



# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DAVID?

Here is one of the first entries sent in for our new competition

**W**HEN you read about David in his magazine you realise that his closest friends are those he has known for many years. There is a good reason for this.

Quite simply, David's oldest friends are the ones he feels he can really trust. In a career like his, trust and honesty are a person's two most important characteristics.

Sam Haymen is the person closest to David. They grew up together, moved to New York together and shared a flat there. They also played in the same group.

Even today, Sam lives near to his old pal. If they feel like a chat it's easy for them to just pop over and see one another. Many of their problems are sorted out during the time spent together.

In fact, Sam is "employed" by David. He looks after all his finances and goes on all his tours. Besides Sam, David still has many of his childhood friends and tries to keep in touch with them all, because he values their friendship highly.

Being a pop star, it's very easy to be influenced by people who aren't up to any good. David has had enough experience of this type of person to be able to judge whether someone is a true friend, or whether they are just using him for their own benefit.

However, it took quite some time before David realised that a lot of people weren't really interested in him as a person, just as a name—something which happens to most great stars at some time.

We've all read about the girls who fluttered their eyelashes at him and when David finally dated them, changed their minds. What they didn't realise was that David's idea of a good time is not rowdy Hollywood parties, but a walk on a moonlit beach, or a drive through the countryside with the car windows open.

David has met many new friends while on tour—many of them "superstars" like himself. He can relax with these people because he knows that they are only interested in him as a person. They are already stars in their own right.

Numbered amongst his friends are John Lennon, Elton John, Rod Stewart and Gary Glitter. David enjoys the company of all these people, and likes asking them for advice on certain aspects of his music. He is always ready to learn from them, although he is a big star himself.

It certainly seems that David's head is "screwed on" tightly. He knows who his true friends are alright! He has become close to many of his co-stars from "The Partridge Family" days. If he's feeling low, he often uses one of their shoulders to cry on, or he often visits one of them simply for a chat.

David's ideas of a good evening is to invite a few friends round and spend the time just chatting, with some good sounds in the background of course!

A great change has come over David in the last year. Watching him in interviews he seems to know how to handle the questions he's asked, without the nervousness he used to feel. He's a lot more relaxed and more professional too—if that's possible!

Wherever he travels, his friends travel too—close friends, his band, other people who work for him and us, his fans. We're always there, backing him up all the way, and although in our thousands we might frighten him, I'm sure he realises that every single one of us really just wants to be a close friend of his.

Every one of David's fans feels that she could make him very happy, because, although he's "David Cassidy—Superstar" to the world, in our hearts he's "David Cassidy—Sensitive, Loving Person". Whenever he needs a shoulder to cry on, we're always there.

In fact, I think that we, his fans, are his greatest friends ever. . . .

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