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BACK TO THE FUTURE

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Hi

Well, I was delighted with the success of "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree", - Number 3 for two weeks -, and no doubt lots of money raised for Comic Relief. Thanks to all of you who bought it.

We are now making a lot of the album with Tony Swain co-producing with Rick. Tony has been a pleasure to work with, and we're having a lot of fun together. For those of you who don't know, the artistes Tony has worked with in the past include Alison Moyet, Imagination, Bananarama, Spandau Ballet, both on production and song writing levels. We are past the halfway mark with the album (which is due for release early this Summer) and hope for a single release in March.

I have written a lot of the lyrics on the album and I've also been writing with Steve. I can honestly say that I've never felt so confident about one of my albums - I can't wait to start promoting it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for all my birthday cards and gifts, not to mention Christmas!! What can I say! I must be the most spoilt pop star in England!

Back to work now. My love - as always.

Love
George

A N TROMMELEN
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The Netherlands

Would like to buy the 7"
singles of Water On Glass
and Child Come Away, and
the maxi singles of Kids
In America, Chequered Love,
Water On Glass, Cambodia,
View From A Bridge and
Child Come Away

ANITA ZGAGA
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WEST GERMANY

Anita wants the maxi single
of Water On Glass and the
7" singles of Love Blonde,
View From A Bridge and House
Of Salome. She can offer the
7" singles of Kids In
America, Chequered Love,
Cambodia and Child Come Away

RICHARD MCNAB
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Fairfield
Buxton
Derbyshire
SK17 7SU
England

Would like to buy the Catch
As Catch Can LP, the 12"
singles of The Second Time,
The Touch and You Keep Me
Hangin' On. Richard would
also like the maxi single
of Dancing In The Dark and
any signed photos of Kim

ALEXANDER SCHULTZ
Nordertorstriftweg 2
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West Germany

Alexander wants to buy video
tapes, photos, posters, and
fan club magazines Volumes
1+2

TED POLLARD Jr
1514 W. 5th Street
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FL 32209
USA

Ted would like to buy the
Best Of Kim Wilde video on
VHS and the 12" of Schoolgirl

SIGI SCOTHANS
Ruysdaelstr 23
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Zwolle
Holland

Sigi would like to buy a
copy of Bitter Is Better,
or swap her gatefold sleeve
of Say You Really Want Me

DEREK HOLLIS
32 The Willows
Daventry
Northamptonshire
NN11 5PY
England

Derek would like to buy the
following fan club magazines:
Volume 1 Nos. 1-4, Volume 2
Nos. 1-4 and Volume 3 No. 4

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Kim has been doing some more writing with Steve Byrd, as well as a lot with Rick and Marty, and together they are coming up with some great new material. Everyone is very excited about the whole album, and the tracks that have been recorded so far sound fantastic!

Rick is co-producing the album with Tony Swain who has produced records for artistes such as Alison Moyet, Errol Brown, Spandau Ballet, Bananarama and Imagination, amongst others.

The album now looks set for a May/June release, but hopefully there will be two (possibly three) singles released beforehand. It is not yet known what the first single will be, but its release should be sometime in March.

You may be interested to know that in Japan, WEA/MCA have released a mini-album of 12" singles. The album is called "You Keep Me Hangin' On" and comprises the 12" mixes of:-

You Keep Me Hangin' On
Another Step (Closer To You)
Rage To Love
Say You Really Want Me
The Second Time
The Touch

This mini-album is available on LP, Cassette and Compact Disc, but unfortunately it has only been released in JAPAN. You may be able to order a copy from a record shop that gets imports, in which case the catalogue numbers are as follows:-

LP	P-6262
Cassette	PKF-1052
Compact Disc	28XD-840

Poster Offer



Through much pestering and grovelling, we have managed to get our hands on a limited amount of POSTERS reflecting the front cover of the repackaged "Another Step" album.

We are so thrilled with our good fortune, that we are prepared to pass these on to you at the unbelievable price of £1.00 each (including postage and packing) for UK members and £1.50 each (including postage and packing) for overseas members. For members in the USA, Canada, Australasia and the Middle East who would prefer to receive their poster by Air Mail, please enclose an extra £2.50.

The poster measures a gigantic 1015mm x 1266mm. We are sure you won't want to miss out on this rare opportunity - order now to avoid disappointment!

P E N P

DEREK HOLLIS

32 The Willows
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Derek is 22 years old and his interests include music, reading, writing, concerts and football. He is looking for a penpal of around the same age from anywhere in the world.

JANET EKLOF

Serenadgatan 5
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Sweden

Janet is 18 years old and would like penpals from England, Ireland and Scandinavia. She is into Kim Wilde, the Pet Shop Boys, INXS and Tom Cruise.

HANS VAN GOOL

Stoomberg 16
5101 AA Dongen
Holland

Hans is 22 years old and is looking for British penpals.

