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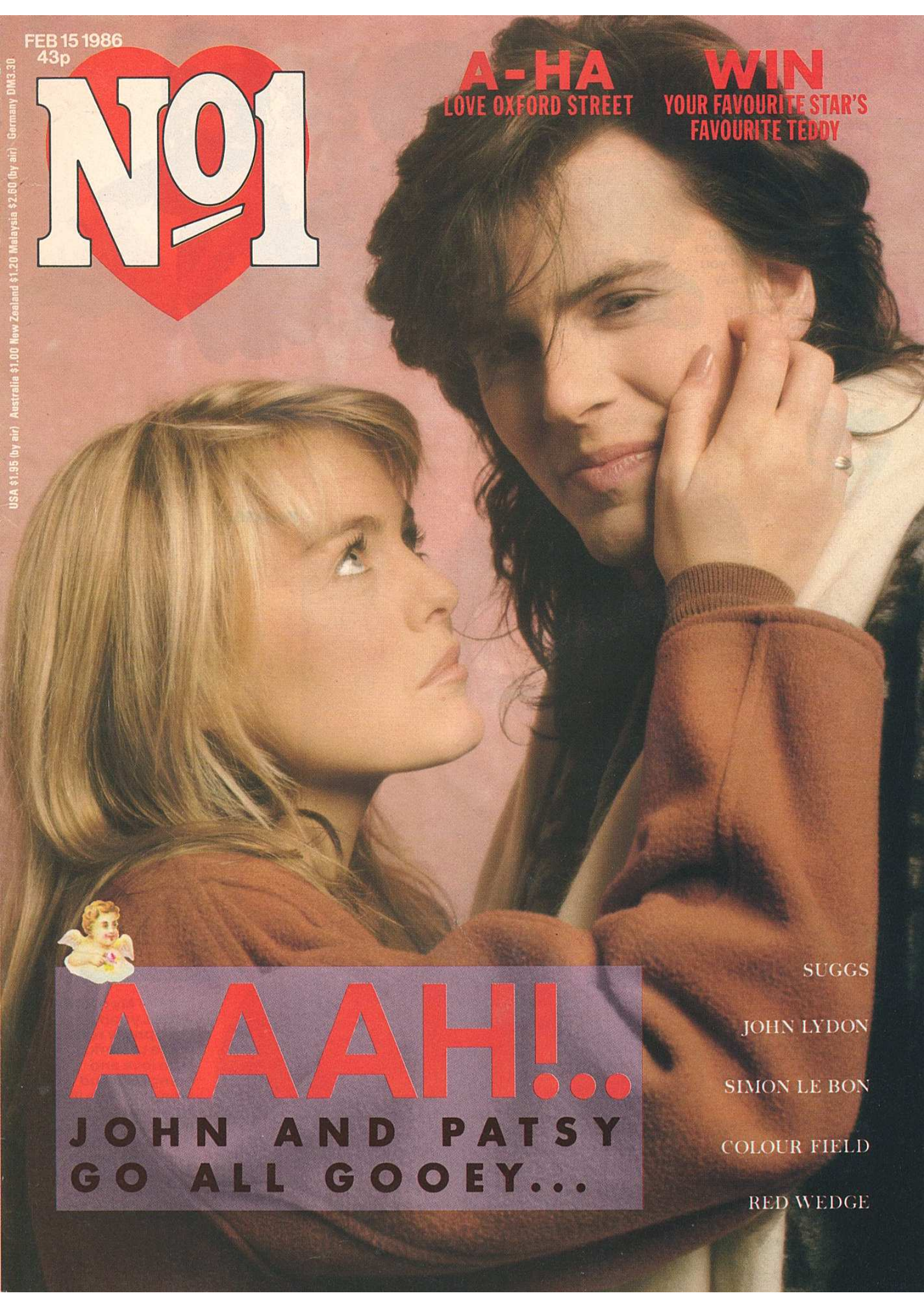
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PATSY KENSIT BLIND DATES JOHN TAYLOR

It was before Xmas in *No.1* that Patsy Kensit first expressed a rather strong desire to meet John Taylor. "He's always been my favourite and I'd like to see if he Immacs his legs," she explained.

What could we say? Swift as a tinkle we got onto JT in his New York pad and popped the question. Would he like to cavort around a photo studio with Britain's youngest up and coming star (who just happens to be blonde, beautiful and mad keen to meet you, John . . .)?

