give you just about enough time to set down in writing all that you know about David! We'll be publishing the winning letters, so here's your chance to have YOUR name down in print as a David Cassidy Expert!