KEITH YATES

54 Queen Victoria Street
Mill Hill
Blackburn
Lancs
BB2 2RZ
England

Keith is 23 years old and would like female penpals aged 16+ from anywhere in the world. Please write in English.

SANDY PERKINS

c/o WOI Perkins
SLTA Staff
Reinsehlen Camp
BFPO 37

Sandy would like to hear from anyone from America, Germany and England aged 20+. She is into Kim Wilde, Heart, Madonna and A-ha.

A L S

ANITA ZGAGA

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West Germany

Anita is 20 years old
and would like to hear
from people all over the
world.

ANDREW MASSEY

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Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE11 3HU
England

Andrew is 14 years old
and is into Kim Wilde,
Gary Moore and Bon Jovi,
amongst others. He would
like to hear from someone
in France.

BIANCHI MURIEL

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France

Muriel would like
penpals of any age
from France.

ANDREAS WENSAUER

Mondorfer Str 14
5216 Niederkassel 6
West Germany

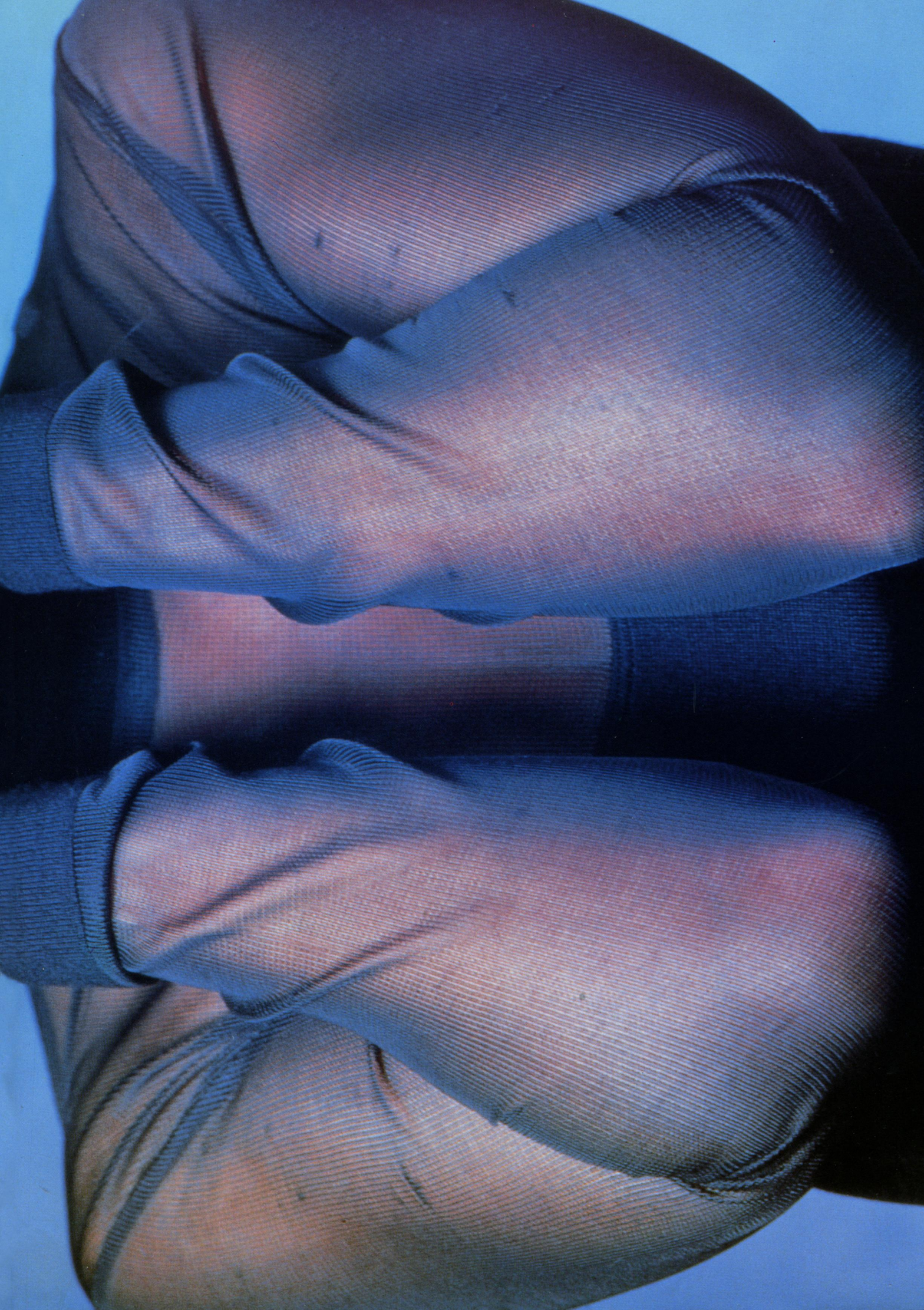
Andreas is 21 years old
and would like penpals
from anywhere in the
world aged 16+.