By a stroke of luck he had a free day and "just happened to be coming back to London anyway — honest!". And so on a freezing winter's afternoon in a photo studio off Notting Hill Gate, the two met.

For a couple of nail-biting minutes it was polite hellos — well, not so polite as Patsy was an hour late! — and much shuffling from one foot to t'other. Then Patsy started swishing her coat about in a fit of nerves, knocked everything over in sight and everyone relaxed and got on famously.

Only snag was that after the pictures, Patsy had to run off for another photo-session and so it wasn't till a couple of weeks later that the two of them could talk about their day together and discuss their Valentine plans. John from New York, with an inquisitive Renee by his side, Patsy from London with a plate of salad and an orange juice . . . An attentive ear was provided by Paul Simper with soft focus by Denis O'Regan

JOHN TAYLOR

What did you think of Patsy before you met her?

I didn't know much about her except for the pictures I'd seen of her. If I hadn't seen those I wouldn't have agreed to do it!

What's your opinion now?

I think she's got the right idea. She's taking it all in her stride. I only hope she doesn't get too tainted by success. Mind you, if you start your career by working with David Bowie (in *Absolute Beginners* where Patsy plays Crepe Suzette) and you're still not big-headed you can probably handle it.

I think Patsy knows she's onto a good thing and I hope it works out alright for her. (Laughs) She has that 'oh so important' sparkle!

Where would you take Patsy for a night out if you met again?

I'd probably just take her out for some grub and to see a movie. Put on a couple more stone. Actually we probably wouldn't have gone out at all — just stayed in for the evening.

I'd imagine Patsy would have been into taking me on a massive club crawl, posing around a bit. But I'm afraid I'm too old for that.

It's funny with Patsy. She could be a Duran fan, she's the right age and everything. But she's totally different. Once you talk to her you realise she's way ahead of all that.

Where will you be on Valentine's Day?

I think I'll be here in New York with Renee (there's a murmur from Renee in the background) . . . Oh yeah we'll be celebrating her mum's birthday.

Who was your first Valentine from?

I can't remember her name. I was about 12 when I got my first one. I didn't get any for a while — not until I got rid of my glasses.

I've always got a Valentine since then because my mum would send me one if nobody else did.

Do you send Valentines?

No . . . (a prod from Renee) . . . well, I might this year. Basically I think it's one of those exploitative days of the year when companys line their coffers.

Do you get any odd messages in Valentines?

Yeah, I got a great one the other day. It said "if you're thinking of getting married come round to us and we'll get rid of any perversions you've got". I never went, I'm afraid.

Did you enjoy scoring the steamy scenes in *9½ Weeks* (the film John has just scored) between Kim Basinger and Mickey Rourke?

Yeah it was great. The whole thing got a bit f****d up though because in the film the girl sings the single while now I'm doing all the vocals on the record. The bullshit Good Morning America reason for that is it was more appropriate to have a girl's voice next to Kim Basinger but really I just didn't have time to do it all.

