

# *The David Soul Appreciation Club* **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Members,

## Here is what David has been up to in July:

- **Industrial Action** – This is the title of a film produced by Channel 4 in which David stars as a ‘Jerry Springer’ like character. There are no further details at present but he filmed various scenes for the movie throughout London on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th.
- **Campaign Confessions** – On Monday 9th David featured in this BBC2 documentary on Martin Bell’s recent election campaign in Brentwood.
- **The Mirande Country Music Festival** – David attended the festival from Thursday 12th until Sunday 15th. (See Sylvie’s special report in this issue). We’ll publish some photos of David from this event in the September newsletter.
- **TV show** – David recorded a show on 17th with Sharon Gless (Cagney and Lacey). There are no further details known but we’ll keep you posted.
- **Visit to the States** – On Monday 30th David flew to Idaho to see his kids returning on Wednesday 1st August.

## Other Information:

- **WSPA** – Our recent sales of merchandise have raised the following for charity; WSPA photos £225 / WSPA videos US\$1080 / WSPA videos UK £575. Total: £1520 / \$2280 (approx)!! This is a brilliant effort-you are a very generous lot. I expect David will be pretty impressed too!!
- **David’s Birthday** – As you all know it’s 28th August. As usual please send all of your cards and presents c/o Sylvie to arrive no later than 23rd to allow for her to deliver them to him on time.
- **Winter of Discontent** – This is the title of a John Steinbeck novel set in 1960’s USA which David is adapting for the theatre. He is currently working on various drafts and would play the character of Ethan Hawley who is in virtually every scene.
- **Fool for Love** – This is now looking very promising for staging later in the year probably in the afternoons. David is working hard on the script and Kris (David’s son) will be appearing in this version as well. However, ‘the beard’ will have to make a return
- **Megggg** – David’s magpie is actually called ‘Megggg’ (said the way the bird would croak it) and he was being cared for at the bird sanctuary in Water Low park, London whilst David was in France recently.
- **Buying a house** – David has said that his case for remaining in the UK comes up for review in February 2002 and that if he is allowed to stay (surely there’s no doubt!!) he will buy a house in the Maida Vale area of London. He has mentioned that he still has a fondness for this area where he used to live and that he has his heart set on a house-boat owned by Richard Branson, the millionaire business man. When he sells it David wants to buy it. Apparently it’s on two stories and is huge!!

In friendship

## **Special on The Fab Café**

### **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..."