

**DENISE'S
best
LIFE**



Dannii's been blooming helpful

What's the best baby advice you've been given so far? I've had so much advice from new mums, but I think the best has been, not to plan anything. I like to be really organised. We know we're having a girl, but my friend said, "You don't know their personality; you don't know if you're going to have one who sleeps a lot or is up through the night." I compared notes with Dannii Minogue when we did *Movie Toons* together. It's quite weird because suddenly, people you don't know that well talk to you about babies for hours. I try not to listen to the horror stories about labour, though. I just want a beautiful baby to come out, like the bouncing babies you see on the TV ads!

'I've compared baby notes with Dannii Minogue

Denise Van Outen, 35, talks babies, bickering with hubby Lee Mead and David Walliams' forthcoming nuptials...

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tea at Downing Street because I do work for breast-cancer charities. I'm making a cuttings book to give her when she's older.



Denise with pal David



Lee and Denise drive each other mad!

What's the best thing about being married? The security of realising that I don't have to keep searching – being a unit. Of course Lee and I bicker, but now I know there's no point making it into something bigger. Before you're wed, a row can almost be like a threat – "Right, we're finished!" Now it would be too costly to say that! [laughs]. We bicker when either of us is driving. I'm constantly making comments: "You're going a bit fast there," or "put your foot down."

What's the best bargain you've found recently? I would genuinely say the items in my Very range are great bargains at £10-£50, all designed so that you can still wear the clothes after having the baby.

What's your favourite TV show? I love *Pineapple Dance Studios'* Andrew Stone, who reckons he's the bee's knees, bless him! I know Tricia Walsh-Smith because I did *Chicago* on Broadway when her then husband Philip was involved. Back then, she was lovely, but she's slagged him off since they split. Philip, though, has kept a dignified silence.

What's the best marriage advice you can give to David Walliams? Separate cars and never wear a rucksack! Like everyone else, David only found out we'd wed after the event. The plan was to come home and have a blessing and a party, but then I got pregnant. I want to be able to enjoy it, so at some point, we will have a celebration. Meanwhile, I'm really looking forward to David's wedding in May

What winds you up? Rucksacks! Try being on the Tube when you're pregnant, fending one off. Get a manbag! I couldn't use public transport in the days of *Big Breakfast*, but I'm less famous now, so it's OK!

What's been your best recent showbiz outing? The Haiti fashion show was great. Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss touched the bump, so my baby has been blessed by supermodels. I've also taken her for afternoon

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