Recharge

"There's something fantastic about going up in the ski lift — being first up — really early in the morning and standing at the top of a slope looking down on an expanse of unbroken whiteness.

"It makes me catch my breath every time. It's so beautiful!

"As you know, I love skiing — it's just about my favourite thing. I feel something wonderful, difficult to describe, as I zoom down a slope. I feel alone, and cold, but really free, happy.

"Don't get me wrong," David looked worried. "I'm really not putting down my fans or anything. I don't mean I'm not happy other times. But if people really like me for myself they'll realise that I just have

to get away some time. I think everyone needs a bit of privacy — just to recharge.

"And it's definitely in winter that I get new strength. The frosty air, seeing my breath in front of me, the incredible shape of a snowflake — those are the things that help me carry on."

POSSIP

Wakey-Wakey!

Les Gray of Mud used to play the trumpet. At least that's what he says in interviews but no-one really believed him until the band landed up in Oslo airport on the last Gilbert O'Sullivan tour.

Seems the chartered plane got held up by bad weather and by the time it had landed the airport had closed and all the customs men had gone home!

There was one officer left, fast asleep in his cubicle. Various methods were tried to wake him whilst the musicians stood shivering on the deserted tarmac. Finally Les seized a trumpet from one of the members of Gilbert's orchestra and blew the Reveille!

He woke up the guard alright but was nearly arrested for disturbing the peace!

Ford's New Friend

Somebody called Arnold who has four legs and a shaggy coat has just been bought by John Ford of Hudson Ford. But before you think we've gone stark raving bonkers we'll let you into a secret. Arnold is an English sheepdog puppy that John's recently aquired! And he's christened after Tony Blackburn's dog of the same name!

Return For Ronson

This coming January and February things will be happening on the Mick Ronson front . . . Firstly January sees a new Mick single and album. And then in February Mick's doing a massive nationwide tour . . . No idea of dates yet but our lad will be performing in all major cities and towns. How about that then?!!