

actress Joanna Lumley, of whom Rod says to this day: "We always get along great. She's dead classy and I'm dead common."

If you throw a party it must be a lavish and spectacular affair. I went to Vidal Sassoon's 50th birthday party recently—me and 799 other guests, including Patrick Macnee, Jack Jones, Robert Stack. Just a simple little celebration in the ballroom of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel at a cost of £50,000 and a complete surprise to the Birthday Boy himself. His wife Beverly had been secretly planning it for nine months. He hadn't been so surprised, he said, since she pulled the same trick for *This Is Your Life*.