

# *The David Soul Appreciation Club*

## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Members,

**Here is what David has been up to in June:**

- **The Blues Brothers** – On Saturday 2nd David went to watch Antonio Fargas in the show and at the end of the performance one of the cast announced to the audience that they had a special guest there that night and when he mentioned that it was 'David Soul' the audience gave David a standing ovation!!
- **St Bean's Religion** – It was Antonio's last weekend in the UK so David went with him to see a concert by this group on Sunday 3rd. You may remember that David performed with them when he was appearing in 'The Dead Monkey' at The Fridge in Brixton, London.
- **Election Campaign** – David was back in Brentwood on a walkabout in support of Martin Bell on Tuesday 5th which included a 'pub crawl'. He also stayed up until 4am on Thursday 6th, election night, to await the count. Sadly, Martin lost but the Conservative majority was greatly reduced, thanks to David?!!
- **The Fab Café** – David appeared at this Manchester venue on Tuesday 12th. (Details below.) He recorded 2 local radio programmes, unfortunately no details known, and also appeared on the Granada daytime show 'Lunchtime TV'.
- **Charity Gala** – David attended a gala in support of GOAL on Saturday 16th and the organisers auctioned 'a dinner date with David Soul' which raised £4,000 and pleased David no end!!
- **Italian visit** – On Sunday 17th David flew to Tuscany to attend the wedding of Alexa's sister. He really enjoyed himself and said the area was stunning and beautiful. He also took the chance to buy some great leather stuff ("wait till you see my new rain coat, it's real stylish, I just love it".) He flew back to the UK at midnight on Wednesday 20th.
- **Stupid Punts** – This is a new game show for the BBC which David recorded an episode for on Saturday 23rd. It's basically 4 celebrity contestants competing against each other who are given £200 at the start of the show to place on various bets. Obviously, the person with the most money at the end wins. The show is very light hearted and bets included; kissing four women and deciding from the kiss which one of them is a male in drag and betting on which of four war veterans would talk the longest about their war exploits!! David had great fun and looked quite stunning in a Hawaii shirt with his hair short and a super tan he picked up earlier in the week in Tuscany.

### **Other Information:**

- **Mags** – David has recently adopted a baby magpie he found in his garden which he has taken under his wing!! He rushed out and bought a cage to keep it safe in and has nurtured and fed it back to health. He has called it 'Mags' and has now decided not to keep it in the cage and although it can't fly yet it runs about the house following him around although it does have the occasional accident!! Czechy though is not very happy about David sharing his affections!! We'll have to try and see if we can get a photo of David and the new 'bird' in his life!! (Sorry about the awful puns!!)
- **WSPA videos** – Please note that Janet Williams will NOT be able to produce any further videos as we have had such a good response that her video recorders are on the point of breaking down!! Also, she will be out of the country for three weeks from July 1st so if you are waiting for any acknowledgements, etc from her please be patient.
- **Leave A Light On** – We have discovered that David's album is being sold at various prices on numerous websites and this has not been authorised. David is considering suing these companies so please don't buy copies from anyone other than from the DSAC source, Isabelle Weibel. (If anyone is interested please contact me and I will give you Isabelle's details.) Also, if you see this album being advertised for sale anywhere please let me know when and where and I will pass the information on to David.
- **The Mirande Country Festival** – David will not now be singing at the Festival but he is hoping to do all of his introductions and presenting in French!! Sylvie is due to give him some lessons before he flies off!! Alexa will also be attending and is hoping to take Czechy with them.
- **Merchandise** – Sylvie is offering for sale some exclusive photographs of David taken at both The Fab Café and at the BBC after-show party for 'Stupid Stunts'. There are six photos in each set and are priced as follows: 6'x6' are £6 per photo and 7'x10' are £10 per photo. (These prices include postage and packing.) Please send all cheques, etc to Sylvie at the address on page 1 of this newsletter.

**In friendship**

**Meeting David in Manchester**

**By Katie Matschass**

I would like to tell you my story of two very crazy and nerve-wracking days. When I first read the message on David's website about his special appearance at The Fab Café I got totally excited and wished I could go there and meet him in person after being a fan for only half a year!