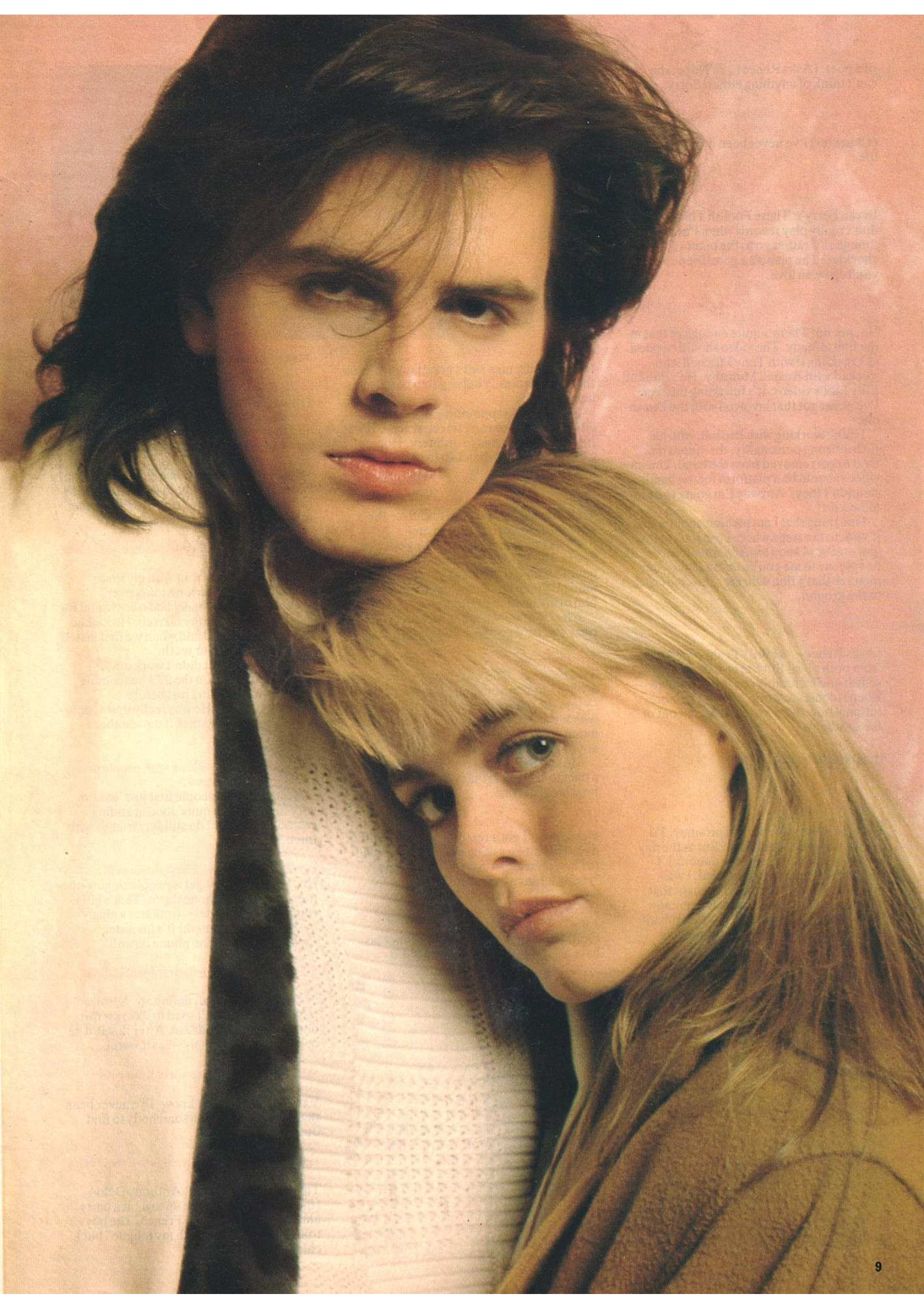
What's your favourite line from a love song?

'I blew up your body/And you blew my mind' from Roxy Music's 'Every Dreamhome A Heartache'. It's about a blow-up doll.

What would you write in a Valentine to Patsy?

God, you've got me there . . . I'm not much

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of a poet. (Asks Renee) . . . Nope, she can't think of anything either. Sorry.

Are you good at finishing with girls or do you prefer being dropped?

(Chuckles) I've never been dropped in my life.

What records do you play when you're in love?

Bryan Ferry's 'These Foolish Things'. I don't really play records when I'm like that though. I'd rather go to the piano. (More chuckles) The piano's a good friend when you're low on love.

Will you be doing any steamy love scenes for the video of the single?

No, no, no! There's quite enough of that in the film already. The video should be good as I'm doing it with Tony Mitchell who worked with Russell Mulcahy. He's done all Billy Idol's videos. It's fun doing this 'cos I've never got that involved with the Duran ones.

I think working with Russell, who has such a strong personality, the videos did tend to get removed from the band. I mean, videos should be a platform for the band, shouldn't they? Anyway I'm going to be in mine a lot!

One thing that I am pleased about is that it's got to the stage where I can look at the 'popstar' and keep him separate from me. If people say to me you're nothing like your pictures that's fine with me. Suits me down to the ground.

