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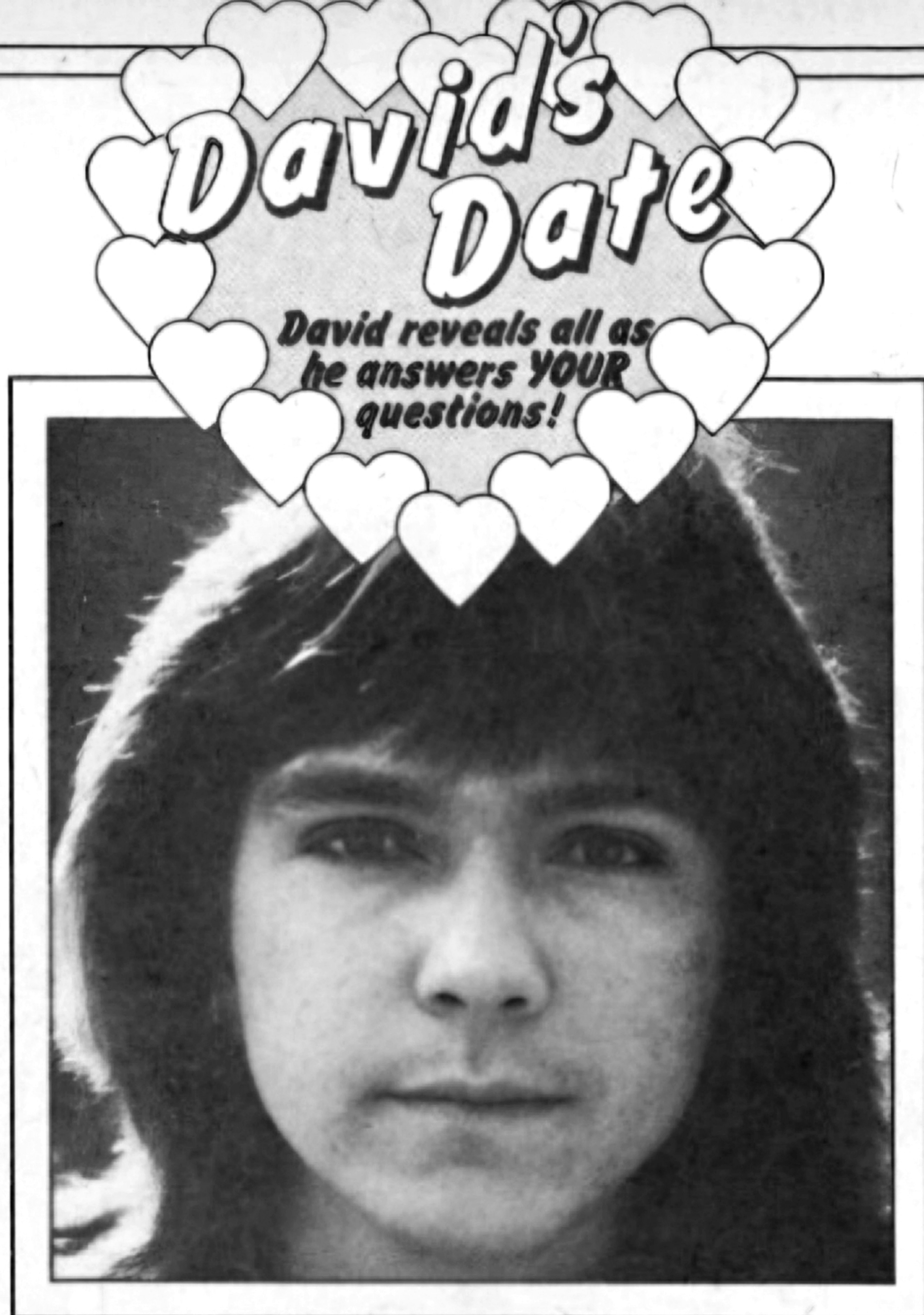
Hi again!

I reckon that by the time you get to read this column it'll be November — and about the time you're celebrating Guy Fawkes Day. Of course, we don't have this particular occasion out here in the States — and I'm glad! You see, I've heard reports about the number of people (especially children) who have got badly hurt — or even killed — from messing about with bonfires and fireworks. So please, please take care and don't take any silly risks. There are plenty of other ways of having a good time without having a Guy Fawkes Day party. I'm not lecturing you really, but do remember all accidents can be avoided.

Q. When are you going to be in a film? — Mary Bentley, Hull.

A. I am ready, willing and able to do a movie. Now all I need is to find the right one for me. Or to have a producer or director with the right movie for me to find me. It doesn't matter how it happens — just that it happens. I have been reading all the scripts that have been sent to me by my agent but so far there has been nothing 'challenging' or interesting about the parts, so we have all agreed to sit back and wait until something really good and right comes along.

Q. I heard that you do your own home repairs. Is that true? — Patsy Dale,



"I'M WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOVIE TO COME ALONG"

Leeds, Yorks.

A. Yes, it is true. Except that I don't consider what I do to be 'repairs' so much as improvements. I leave the repair work to plumbers and electricians and qualified technicians like that. But I really dig doing the 'pretty' stuff — like painting, papering and refinishing wood furniture.

That sort of thing is great because after you are finished you can sit back and really see what you have accomplished.

Q. Tell me what your favourite pastime is? — Laura Ellis, Hants.

A. I can't! Because I haven't just one favourite pastime. There are so many things that I like to do to

relax, depending upon my mood, that I'll just have to list them all. I like to read magazines, good books, mysteries, and plays. I like to go to the movies — all movies — and if one especially pleases me, I'll try to see it again. I like to go horseback riding, for drives in my car, and I especially like going for long walks along the beach. And sometimes writing this column is so relaxing that it becomes a favourite pastime.

Q. Do you hire someone to decorate your house? — Sally Greene, London.

A. Yes and no. I did hire someone at first, but it didn't work out because the decorator's taste was not mine and I just couldn't make him understand what it was that I wanted my home to express, so even before we got started — we stopped! Besides, a decorator needs constant supervision and consultation. 'Yes, I like that colour' or 'No, I don't like that fabric' — and since I didn't have that kind of time available, it seemed like the best thing for me to do was to do it myself — so I did.

Q. I heard that you have a beard now and I can't believe it. — Caroline Sellers, Peterborough.

A. You'd better not believe it, because it's not true!

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the donkey started to walk over to me I thought it was my ice cream he was after. But instead it took a nip at my arm!

David Cassidy Fan,
Accrington, Lancs.

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I'd just like to have my say about pop festivals. I think they're a perfectly harmless way for people to come together peacefully and enjoy music. If left alone there'd never be any trouble at these lovely summer events, and if a few more policemen went along as pop fans instead of law enforcers, I'm sure they'd agree. However, I do agree that these festivals

shouldn't be held in areas where they will disturb the local inhabitants. Let's hope there are plenty more festivals next summer.

Janet James,
London.

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