The very thought I might have the chance to see him lifted me up to Cloud 9. However, after a while different questions came to my mind; could I afford it, would I go on my own, could I get some days off work and are there still tickets available for that evening. Those questions seemed strong and needed to be answered. As I kept thinking of them the more I got the feeling that it wouldn't be possible to go so I set the dream aside. But, at the beginning of May I received an email from Jan, another fellow fan from Germany, that I've written to for several months. He asked me if I was going to Manchester because it would be the trip of a lifetime so I saw my chance coming and wrote back immediately that I would love to go. We decided to travel together so I called the Virgin box office to reserve us 2 tickets and they still had some but...they were asking for confirmation with a credit card and I don't have one and neither does Jan! However, a good friend of Jan's put his at our disposal. We were so lucky! My parents were a bit worried that I was travelling with a man I've never seen before but I calmed them down and said I would take good care of myself.

On the morning of 12th June I had an awful time with local trains being diverted, etc and I was on tenterhooks in case I missed Jan and the plane! However, we managed to check in on time and eventually reached Manchester. After finding out hotel and refreshing ourselves Jan and I met up in the entrance hall with our cameras, CD's and records – to enjoy a wonderful evening with David. We followed our noses and found The Fab Café where some fans were already waiting. After taking some photos we went for a short walk as there was plenty of time until 7 o'clock. When we returned I said to one of the bouncers that I had reserved 2 tickets in the name of Matschass but he looked through the envelopes and said "Sorry guys, I have none with your name!" I thought WHAT? and was in shock...but tried to explain that I had reserved and paid for them. He looked through again and still couldn't find them. I looked at Jan and he was as dismayed as I was. This was another big, big dilemma. My body and mind went totally mad and I felt I was falling to pieces. Would the whole effort be in vain? It was so awful to think about the fact we should leave Manchester without having seen David!! It was obvious that they wouldn't let us in without tickets, even knowing we made the long journey from Germany. I tell you, it was a true nightmare!!...and the minutes we were standing seemed like hours! The Jan took out his friend's credit card and the bouncer said "Ah, why didn't you say earlier, the tickets are reserved for the credit card holder!" Minutes later we found ourselves inside and in each corner there was a TV screen showing S&H episodes. When I asked some young women if there were any free seats one of them said "Are you Kati from Germany?" It was Julia whom Jan had been in touch with on David's website! Thanks again to Julia, Angela, Gill, Shona and Jasmin for making it a wonderful, interesting evening!!

David entered the Café at 8.10pm with one bodyguard in front and one behind him. He got a big round of applause, lots of people took photos, and he smiled as he introduced what he would talk about that night. "I've heard there are people here from the US, France, Spain and Germany" he said, "Let me know where you are sitting, where are the guys from Germany?" Jan and I raised our arms and said Hello! He talked about his time in Germany, what a big influence his father had and still has on him, his student years and how he went to New York to appear in a mask and also Starsky and Hutch. I didn't catch the meaning of some jokes but I just enjoyed seeing him act and to hear his wonderful voice! He talked for a good hour and a half about his life and work then took questions from the audience. I then raised my hand to add one as well. I was very nervous as David was looking at me and said "You said you've travelled so many times, you lived in Australia, France and now in England. How did you feel during those times of travelling and when you had to start new everywhere? David replied that he like starting new and that's what life's all about, having new experiences, learn from different people and see their countries. When asked if he planned to settle down in England he said his case comes up next February and if everything was okay he'd like to stay. This brought huge applause! He finished by singing 'The Dutchman' and then sat at a table for autographs and photos. As he began to autograph my records I started to talk to him as I have never known before-like a good old friend. Maybe this was because I was so happy, so glad to meet him in person that I wanted to tell him about it! I couldn't hide my emotions, my joy. I then plucked up courage to ask for a photo to which he said "Yes". Seconds later I found myself sitting next to him not knowing where to put my hand or what to do next. I just kept smiling like a fool for the camera and...suddenly I felt his soft lips on my cheek. I thought he really kissed me but couldn't believe it! After he wished us a safe journey back home I was standing next to him not knowing what was happening. I was on Cloud 9. I was lost in my dream, which had come true a minute before. David was very patient to spend time giving autographs and chatting to his fans. A big thank you to David for taking so much time for us!! After we left The Fab Café we spent time with; Julia, Gill, Jasmin, Keith, Sylvie, Janet, Jane, Julia, Stan and other guys but I can't remember their names, sorry, and talked until 2am!! I was so happy and smiled the whole evening but the following morning when I woke up at 6am I felt so weak and my stomach was going mad, as I hadn't eaten much the day before. After taking some photographs of Manchester I said goodbye to the city where I had had the most exciting and wonderful time in my life!! Nearly three weeks have passed now and it is slightly starting to dawn on me that it was real! As David sings "...it takes a little longer to realise the dream..."