IAN ROBBINS

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Middlesex
UB8 1PN
England

Ian is 23 years old and
is into Kim Wilde, The
Bangles, Mel and Kim,
and Level 42. He is also
interested in photography.





Q WHEN MAKING VIDEOS, HAVE YOU EVER USED THE SAME STUDIO OR LOCATION TWICE?

A YES. "KIDS IN AMERICA", "CHE QUÉRÉD LOVE"
& "VIEW FROM A BRIDGE" WERE ALL
MADE IN ST JOHNS WOOD STUDIOS
NEAR MY OLD RECORD COMPANY R.A.K.
"CAMBODIA" WAS MADE IN ELSTREE
FILM STUDIOS, "RASE TO LOVE" WAS
MADE IN THE ELECTRIC BALLROOM
IN CAMDEN (WHERE I ONCE QUEUED
TO SEE "THE BEAT") "HANSING ON" AND
SOME OF "SAY YOU REALLY WANT ME" WERE
MADE AT ALBERT WHARF IN BATTERSEA
I WONDER WHERE I'LL END UP NEXT!

Q WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TODAY'S FASHION?

A I THINK YOUNGER PEOPLE I.E. UNDER
20'S ARE LOOKING MUCH MORE STYLISH
AND ORIGINAL COMPARED TO WHEN
I WAS THAT AGE (NOT SO LONG AGO!)
I LIKE THE WAY THAT YOU CAN
EXPRESS YOURSELF INDIVIDUALLY AND
NOT FEEL LIKE A FREAK. WELL-MADE
AND SENSIBLY PRICED CLOTHES HAVE
MADE FASHION MORE ACCESSABLE, AND
AN EMPHASIS ON MIXING STYLES
TO CREATE YOUR OWN MAKES
FASHION A LOT OF FUN. TALKING
OF FUN, JEAN-PAUL SAULTIER
REALLY EMBODIES ALL THAT I LOVE
ABOUT FASHION...

HAVE YOU EVER MET CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT?

No... NOT YET!

Q WHAT'S YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

A I DON'T TREASURE POSSESSIONS, I TREASURE MY FAMILY & FRIENDS

Q WHAT DID YOU DO FOR CHRISTMAS?

A I SPENT XMAS WITH THE ABOVE!

Q IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR CHOCOLATE?

A WELL, I'M NOT SURE I'D CALL IT A PASSION, ALTHOUGH I DO RATHER ADORE CHAMPAGNE TRUFFLES WHICH I FIRST TASTED IN SWITZERLAND AND HAVE BEEN HOOKED ON EVER SINCE! WHITE CHOCOLATE IS RATHER SCRUMMY TOO, AND AS FOR TURKISH DESİHTİ TO BE CONTINUED

Q WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU WHILST ON STAGE?

A I'VE HAD ALL SORTS OF MINOR DISASTERS LIKE THE POWER GOING ON STAGE, FORGETTING WORDS (I SANG THE 1ST VERSE OF "26580", THREE OF FOUR TIMES ON MY FIRST TOUR) TEDDY'S HITTING ME DURING SAID LOVE SONGS, TRIPPING OVER CABLES, EVEN FORGETTING WHERE I WAS ONCE OR TWICE.

ONE OF THE LOVELIEST MOMENTS CAME IN LYON IN 1986 ON MY BIRTHDAY WHEN EVERYONE SANG "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO ME. AFTER THE SHOW THEY ALL SANG IT AGAIN BACKSTAGE, I FELT LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS!



COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS to Mandy McLernon who is the winner of our previous Video Competition. She will receive a signed copy of 'Another Step - The Video Singles'.

The correct answers to this competition were:-

- 1) AWGO
 - 2) Greg Masuak
 - 3) MGMM
 - 4) Brian Grant
 - 5) Child Come Away - Solus Enterprises
Tony Van Den Ende
- Love Blonde - MME
Mike Mansfield

The following competition is a little bit more difficult than our last one, and is more reliant upon guessing rather than a test of knowledge. Here are the questions...

- 1) WHAT ARE KIM'S FIVE WORLDWIDE BEST SELLING SINGLES?
- 2) IN WHICH ORDER DO THEY COME (in terms of sales), STARTING WITH THE BEST SELLING SINGLE?

Get you thinking caps on and see if you can come up with the correct answers to win a signed copy of Kim's new 12" single. Good luck.

FAN CLUB MAGAZINES STILL AVAILABLE ARE:-

	O'SEAS	U.K.
Volume 5 Nos.1-4	£4.00	£3.50
Volume 6 Nos.1-4	£4.50	£4.00

If you wish to buy all 8 magazines then they are available at the special price of £8.00 to overseas members and £7.00 to U.K. members.

