

arrived. So it meant a whole lot of extra organisation.

"The day she turned up, the bed was arriving, the exterminators were coming in — and, at the same time, I was carrying her bags in. And I'm not exaggerating one bit! That's how close it was. It meant a lot of work and I was really glad to escape and go on the road! Fortunately, the housekeeper was also arriving right then, so David and I upped and left everything in her hands!"

What had made them suddenly decide that they needed a housekeeper, I wanted to know.

"Two reasons: really," Sam reflected. . . "First of all, we wanted to have someone who would always be there, on the spot, to look after the place and the dogs. Of course, the dogs have gotten used to her, so they don't pine so much when we're both away. She feeds and walks them, so they've gotten to trust her. And, from what I've seen already, she sure is marvellous with Sheesh and Bull's Eye.

## HOPELESS COOKS

"Seems like she's going to be pretty good at looking after us, as well," he added, laughing. "You've never met two guys who are more hopeless with a cookbook! It got specially bad when David and I went on that organic diet because we would never be bothered to cook anything at all then. . . . What couldn't get eaten raw, just didn't get eaten at all! So we were having a rather unbalanced diet. We still go for the easy ways out — so it'll make an awful big difference having a proper housekeeper.

"And, of course," he went on, "one very nice advantage of her being there is that we can ask a few friends round to dinner now and know they're going to get a decent meal!"

This prompted me to ask Sam if they often had a lot of people round to the house:

"Well, we're not party folks, as David would tell you," he replied. "A few friends to dinner is more our style. We'll maybe light some candles, open a bottle of wine and just rap and wind down.

After, perhaps we'll listen to some music, watch TV — or just rap some more!

"Our private lives are pretty normal," he explained — almost apologising for the fact! "I guess we get enough excitement and spend enough energy in our working routine, so we tend to grab the chance to ease off and wind down in our private lives.

To all these folks who expect us to be throwing big parties, to be seen at all the groovy places and having it off with all those lovely ladies — well, I reckon that to folks like that the sort of life we lead must seem kind of laid back for 'twenty-two-year-old bachelors!"

## EUROPEAN TOUR

Sam went on to talk about the coming European tour and he told me that David was specially looking forward to singing for all his British fans. . . .

"He feels a special bond with his fans over here," he said, "because, when the fans are with you here in Britain, they are with you for a long time. . . . and David really appreciates the long-term love they give him."

"Does David find his British fans more loyal than his American ones, on the whole, then?" I asked.

"Oh, much, much more!" he exclaimed. "The audiences in the States are rather threatening, in fact. Over there they take the line that, if you're a star, you're not human any more and they get disappointed in you if you act human. So, if you're gonna please them for long and sustain their loyalty, you've got to become superhuman! Now that's an awful strain to be living with. A star in America just isn't allowed to have any faults. . . . and, if you once show a fault, they change quick as a flash and they don't want to know any more. . . . Oh no, the American fans are certainly not as faithful as the British ones."

"A lot of the mothers who bring young girls to the concerts in the States have got their minds firmly closed against David — till they see him on stage! He definitely has a charisma, an animal attraction as a performer and, once those Moms get to see

the real David Cassidy, they become as hooked as their kids, often as not!"

Sam stressed that this 'real' David — the David of the records and the personal appearances — is quite different from the image of him that comes across on the Partridge Family Show:

"There's an awful lot more to the real David Cassidy than there is to Keith Partridge," he continued. "That's why, as an actor, David does sometimes find the role of Keith a tiny bit frustrating at times. Because, you see, he wants to grow as an actor, and he can't get to do that so much when he only ever works on the one character — and, even that character isn't very demanding for an actor of David's calibre.

"David's got so many ideas in his head, so many plans he'd like to carry through. . . ."

I wondered whether these might include plans for getting married in the near future. . . . So I instantly checked up with Sam on this one.

"Don't worry! It's O.K. His reply didn't give any sign of marriage prospects for the next few years at least:

## GETTING MARRIED

"I wouldn't imagine David getting married before he was thirty at least," was Sam's opinion. . . . "Well, anyway, I don't think David is ready for marriage — no matter how hooked he might seem to get on somebody. But right now his problem is more on the lines of: how hooked can you get on anyone when you've got a seven day working schedule? If David did ever want to get married while things were as they are now — well, I guess he'd just have to fit in the ceremony between takes on the Partridge set!"

Sam, however, is convinced that this is certainly not the way David intends it to be! He's pretty sure that David won't settle down for life with any one girl until he's had plenty of time to be sure that she really is the right one for him. . . . and, equally important, that he is also really right for her!

Well, that's good news for a start! After all, there's no law against *hoping*, is there?

