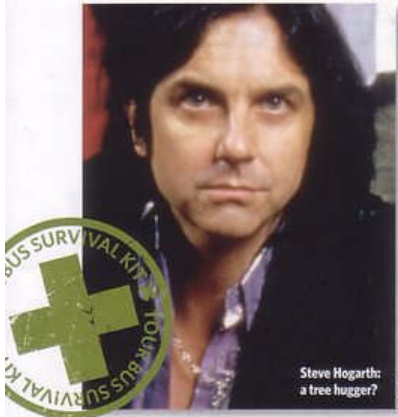


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TOUR BUS SURVIVAL ON-THE-ROAD RECREATION

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Music: "I've got an iPod, but I take my laptop on tour. That thing has music and pretty much my whole life on it. On the bus we tend to listen to an incredible chill-out band called Boards Of Canada. They're great after a show. Or a bit of Jeff Buckley. You're not really in the mood for loud rock'n'roll."

DVDs: "The road crew tends to watch films, I'm usually too knackered to make it all the way through. But on the last tour I did see *A Beautiful Mind*, with Russell Crowe, which was amazing. And you can't go wrong with *Snatch* and *Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels*."

Books: "We all tend to go for stuff that's not too taxing. I just finished an unauthorised biography of Keith Richards called *Satisfaction*. Or if you wanna get into something heavy I can heartily recommend [Tolstoy's] *War And Peace*. I'm serious."

Games: "I'm totally disinterested in video games. Choose life instead."

Essential tour bus rule: "No dumping in the toilet, of course, and no muddy boots on the carpet."

Tour bus anecdote: "There are so many. In Canada somewhere it was minus-28 outside the bus so we used vodka to de-ice the windscreen. That was a bit of a waste."

"I'm also quite a keen gardener, and when we played in Strasbourg last May I took a cutting of a nice tree I'd seen, nurturing it all across Europe in a bottle of mineral water. When we got to Italy, the temperature went up to about 40 degrees. And when the air conditioning was turned off all day, I found that my tree cutting had died and turned into a black crisp. I was absolutely gutted."

