

# YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS

# DAVID

"What are friends for? Well, we all need them and we all use them, and they're pretty nice people to have around!"

David grinned widely: "I'm a lucky guy. My friends are great people and we've always managed to keep in touch with each other, mostly since school-days. Naturally, since I've been involved in pop, I'm meeting new people all day and every day, but I couldn't really class all of them as friends.

"My closest friends, and by that I mean the ones I can rely on no matter what, I can count on just one hand. People who say they have hundreds of friends are either lying, or just incredibly easy to get along with!"

That's David on friends. He values friendship. If Mr. Cassidy calls you his friend, you can bet he means it in

every sense of the word. He's been let down once or twice and has learned that true friendship withstands all sorts of tests... like long separations or jealousy over a girl.

"One or two of my past girlfriends have turned out to be my best friends once the relationship has come to an end. I guess that's the nicest way for people to break up, if they're going to finish with each other, that is. I hate bad feelings.

"I always treat my friends with respect because I know they do the same for me. If I've been out of town for a couple of months, or just too busy to see anyone, I always get on the phone the first spare minute I have and invite everyone round for a drink and a chat. I really enjoy that sort of scene."

David really feels sorry for people who are on their

own or have no friends for some reason or another.

"It's so sad, I don't like to think about it. Especially in the cities where you can feel lonely even if you *have* got friends!"

But even though he's surrounded by people most of the day, David sometimes feels an emptiness, especially if he's in a strange city or perhaps touring abroad.

"People are always kind to me, but if I don't know them personally, I find it difficult to communicate and end up making conversation just to be polite. I always look forward to being back home with people I know well.

"Luckily for me I make friends easily, though I've lost a few since I started to make it in pop. They just felt they couldn't get through to me any more. That was in the early days, though, when I was so

caught up in all the excitement, I probably did neglect my social life. Then I'd ring someone up after a month's silence and wonder why they were frosty towards me! That's life. I have more time now—I make sure I have time for the people I like. It's very important."

We wondered how David's friends felt now that they were mixing with a star...

"That's just it! They don't look on me that way. They might ask what future plans I've got, but normally we hardly ever talk about my music. Anyway, most of them are involved in just as exciting things which I'm interested in learning about."

Perhaps one of the reasons for David's success with his fellow men is that he loves the human race!

"Of course I like people. They fascinate me. I like to sit at windows and watch them go by. I love to talk with them and find out about them. That's the only way you meet the most interesting types. Show that you're interested!"

That's Cassidy talk. Straight from the man who knows exactly where he's at. And exactly what he's doing.

You got a friend, David! Millions of them!

