

David Cassidy

The summer days

"Have you noticed how a different kind of record hits the heights in summer?" asks none other than David Cassidy. "Usually you have two or three massive hits, all light and summery that conjure up the blue skies, lazy days spent on sun drenched beaches and corn ripening in the fields.

"It's only to be expected really. After all, record people feel different when the temperature soars into the 70s like everybody else. We like to throw off our cloaks of seriousness and get down to some fun. At least that's how I feel when the last days of May slip off the calendar and beautiful June makes its debut."

As you'll have gathered by now David Cassidy is a summer guy and in this exclusive interview he tells us about those summer days he dreams about.

"The sun can warm a million faces as easily as one."

"It usually starts about January 3 after the effects of the New Year's Eve party have worn off. I look through the months and there's only about 15 weeks to go until the first really hot rays off the sun hit my face. Boy, you've no idea how much I look forward to summer.

"All winter long I feel only half alive. Walking around with coats, hats and scarves. The heating turned up full and the short days and long, long nights.

"I can't work, think or even enjoy myself properly from October to May. But let me see the golden beach, take that first dip in the ocean and first sip of an ice-cream and I know everything is going to be fine for a while.

"I know your summers in Britain don't compare with those we have in California—sorry, if I could bring you all over, I would—but I guess you can understand what I'm talking about. People are more cheerful, troubles don't seem nearly so important with a cloudless sky overhead and the girls seem so much prettier with a smile playing on their lips.

"What sort of things do I dream about during the winter and spring? I dream about waking at five in the morning,

Delicious David just can't wait for summer. Dream along with him right now...

fixing myself a pot of coffee and sitting down to watch the sunrise. I dream about boiling hot days, early starts in the recording studios so we can enjoy the sun like everybody else.

"Finding a deserted bay, a beautiful girl, a full picnic hamper and some groovy sounds on the radio. I dream about dinners for friends on the patio with wine in the ice bucket and sitting out there chatting late into the night, only going to bed when the moon comes out.

"The great thing about summer and the long days is that you can cram so much more into your life. Normally during the fall, winter and spring I'm complaining about not having enough time to do all the things I have to do.

"I'm begging in vain for another 24 hours in every day or

a duplicate David Cassidy to help me out. But in the summer I seem to get everything done without having to rush around. The great thing is that the pop business slows down to a considerable degree in summer.

"People on holiday aren't too concerned about buying records. It's too hot to sit in theatres at concerts so there isn't too much stage work to do. Open air festivals are a gas but I'm not the sort of singer who gets involved in them. I don't really know why not. . . I quite like the idea.

"This summer I'll be spending some time in Hawaii having a look at the house that's being built for me. Wow, what a paradise it will be when it's finished. Start saving now because I reckon everybody deserves at least one trip to this beautiful garden island. But please don't try to

