

# A mother among the boppers

David Cassidy's mother is one of those surprises, a perfectly normal person in the strange world of pop.

She doesn't usually go on her son's concert tours but she decided to come to Britain with him and treat it as a holiday.

Some holiday. She was mobbed by weeny-boppers who recognised her, she

had to dodge kids outside her hotel door, and the fan letters littering her hotel room looked like destroying any early nights.

"Mama" Cassidy — Evelyn Ward — is handy with the vocals herself and is no mean actress.

She says that after 22 years of raising David she is rather glad that he

is now old enough to want his own life and to make his own decisions.

"First I was Jack Cassidy's wife, then I was David Cassidy's mother," she laughs.

Evelyn Ward was Jack Cassidy's first wife. His second wife is Shirley Jones, David's "mother" in *The Partridge Family*.