

# THE GIRLS

# DAVID DATES



Here's a question for girls who love David. He's on the telephone as you can see in the picture. Now then, *who* is he phoning — a boy or a girl?

That strange instinct we call intuition will make most of you say a girl. But why? Well (you might say) because he's obviously being charming to someone. But why shouldn't he be charming to a boy equally?

Lets look for other clues. The smile on his lips, the look in his eyes, the way he's sort of hunching over the phone, suggests an intimate conversation. All right. You've won your point. It probably *is* a girl he's calling, perhaps for a date at some little restaurant right off the beaten track where the food is superb, the lights are low and — most important of all — where they're not likely to be recognised.

For David hates the more public places where stars foregather. He'd run a mile from the phoney plastic social life of Hollywood and the celebrity haunts where people go, not to enjoy themselves but to be seen and stared at.

As a loyal fan you must have wondered many times why so many pictures of David show him all on his own: or at most with his co-stars of *The Partridge Family*. Rarely — very, very rarely — do you see a picture of

him with a girlfriend from outside that tight little circle of actresses who are called in to play parts in the *Partridge* programmes.

*So who are David's real girl-friends? Who are the ones he can safely date for an evening together just talking, and playing records and relaxing?*

First of all there's a pretty and talented young actress called Judy Strangis who knew David way back in the days when they were both students at University High School. Without knowing it, you've probably seen Judy in a number of American TV shows. She's a popular girl!

She and David hit the headlines as the result of a party thrown by Bell Records to celebrate the success of David's first single hit, *I Think I Love You*. But neither of them wanted the publicity which followed.

There was nothing 'contrived' about their date that night. David just called Judy and asked her if she'd like to come to the party as his guest.

What he didn't know was the way certain magazines would dream up a 'romance' between them — a romance which never existed and which naturally upset a number of David's fans when they read the story.

After that David laid down a firm rule. No more pictures to be taken with *any* of his dates — full stop! The

next time he went to a big party with Judy and the flash-lights started popping, David jumped aside like a startled roebuck, leaving Judy on her own to face the cameras.

He knew, of course, it wasn't Judy's fault. He knew she wasn't after publicity as 'David's steady'. After all, she's known David too long as a friend.

Listen to what she says about him. "One of the really groovy things about David is the way he hasn't changed for all his fame and success. He still likes to hang out with his High School chums. Sure, he doesn't have much time to spend with them like the old days, but he still keeps in touch with friends from his teens.

"When David became a success, he could so easily have started playing the Romeo, the lover-boy. He could have dated a thousand girls — that's for sure! But no. He's remained the nice young man he always was, and I'm grateful for that."

Not all David's girlfriends have been as quiet and discreet as Judy Strangis.

There was one girl he obviously found very attractive, a luscious blonde called Robyn Millan with a mane of long golden hair that looked quite spectacular when she swept it up, Grecian-style with a jewelled circlet, for celebrity parties.