



Spend Christmas with the Stars!



What are your favourites doing this Christmas? A pop star's life is a busy one or so we're told. Well, if it is, how do they manage to spend some time with their loved ones at Xmas like ordinary people do? There's only one way to find out—ask the stars themselves just what they are doing over Xmas. So a team of Fan reporters set out to find exactly what everyone is going to be up to...



Ron and Russ Mael of Sparks won't be spending Christmas in Britain because they will be in the middle of their European tour. On the twenty-first of December they will be entertaining the lucky people of Vienna. But Ron and Russ plan to leave there and spend Xmas Day with a close friend in Zurich. Apparently the family they are

staying with boasts the head of the Zurich police force. So Ron and Russ are going to be on their best behaviour! Paul McCartney is hoping that this year won't turn out like the Xmas he spent in Hamburg quite a few years back. Paul was not feeling

particularly happy one Xmas and accepted the invitation to come and sample some traditional food at a Hamburg family's house. When the meal was dished out Paul found that instead of turkey he was served something that looked like a giant fish! Also there was a huge bowl of white stuff which Paul helped himself to, thinking it was mashed potato. Soon Paul found out he was eating very, very strong horse-radish sauce! Paul reckons that was one of the worst Christmases he's ever spent. So he's determined that this year he's going to have a much, much happier time. Both Paul and Linda are very much 'last minute impulse' people and they haven't yet decided where they were going to go on Christmas Day itself. They are definitely planning to stay in Britain, though. Keep a watch out then, the McCartneys could be flying past your door!

All the lovely members of Mud will be busy sorting out their new homes over Xmas. A few days before the big day you'll probably find them browsing round furniture shops in

search of things to make their pads that much more homely. So if you spot a furniture removal van at Xmas it could well be carrying the sort of furniture to be found in the Mud households.

Sweet are also spending time at home. Andy will be visiting his parents in Wales and Steve and Mick will be popping round the corner to their parents' homes because they live nearby. Brian's also planning to spend time at home with his wife and baby daughter.

Talking of a wife and baby daughter brings us round to David Essex. As you know he's had a very hectic last few months. After all his tour dates in London David went to Paris. All in all he has played in 25 different cities over the last few weeks so he feels entitled to put his feet up. And that's exactly what David intends to do over Christmas. You'll find him roasting chestnuts and slicing turkey. Eagerly awaiting the Xmas fare will be David's wife, Maureen and their baby daughter. After a year like David's had he really deserves a good rest!

Our good pal David Cassidy has had a very different year. He announced that he was giving up live performances and he's been considering

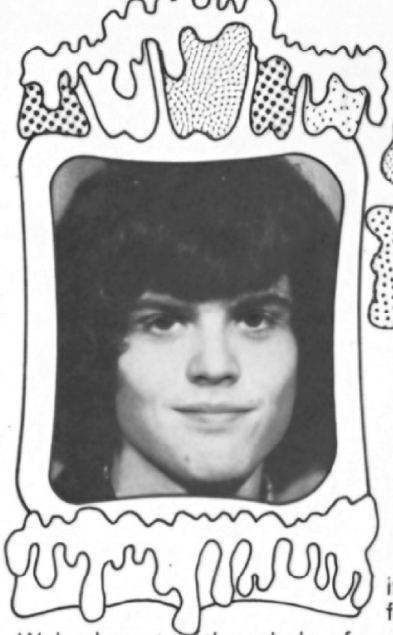
film parts. So what's David going to do this Christmas? He's got no definite plans as yet but he thinks he might just get the family together for a big Christmas meal. David's half-brother Shaun will be joining in the celebrations, too! Shaun will probably be talking excitedly about the recordings that he and his group Longfellow have just been making. The whole family will probably then go off on a nice long walk to work up their appetite for the next meal!

Gary Glitter will be enjoying Christmas abroad. Last year he went to the Bahamas for his holiday but this year he hasn't yet decided where to go. Wherever he goes Gary's looking forward to relaxing after his operation and you can be sure that he will be planning his year ahead. Although he might appear to be relaxing his mind will be as active as ever whilst he's on holiday.

For The Osmonds a family Christmas spent in their home town of Utah following the traditions laid down by the Mormon Church will be their way of passing Christmas. For Mormons Christmas is not so much a commercial time of the year, it's more of a spiritual occasion. There's not so much emphasis on Santa Claus and the gift giving part of the festival, although The Osmonds will be exchanging some beautiful presents to celebrate a beautiful 1974. On Christmas Eve the whole Osmond family will sit round the living room fire singing songs and talking about family occasions in the past. On Christmas Day they will all have traditional Christmas meals except that you won't find them drinking any alcohol, tea or coffee.

For Slade it's back to Wolverhampton for Christmas. After completing work on their new film 'Flame' the boys haven't had much chance this year to visit their families. So Christmas is a very good

time to make up for this. Noddy says that he has been known to get decidedly jovial at Christmas and when Slade talk about how they've spent Christmas in past years, you get the feeling that they certainly seem to know how to enjoy themselves. Noddy says that if they have a party in



Wolverhampton the whole of the town knows about it and hears all! Queen are going to be working hard over Christmas planning their tour of the States early in the New Year. They are all very keen to make a success of this tour so they intend to work hard to make it as good as possible. Christmas won't exactly pass them by but they'll only spend a few hours celebrating it. Probably it'll just be a trad-

itional Christmas meal with a few friends. The Bay City Rollers plan something special this Christmas for a lucky group of children. Their manager, Tam Paton, wants to play a special concert over Christmas for disabled and handicapped children. The details weren't finalised at press time but Tam believes that such a concert should become a regular part of The Bay City Rollers' year. After the concert the group and their manager are going on holiday, although the location is a secret. ★

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This really is a cracker of an issue for all you pop people. We're all having a party inside—a party of exclusive pin-ups and special interviews, so join in and have lots of fun with us! With very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Beautiful New Year.

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