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Cassidy crazy on Radi One

RADIO ONE makes its first positive move towards a new sparkling teeny image next week when David Cassidy, is to be heavily featured during his British visit.

Lux set for specials

RADIO ONE LUXEMBOURG have a world exclusive first broadcast of Alvin Stardust's new single in their special programme on him next Saturday (27).

During the programme there will be an interview with Alvin and the people responsible for promoting his change of image. The show will also trace his progress from the days when he was known as Shane Fenton. Luxembourg follows up with two more Saturday specials, the first on May 4, on the Teen Superstars, featuring Donny, David Jackson, Gary Gitter, and Gilbert O'Sullivan. The last show in this small series is on May 11, featuring The Super Teen Groups. The programme will include interviews and music from Slade, Sweet, Mud, Bizzard, T-Rex, Queen, Nazareth, Iced and Gordie.

The first step in what amounts to a massive involvement with the star came yesterday (Wednesday) when disc jockey David Hamilton spoke to Cassidy in a transatlantic hook-up.

This is followed up during his stay in Britain with heavy

airplay for Cassidy records and a number of studio visits.

A spokesman for Radio One said none of the guest appearances on programmes had so far been confirmed but Cassidy would make more than one visit to the studios.

Cassidy arrives in Britain next week for his scheduled concerts at Glasgow (24), White City (26) and possibly a third at Manchester (28).

Beeb bulletin

THAT WELL known purveyor of good taste, Byron Ferrari, otherwise known as Brian Ferry, is the Radio One My Top 12 guest this Sunday (5.00 pm).

Apart from this solid certainty, the week looks pretty lean though there's always *Strawbs* for the In Concert show on Saturday.

Ralph McTell takes the Sounds On Sunday slot and so

breaks the tradition for rock acts which the spot was building up. Still, he always makes a welcome change.

In the week the new boys have a go. Paul Gambaccini steps in to John Peel's shoes tonight (Thursday) to present Ruddy Knox and John Armatrading. On Monday Rob Harris has *Sassafras*, then on Tuesday Steve Bradshaw introduces *Procul Harum*, Eno & The Winkles and Roy Harper.

Alternative voice

World Service) where he worked several years ago after the close down of the English pirate stations.

I know that Mark Lett and all his buddies are anti-Beeb, but surely even they can't miss listening to the admirable Radio One show, *Radio Five*. Radio Five takes the air on Saturday afternoons.

Ian Anderson, who many of us know and love from RNI of old is now working and relaxing in Shetland. He spent a while at the end of last year working as a porter in a London Hospital, but has now returned north of the border to carry out such past-times as skunk bailing, rathunting and getting drunk!

Doubl was cast in last week's column, referring to the paint lines on the Dutch Government were very worried to hear that on Atlantic even the paint lines are "spaced out".

On a pilgrimage to Caroline last week was Tony Allen, who went out to have a look-see. Apparently, in his estimations the ship is looking better, with paint being poured into the various cracks and crevices. The *Mi Amiga* has been troubled by a leak in the boxes of the ship, and it is expected that before long divers will have to make some sort of repairs.

Manchester music fest.

BBC Radio Manchester will stage its own Music Festival next month following the success of the City's music festival last year.

From May 5 to 11 there will be an assortment of acts at the Royal Northern College of Music before an audience and also broadcast live. These include pianist John Ogden, Annie Ross, the King Sisters, and the Scaffold.

Programme organiser De-

rek Woodcock said: "Manchester is not having a music festival this year, so we have decided to stage our own. It's a financial success, we will make it an annual event."

To attract more teenage listeners to the station, a recording of *Prelude* in concert goes out at 8 pm on Friday night and on April 28 Ralph McTell's recent Manchester concert will be broadcast also at 8 pm.

Simmons classic

DAVE SIMMONS, presenter of Radio One's Saturday 7 p.m. show was cast in a classical mould when he appeared with the Royal Philharmonic at the Royal Albert Hall last night (Wednesday) for an evening with Gilbert and Sullivan.

Dave told his audience about the work of G & S and compered the white programme.

An unusual gig for a blues and soul man? "Not really," Dave explains. "I come from a musical family. My brother-in-law plays double bass with the Royal Philharmonic and my sister teaches piano."

BRMB figures

An NOP poll in Birmingham shows that after only five weeks on the air, BRMB has already passed the half million mark in cumulative audience. The figures relate to the Birmingham VIP area alone.



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JAZZ ENTHUSIASTS are in for a feast this Saturday night. Sunday morning when Gyroscop, a crowd of star blowers, line up for an all-night session on Sarah Ward's Night Flight (1.30 am).

In the studio will be Gordon Fleck, Ron Malison, Stan Stalman, Tony Levin, and Frank Ricotti. They will be playing a spontaneous set and also discussing jazz with Sarah and listeners who phone in.

Earlier on Saturday Colin Blunstone features in Capital Rap (6.00 pm-7.00 pm) and Casablanca guest in Capital Night Out at the Global Village discotheque (10.00-midnight).

For those who get up early, every July grandiose hospital requests at 7.00 pm on Sunday morning - this week from Queen Mary's hospital.

Later in Alternatives (Sunday 7.30 pm) Humphrey Burton reviews the arts. This week his guest is M. La Grange, author of *Mahler*.

Throughout the week listeners can phone in requests for their three favourite golden oldies. These will be played on the air and finally recorded on all-time golden oldies top 100 which will be played at Whitson in a non-stop six-hour show.

Finally Allan Harrison plays back to one of London's most beautiful witches, Helen Hodge, on his show on Wednesday night (24).

DAVE JOHNS / MARK LETT

Lovely Louise

MURM proudly presents the very mysterious Louise, host of Radio Northern International's Skyline programme which goes out between the unearthly hours of 4.00 and 6.00 am each night, morning. Ever since she first popped up on the airwaves a few months back, listeners have bombarded the station with requests for information. So here goes: Louise Quire became the youngest female disc jockey in Britain when she joined her local station, Manx Radio, at the age of 16. She's now in semi retirement but still does the odd programme for Manx, though despite many offers she refuses to leave the Isle of Man. Apart from taping her programmes for RNI, the lady spends most of her time horse riding and living the country life.

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