Results

EDWINAS LETTER

Hi

Happy New Year and many thanks for all your lovely Christmas cards and presents. It was very thoughtful of you, as always! Speaking of Christmas, congratulations to 'Mel and Kim' and everyone at Comic relief for their huge success with "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree". We were all really knocked out when it reached number 3 - what a great way to end such a fantastic year! As you can see opposite, I have included a few of the 'Mel and Kim' press cuttings we collected.

Now that we have so many new members in the club we would like to know if you have any ideas you would like to put forward. You may have a suggestion for the magazine or an interesting competition you think we could use. Whatever it might be, your ideas are always considered and we'd love to hear from you. However, you should be aware that your submission of artwork, written work or any other original material to the fan club does represent your agreement to its reproduction in the fan club magazine, whereupon it will automatically become the sole copyright of Big M Productions Limited.

You would have gathered by now that everyone in the studio is working extremely hard and coming up with some great new ideas. The tracks recorded so far sound terrific - this promises to be quite an album! You're going to love it!

Until the next time, look after yourselves.

Edwin X.



Heads together: Christmas music from Mel and Kim Picture by Barry Gomer

Meet Mel and Kim Mark II!

THE new-look Mel and Kim launched their Christmas single *Rockin' Round The Christmas Tree* with the full blessing of the original duo, yesterday. Comedian Mel Smith and sexy blonde pop star Kim Wilde have teamed up to make the record in aid of the charity *Comic Relief*. "The real Mel and Kim have been very supportive," said Mel the comic.

But that didn't stop heartthrobs *Curiosity Killed The Cat* making an appearance in the video as carol singers. The stars, along with all the technicians, gave their services absolutely free to raise money for Oxfam and Save the Children's work in Sudan and Ethiopia and projects in Britain.

"It would be great if it got to number one for Christmas," said Kim.

It's a lass for Smith

ANOTHER Mel and Kim singing duo burst onto the pop scene yesterday. Puddy Mel Smith teamed up with pouty Kim Wilde for their Christmas record and video *Rocking Around The Christmas Tree*. And, alas, Mel had to agree that his new partner knocked spots off Griff Rhys-Jones.



MEL'S NEXT OF KIM

POP'S new Mel and Kim duo—alias Smith and Wilde—seem to be paving the way to the top as they step out together 50s-style.

The pair have a chart hit with *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree* and Kim said: "It's a 50s song and we wanted to look the part."

Picture: DAVE HOGAN

Kim and Mel offer Christmas relief



THE HOSTS: Mel and Kim in a festive fling Picture: RICHARD McLAREN

Mel goes Wilde in a Fifties frolic

ITS Mel and Kim as you've never seen them before.

No, not that Mel and Kim. This duo aren't disco dollies but the unlikely pairing of funnyman Mel Smith and singer Kim Wilde.

We caught the odd couple on the set of the hilarious video for their Christmas single *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree*, released next Monday.

Mel, 27, playing a virginal Doris Day and Mel, 34, as a nerdy Teddy Boy.

And *Curiosity Killed The Cat* turn up too. Ben Volpeliere-Pierrot, Migi Drummond, Julian Godfrey and Nick Thorp play angelic choirboys.

Kim told me exclusively last night: "It was the funniest video I've ever made. I'd never met Mel before the single but from the moment we met he had me in stitches. We really hit it off."

MEL AND KIM Mk II look set to provide us with the Christmas Number One, raising money for *Comic Relief* along the way.

The new duo is Mel Smith and Kim Wilde, who have recorded a version of the Brenda Lee hit 'Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree', released by 10 Records on Monday.

It's accompanied by an all-star video where the eagle-eyed among you should be able to spot *Curiosity Killed The Cat*, *Spitting Image* puppets, Father Christmas, a Mekon, 15 pumpkin pies (yet to be given their own record deal) and Griff Rhys-Jones.

It's produced by Stuart Colman, who was the man behind the mixing desk for the last *Comic Relief* single 'Livin' Doll' by Cliff Richard and The Young Ones.

Everyone involved in the record and

the video gave their services for free and all profits will go towards Oxfam and Save The Children for their work in Sudan and Ethiopia, as well as charity projects in the UK working with young people in the areas of homelessness, disability, alcohol and drug abuse.

Comic Relief's help is still desperately needed for both crisis work and long term development in Africa, where Griff Rhys-Jones and Lenny Henry have just returned from fact-finding trips.

The single release marks the start of a major *Comic Relief* campaign culminating with a six hour extravaganza of comedy to be screened by BBC1 on February 5.

To help boost funds further, the bow tie Mel wears in the video is being sold in branches of Tie Rack. So get out there, buy a tie and look like a pop star (or a prat) for charity.



Mel And Kim: biggest thing since Dollar

