

# WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

When it comes to friendship, pop stars are no different from anyone else. They need friends just as much as we do—to sympathise with them when things aren't going well, and to share their joy when they are.

We asked some of your favourite stars about their friends, and the answers they came up with were quite revealing—as you'll find out if you read on.



As you know, the Osmonds are a very close family, which means that, as well as being brothers, they're also the best of friends (unlike some brothers and sisters we know!).

And two of the closest members of the family are the two who grew up together—Donny and sister Marie.

"Because we're so close to each other in age, we've become used to sharing things," said Donny. "We try to help one another with our problems—and we tell each other about the happy moments too!"

"I really get on well with Marie. It's great—she's like a built-in friend!"



A photo of Sam taken during one of his visits to Britain with David.



There aren't many people who can truthfully claim to be really close to David Cassidy—but two who can are Sam Hyman and Henry Diltz.

Sam, as you'll know if you're a regular Jackie reader, has been one of David's friends for years now. The two of them used to share a flat in Los Angeles, and when David bought his home in the countryside of California, Sam moved in to a guest house on the estate.

"It's great having a friend like Sam," said David. "He's someone I can really trust—and I think that's very important."

Henry, on the other hand, has got to know David through travelling everywhere with him over the past few years as his official photographer. In fact the photo you see here was taken by him!

"Henry's a lunatic," David told me with a grin. "He's been my friend and photographer for a couple of years now, and in that time I've got used to him!"

"He's a great guy to have around though, because he's so funny. He

always cheers me up if I'm feeling a bit down."

And Henry doesn't just limit himself to photography! If you saw one of David's concerts during his last visit to Britain, you must have seen Henry onstage, playing the harmonica solo in the middle of "If I Didn't Care."

"That was always a funny moment," said David. "Henry would be standing at the side of the stage, clicking away, when suddenly it would be his turn to come on and he'd rush on and grab the harmonica."

"One night we hid the harmonica and he got into a real panic, and ended up frantically trying to blow into his camera. We were all in stitches!"

And since David gave up touring earlier this year, Henry hasn't been idle, because the pair of them are planning a new project together—a book! The book will be all about David's life on the road, and will be written by David with photos and illustrations courtesy of Henry.

I don't know about you, but we're looking forward to seeing it!

Alvin Stardust has lots of friends in the music world—but his closest friend isn't involved in show business at all.

"His name's Dave Todd," Alvin told me. "He used to be my next door neighbour when I lived up north, and I'm still great friends with him, even though I've moved now."

"When I have some time off, I often arrange to meet Dave and have a drink and a chat with him. He's a great bloke."

"The best thing about him is that he doesn't want to talk about pop all the time, and so I feel I can really relax when I'm with him."



They say a man's best friend is his dog, and in Dave Hill's case that's certainly true!

His doggy friend is Windsor, his Great Dane, who keeps him company when he's at home in Solihull.

"He's a great dog," Dave told me. "He's enormous, but he's also very gentle—most of the time!"

"He's still young though, which means he gets up to things like chewing the furniture."

"He must be a good friend, if I can still like him after he's torn my best armchair!"



Gary Glitter's best friend is his producer Mike Leander.

"Mike's been so good to me," said Gary. "He's the only person who's always had faith in me."

"It was Mike who persuaded me to change my name to Gary Glitter and develop a new act. If it hadn't been for him, I wouldn't be where I am today."

"He stuck with me when things were going badly—and that's why his friendship is so important to me."

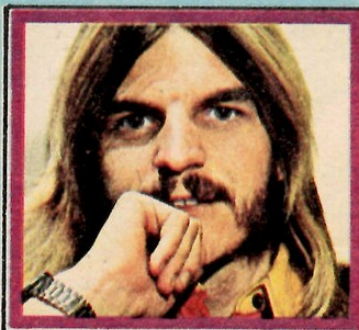
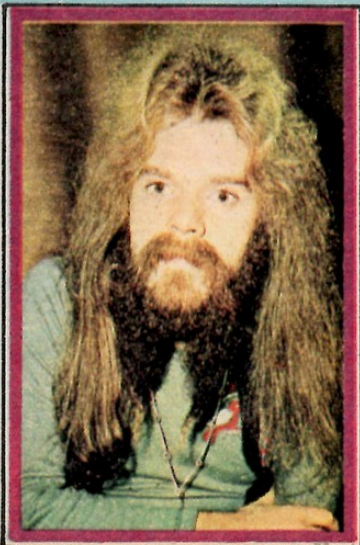


Another couple who are friends as well as family are, of course, Ron and Russel Mael.

In fact they're such good friends that, if it wasn't for their looks, it would be hard to believe they actually are brothers!

So why do they get on so well?

"It's probably because we are so different," said Russell. "If we were more alike, I think we'd get on each other's nerves a bit. But we have completely separate interests, so we're independent enough to stay friends."



Roy Wood tends to keep himself to himself as much as possible. But he does have one friend to whom he's very close—fellow Wizzard Rick Price.

"I think a friend is someone who's simply great," Roy told me. "It's someone you can trust and rely on."

"Rick's a fantastic friend—he really understands all my foibles."

"That's about all I can say, really. Friends are worth having!"