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Hello there!

For the first time in a brand new year.

And it looks as though 1973 might well be International Year for the British David Cassidy Fan Club.

There I was one day, sitting minding my own business at my desk, when I opened an envelope and found a letter inside that I couldn't understand at all. As an ardent admirer of Sherlock Holmes, the Saint and Perry Mason, I set my detective faculties at work and, in a moment of inspiration, looked at the stamp to check where it had come from. It was Holland, as it turned out. And it proved to be only the first of many. Not just from Holland either! French and German fans also seem to have received news of our Fan Club by carrier Partridge or something.

Of course, we are delighted about it here in London . . . Well, we're always pleased at any sign that folks are really getting to recognise what a great guy David is. There's only one small problem . . . I don't speak Dutch or German!! And my French is so rusty that it's quite a long job doddering through the French ones too.

Still, as they say, every dark cloud has a silver lining, and I can't help thinking what a healthy development this will be on the Pen Pal front. So I hope that some of you are a bit more fluent on the foreign language stunt than yours truly!

I know David finds much the same problem when he's in Europe, because he doesn't really speak any foreign language properly — except American, of course! Well, you must have noticed how fluently he speaks that!!!

During his last trip when he called briefly at Germany and Holland he had interpreters to help him out. But I know it worries him that he will not be able to chat to his fans when he's on tour in Europe this Spring. He's very proud of the few words of French and Italian he's picked up — more or less by accident, but the thought of holding anything resembling a conversation sends cold shivers up his spine!

I don't honestly think he needs to worry that much, do you? After all, actions speak louder than words and all that. And one smile from David would do more for most girls than a whole day's conversation in perfect French from any other guy! Agreed?

Well, maybe you'll have a chance to put his mind at rest on this point if you get to talk to him during March.

Isn't it great to know that we, at any rate, do speak the right language, so David doesn't need to have any worries on that score.

Susie