

DAVID'S PERSONAL LETTER TO YOU

able to invite a few friends round for a quiet evening and a meal – even if it's just a steak with some salad. Actually, my friends are the sort of folk who'll eat whatever happens to be in the house. And, if there's nothing much there – well, we'll make do with coffee and a cookie, or even just coffee.

Really Happy

I find that when I'm really happy and enjoying myself, I don't seem to get hungry and I can do without food for an awful long time.

I think it's the most wonderful thing, though, when I suggest to a girl that we go out to eat some place and she tells me that she doesn't feel hungry and would just as well sit with me at home and rustle up some eggs for us both. Because that shows me that she really does care for me and she's my type of girl.

Mind, there are times when I love taking out a date for a quiet, intimate dinner to some little place that's way off the beaten track. And it sure does have to be **very** much off the beaten track if we're going to get any privacy. That's one big problem when you're a star. It's great to be recognised and for fans to come over and say "Hi!" but that's something I can do without when I've taken a girl out for a romantic evening and I'm trying to get to know her a bit better!

Conventional

That's why I don't take girls out in the conventional way all that often. . . . You know, like going to a movie or a concert and eating out after, like I used to do before I started with "The Partridge Family".

It must be a couple of years now since I saw a movie that way. Don't get the idea that I'm pining from movie-starvation, though! I'm lucky enough to be able to get to see all I want to by looking in at the

press reviews – when I have the time, that is, which isn't that often, I'm afraid!

So, whenever I do have the luxury of a free evening to go out and enjoy myself, I usually call round to see friends or invite some folks round to my place. We just talk into the night and listen to music . . . maybe dance a bit . . . and that's great – we really enjoy that.

Since I moved into this house, it's especially nice, because there's plenty of room for my friends to sleep over, if it gets too late and they're too tired to drive back. I don't remember if I've already told you the set-up here . . . I don't think so, but please forgive me if I have and this gets kind of boring for you to hear it all over again.

You see, the house has three bedrooms, which are all big and spacious. Now I only take up one of these, which leaves the other two for guests.

Yard Sleeper

"What about Sam?" you might be wondering. . . . No, Sam doesn't have to sleep on the floor! He sleeps out in the yard! I'm serious, too – Sam doesn't sleep under the same roof as me any more . . . it's more as if we're next door neighbours, who just spend quite a lot of their time in and out of each other's places. You see, Sam and I both like a bit of extra room to spread ourselves; that's why this house was perfect for us. Because we also got the cottage in the grounds that went with it, and Sam has made it into quite a den for himself. It's terrific! I wish you could see it.

But now I guess I really had better go and fix myself some supper. I don't think I'll try anything too ambitious tonight . . . I'll just go see if I've got a can of peaches or something!

It's been nice writing to you. I just can't wait to get the final details of my trip over to Britain fixed, so I'll be able to see you all in person, instead of just imagining what you are like from the letters and photos you send me.

How come you're all so pretty? I can't wait to get over and check it out for myself. I hope I'll be seeing YOU then.

David



ABOVE: A big unveiling shot from *The Partridge Family Show*
BELOW: No, she's not David's new girlfriend, just an actress who appeared in this episode

