

'Are you Burt Reynolds? I'm a big fan, could you take a photo of me?'

Lee Allen has a collection of celebrity pictures with a difference. They are all of him. The star is the one behind the camera. **ROBERT FISK** investigates his reverse paparazzi concept.

BRITNEY Spears shaved her head in front of them and Lady Gaga sings about them, but what if celebrities were the paparazzi?

This is exactly what they are to Lee Allen who has amassed a collection of photos of himself taken by famous people, ranging from astronaut Buzz Aldrin to Big Brother contestant Michelle Bass.

The idea came to him on holiday in Sri Lanka eight years ago and he has now collected a grand total of 68 snaps.

Armed with his Polaroid camera, so the celebrities can sign the picture they have taken, he shows no signs of stopping.

The father-of-two, of ~~Essex~~ Road, Bromley Common, said: "I say I have

been collecting photos of myself which have been taken by famous people and they get it as a reverse paparazzi idea.

"Initially I would just say 'can I have a photograph?' and that would confuse their ego.

"Once I proved my point famous people would assume you wanted their photo then the thing is just to build up the collection of pictures.

"I carry the camera with me as much as I can."

Mr Allen says he will ask anyone he recognises as being famous to take a picture of him.

He once failed to recognise Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe



Snap taken by former Goodie Bill Oddie

by Bill Oddie



Lee Allen with his collection of 68 celebrity-taken snaps

when he saw him signing autographs.

The document distribution company chief executive says he would love to have his photograph taken by childhood heroes Morrissey, David Bowie and Adam Ant.

But the 40-year-old says he would

face a dilemma if he ever met Michael Caine. He said: "My absolute favourite actor of all time is Michael Caine and that would be a difficult situation.

"In the ideal world I would want a photo of him and one with him."

Have a look at Mr Allen's Polaroids at shootinglee.co.uk

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