

David's Date

David reveals all as he answers YOUR questions!

Hi everybody!

Hope you are all happy and well and can spare me a few minutes of your day to read my column. I've only answered two questions this week, but they both required more than just a brief reply, so please forgive me if you wrote in and are still waiting for an answer. You just can't please all of the people all of the time!

Q. I know you probably get asked the same questions over and over and I'm sure you must have been asked this one at least a hundred times, but I have just started reading your column and so here goes—What kind of girl do you like best?—Sally Browne, Edinburgh.

A. It is true that I am asked the same questions a lot. But when you think about it there are not too many questions that can be asked of anyone without there being some repeats. And I guess it's only natural for people to be interested in knowing about my friends 'cos I'm interested in knowing about friends of my friends. But yours is one question that is really hard to answer. Unlike questions about work, or the news or politics, it is one that I would like to be able to answer so clearly that you know *exactly* what I mean. There are two qualities that I look for *and need* in a girl that makes anything else seem unimportant. They are honesty and tenderness. I also like



"I really love being an actor"

a girl with a sense of humour. I don't mean that she has to be constantly telling jokes—but it would be great if she is able to laugh with me at some of the everyday things that happen when we are together. If a girl has all these things going for her—then it really doesn't

matter what colour her eyes or hair are. Eyes are important in one respect—they tell a lot about you. Like if you are really seeing. I know that sounds a bit weird, but it is true that some people look but never see because they only focus on themselves. In much the same way that some

people are never really listening to you when you're talking, but simply waiting for you to stop so they can talk.

Q. Did you try to discourage your brother Shaun Cassidy from going into show-business? — Pat Stewart, Liverpool.

A. I am trying to figure out why you asked if I "discouraged" Shaun, rather than "did I encourage him" and it makes me realise that a number of things that I said during the last year 'The Partridge Family' series was on TV made people think I was really unhappy being an actor. This is not true—I love acting. I was unhappy with the sameness of the show week after week, and I thought the producers and writers could give us better material to work with. There were some incredibly talented people working on the show and their talent was not being used to best advantage. So I might encourage Shaun to make certain he had a certain amount of creative-control in anything he might become involved with on a long-range contract but, quite honestly, Shaun never asked for my advice.

ALL MY LOVE,

at it!

You'll have to wave good-bye!

Miriam Eker,
Manchester, 14.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

I would like to tell you about the funny things my brother, Pip—who is just five years old—did the other morning. He crept into my parents' bed—and my dad was snoring (as usual!). Then, all of a

sudden, my brother started to pretend to snore. My mum asked him what he was doing, and he replied:

"I'm practising for when I grow up!"

David Essex Fan,
Ramsgate, Kent.

WEDDING BELLS

I was really surprised when Marigold Dumas got engaged. I just don't think Hal sounds the right kind of marriage partner for Mari-

gold. He really seems selfish. I just can't believe that she'll get married to him.

Angie Bentley,
Liverpool.

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