

The David Soul Appreciation Club

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Here is what David has been up to in October:

- **Top Ten 1977** – This programme, presenting the chart hits from that year, was shown on Channel 4 on Saturday 28th and featured a recent interview with David as well as his hits from that year. Also appearing in the show was the DSAC's very own Janet Williams. Well done Janet!!
- **How To Be President** – David narrated this documentary on the 1980 US presidential election for Radio 4 which was also aired on Saturday 28th. He recalled the drama of the election as well as recounting events from that period of his own life against the soundtrack of hits from that year.
- **Never Mind The Buzzcocks** – David was the guest of this light-hearted music quiz shown on BBC2 on Friday 3rd November. For anyone who missed this it included David humming well known pop tunes for other panel members to guess the title of. Great fun!! And in case you wondered...he still has the beard! But his hair is really short, so he looks very much like he did in Key To Rebecca these days.
- **Time4.net** – The launch of this new website was attended by David and took place in October at London's Cafe Royal.

Other Information:

- **Man Of The Moment** – David has recently been spending a lot of time writing the synopsis and potential cast list for a proposed TV movie based on a play of the same name by Alan Ayckbourn, who also wrote Comic Potential. None of his plays have ever been turned into a TV movie so it'd be a new experience. (For more details see next page)
- **Icons** – David will soon be recording an appearance for this Channel 4 show as they are doing a feature on S&H. Paul and Antonio have already given interviews for the programme.
- **Fool For Love** – David has completed the editing of the videos that were filmed in Edinburgh and is still hoping to get it off the ground eventually...hence, the beard is still on!
- **Killing Time** – This is the title of a play David is considering doing and he is currently looking at the script. although we have no idea what the play is about.
- **The Lost Continent** – This is another play David is looking into which is an adaptation of Bill Bryson's book 'The Lost Continent'. David will be meeting up with Bill B soon to discuss further. It'd be a play with only 2 actors on stage. David would be playing the BB character and have centre stage and the other actor would be on and off stage, portraying different characters that BB meets on the way. 'The Lost Continent' was a huge hit a few years back. Actually, all of Bill Bryson's books usually sell like hot cakes as they are renowned for being incredibly witty and funny – the kind of books that make you laugh out loud no matter where you are! He's an American author based in the UK and his humour tends to be based on the cultural differences. But I'm sure that most of you will have heard of the name as he's such a popular author.
- **TV Commercial** – David will be the official international voice for 'Ericsson' phones' TV commercials. I believe he will not be featured in the commercials himself, only his voice...but they will be shown worldwide so all of us, wherever we are, should be able to enjoy it! Look out for it...
- **David's Biography** – The lady who wrote the 15 page draft (in cooperation with David) sent it to a publisher a few weeks back and at present we are waiting to hear further. Will keep you posted.
- **Barbara Windsor Biography** – David's photo appears in this biography along with Barbara when they danced together at the Sun Awards in 1977. Worth looking out for as it's one I have never seen before.

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- **Man Of The Moment:** David (Vic) & Alexa (Jill) would both star in it and it'll be a black comedy. The story goes roughly like this... Vic and Douglas (an old friend) are involved in a bank robbery that goes wrong. Douglas shoots by mistake a female colleague who ends up disfigured. She was very pretty and had all the guys after her, but after the accident, the interest drops off so Douglas marries her. They both serve 8 years in jail but when Vic comes out, he decides to write his story which turns into a best seller and makes him a millionaire. He then ends up host of a famous talk-show, and has fame, fortune, and a wife and 2 kids. Jill, gave Vic his first break by having him on her talk-show when his book was first released, but now she's on the way down professionally and is after a coup to get the ratings back up. She decides to get Douglas and Vic back together again to see if some old resentment would flare up on Douglas' part (as bad news = good news for Hollywood). She flies Douglas over from the MidWest where he now lives, but he's the sweetest guy possible and holds absolutely no grudges towards Vic, so her plan falls through. The one night, while at home, Vic gets really, really drunk and his kid's nanny (a huge woman who has had a massive crush on him for years-posters all over her bedroom, etc) falls into the swimming pool (her fault? does he push her by mistake?) and as he goes in to rescue her, she ends up drowning him...She sits on him for too long!! Jill then thinks that at least she has a story as she can turn him into a hero who tries to rescue the nanny, etc. That's roughly about it. Davis swears it's hugely funny because it's totally over-the-top. However, there's a long way to go before it would be ready to go into production.

- **Video Recordings:** Two of our DSAC members, Gail Cross and Susan Garnett, have in the past kindly offered to record various video tapes featuring David including his movies, interviews, etc. Although they are both still willing to perform this valuable service please note that there is now a charge of £5 for every video tape recorded.

For any interested members lists of videos are available from:

Gail Cross, 14 Clos Cwm Du, Pontprennau, Cardiff. CF23 8LE and

Susan Garnett, 2 Victoria Drive, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, West Yorks. WF12 9DY

- **Photos:** David has kindly given Sylvie some other 7x10 prints that were picked up at the Birmingham (UK) and New Jersey (US) conventions. She has 3 new colour S&H prints (ie. with Paul on as well), 2 new b/w Hutch portraits (1st season classic and 2nd season, leather jacket on both), 1 from Casablanca (head to toe), and one laughing close-up from the 99 Tour, which is the most recent by far (for those of you who asked for more recent ones), b/w only. They are all pretty stunning. He had one of Yellow Rose but it was printed the wrong way round. However, if anyone insists she could get one off him. So far Sylvie has got 4 of the S&H prints, 3 of the 99 Tour prints and 4 of the Casablanca prints so if you did want a specific print she'd need your order soon to avoid disappointment in case everybody wants the same pictures!! David will then personally autograph them on request.

Any of these would make the ideal Xmas gift!! Prices for all will be £20 for print and autograph and are available direct from Sylvie.

- **Xmas Packages For David:** I know seems a touch early to mention Christmas, but it's actually only 6 weeks away! All cards and letters for David should be sent c/o Sylvie (see address on front page) . She will endeavour to deliver it all by December 19th before she goes to France to celebrate the festive season with her family. Please avoid sending anything registered as if she is not home it will be returned after 2 weeks. She has also asked me to mention that as she lives in a tiny bedsit with very little space she is unable to find the room for any cards or presents that you may wish to send her. To know that people care from a distance will be enough but if anyone really wanted to send something then a cheque made out to 'Sight Savers' to the value of the price of a Xmas card or present would make more sense to her to help the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves.

See you next month!