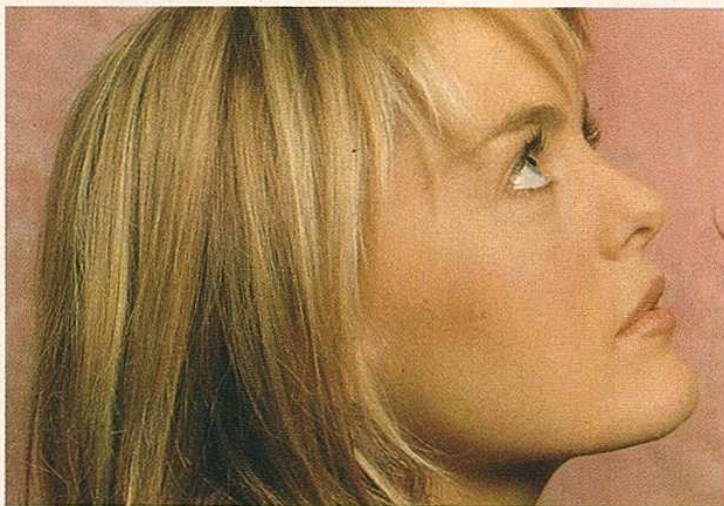
Would you say you were a considerate boyfriend?

(Asks Renee — again!) Yeah — that's a yes from both of us! But I'm also incredibly selfish and incredibly one-track minded when it comes to work. I think I'm more rational now that I've taken myself out of the spotlight.

PATSY KENSIT

What did you think of John before you met him?

Well, he was my favourite Durannie. I'd always wanted to meet him. But as the day came nearer I became more doubtful. I thought he might be big-headed. I was pleased I was an hour late. I thought that was quite cool even though my cat *really* was giving birth. I tried to make a brilliant entrance but totally failed by knocking everything over.



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So what's your opinion now?

He was really nice and a good laugh. I think that's important. You've got to be able to have a giggle.

He wasn't disappointing in the flesh either. I didn't see any traces of acne. It was just nice that he was so ordinary. Hopefully we'll meet again when I go to New York later this year.

Where would you take John for a night out?

Well, he said I'd take him to clubs — he's got *totally* the wrong idea of me!

I'd like to take him ice-skating or even better The Floom. Richmond Baths have got this water-slide which you go down on mats. I'd take him there 'cos I'd like to see him in his swimming trunks.

After that we'd go for a nice meal on the river and he'd go home and I'd go home.

What's the most Valentines you've ever got?

Two last year. One was from my dad — who always sends me one but pretends he hasn't — and the other was a really weird one which was just signed 'Spice' (the original name of Patsy's band). It wasn't from anyone in the band.

Me and Selina (her best mate) have made a pact to send each other one this year so at least we'll get one.

Do you get much fan mail now?

I have now. I got a really dirty one the other day. This bloke asking me if I'd do a video for him dancing to 'Stay With Me' and "really letting yourself go"!

What would you write in a Valentine to John?

God, I don't know. Something about his bass . . . (giggles) . . . I suppose it'd



have to be something dirty!

Where will you be on Valentine's Day?

I think I'll be in the studio, locked away working. We've been demoing this week and the new songs sound really good. It's nice to start recording again.

What's your favourite line from a love song?

I don't know if it's really a love song but it's from Mtume's 'Juicy Fruit' — 'I'll be your lollipop/You can lick me everywhere'.

Have you ever finished with somebody after Valentine's Day?

No, but I tried to go out with my first boyfriend ever, Darren Stone, over Valentine's so I actually had a boyfriend for the day. He was funny Darren. He looked like Nick Heyward and when we first kissed we both chipped our teeth.

Unfortunately it didn't work out. I finished with him on the 90B bus coming back from swimming just before Valentine's Day. He was really upset, poor sod. I should have stuck it out another week!

Are you good at finishing with people or do you like to be dropped?

I normally go off people first just 'cos I'm very flippant. I'm quite good at ending relationships 'cos I do still stay friends with them.

Have you ever had a dirty phone call?

No, I haven't. All I get is people ringing up then putting the phone down. That's girls ringing up for Jamie — (imitates a giggly hysterical lass) "ooooo! It's his sister. Quick, quick, put the phone down!"

Where would you go for a romantic night out?

For a Japanese meal, definitely. Sushi's really horny! I didn't used to like raw fish but it's a real aphrodisiac. After that it'd be back to play Monopoly — as it were!

Would you say you were a considerate girlfriend?

Very . . . No, I don't know. I've never been that much in love with somebody to find out.

What would you say if a smooth Frenchman chatted you up?

This happened in Italy. Anthony Delon (the hunky actor) came up to us at a party and asked me if I spoke French. The boys told me to say "only with my tongue" but I chickened out!

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