



THE small Norfolk village of Spixworth doesn't have many claims to fame in this country, but "Down Under" they've produced a pop idol.

He's Keith Lamb, who left Britain nearly two and a half years ago when he vacationed with friend Roger Jackson.

That is the name of the group, but in Australia they're cheering and raving about the band who are the biggest thing to hit the continent in years.

Celebrity

"I can't believe it," said Keith's mate, Peter, who has now moved to Spixworth. "He's followed around by hundreds of girls and people actually come up and ask for his autograph."

Keith is very proud of his celebrity status and cherishes all the newspaper cuttings and letters Keith sends back to his friends.

But Betty's biggest moment is yet to come. She's off to Australia at the end of October to see Keith and to be with him for months and takes in a world-wide tour.

The reason for the trip is a special one — Keith needs an Australian mate. His bride is an Australian blonde, Jan Allen. Obviously, Keith's mate is

Norfolk singer hits the top 'Down Under'

needed to meet the girl her 23-year-old son is marrying. However, the boy and his sister who is working in this country at present.

Keith went to Sydney when he left Spixworth and found that as a singer with Roger Jackson, he had left the country and now works for a major publisher.

Things started to happen for Keith about six months ago, and he signed his first ever two singles "Get the Poochie" reached the No. 1 spot in the Aussie charts.

They're now touring Australia across new-states every three, only taking breaks to go into the recording studio.

The result has been that they've rocketed to stardom. Keith has been the subject of many large-scale pop paper articles, some of Betty's most prized possessions are cuttings from the pop magazine "Mean" and tapes that Keith sends back.

"He's earning loads of money and his people are so happy," Betty told us.

At the beginning of this month Keith had a new album released entitled "Get Backed" and simultaneously a track from the LP, "Hallelujah," was released as a single.

By September 1975 — that's when Betty left home from Keith — the album rose to No. 11 in the LP charts and the single had gone straight in at No. 5.

Tour

Who knows, by the time Betty gets to Australia, the group could have a double No. 1 on their hands.

In the future the group have plans for a tour of Japan and possibly the United States.

"But there's one place Keith would really like to visit," said Betty, "England."

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THREE AZTECS have joined Stevie Wright's band.

So have his song-writing/recording mates of Harry Vanda and George Young.

They will be joining Australia with him before a European tour ends in the new year.

With Thorpe going to the States and the Az-

tecs losing their number one rocker, the way was left open for the merger.

The three Aztecs are drummer Johnny Dick, bass player Teddy Toi and Warren Morgan on piano.

Vanda and Young rejoining Stevie on stage

has been speculated since they did the Open House concert with him in May.

They have just finished their most committed — Stevie's second album and William Shakespeare's **CAN'T STOP MYSELF FROM LOVING YOU** album.

Little Wally's album is

very interesting. It's all straight pop and billed to be a success.

It shows much more variety in song writing than I gave George and Harry credit for—especially after Stevie's **GUITAR MAN**, which seemed nothing more than an Easybeat re-run.

Shakespeare has an incredible voice with amazing range—quite a

commercial goldmine.

STRAIGHT, hard and dirty—the foundation of Buffalo rock.

It sure isn't hard to see where they're at.

By the time you get over the pain and ugliness of the album cover—you know just what you'll find inside.

Hard-driving riff after hard-driving riff.

Sold stuff, undoubtedly aimed below the belt—about guitar-level, Ed we.

Still, even decadence has its appeal — which is probably why the resident Sydney band have done so well record-wise.

Down Under —

BRUSH lead singer Keith Lamb has married

his long-time sweetheart, Jan.

DADDY COOL did **Beatie Midgley** and **Tom**

A Twisted Creature will be released on Monday.

The A side **Beagle Man** was written by Ross Wilson and sung by Ross Hannaford.

Both sides were recorded at "Telephonic Sound."