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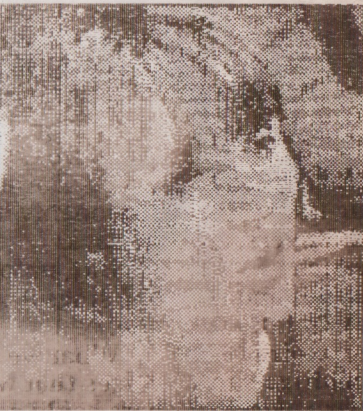
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# Peterborough

## Harriet's voice could not be heard

**T**O LISTEN to Harriet Harman at the dispatch box it would be difficult to believe that anyone could criticise her for not projecting her voice.



Miss Harman: not on song

So I was surprised to learn that, for this very reason, the shadow health secretary had failed to secure a place in a London choir.

It has come to my attention that, before taking on her current responsibilities, Miss Harman spotted an advertisement for auditions with the London Concord Singers. She turned up, took a deep breath and delivered her best.

But her best, unfortunately, was not quite good enough. The verdict: too weedy.

Miss Harman has missed out by not joining the London Concord Singers, an amateur outfit which performs in churches and halls around the capital.

The choir's repertoire stretches from madrigals to more tricky modern works, and they have recently



enjoyed some rather impressive reviews in the pages of the musical press.

But Malcolm Cottle, choirmaster, has certain standards to maintain. "Miss Harman has a reasonably high voice," he says.

"But, unfortunately, when she sings it is a very quiet one.

"What we need is strong voices that will register, but hers could not really be heard."

**LATEST pet fad:** aromatherapy for cats. An RSPCA clinic in Kensal Green, north London, has taken on the ambience of a New Age camper van at the Glastonbury Festival so keen are its 150 feline inhabitants on this experiment with alternative medicine.

"It can be very stressful for cats when they are brought in here for whatever reason," explains Tom Crowley, the manager. "One of our supervisors had used aromatherapy herself at home, and suggested it might help. We've tried it for the last few months, and the level of infection and disease seems less prominent."

Crowley has observed that the remedy is less effective on other animals. "But the cats have been noticeably more alert," he says. "Eucalyptus is a particular favourite."

## House bound?

**T**HE drawing rooms of Penrice Castle, West Glamorgan, are once again the scene of serious talk of national politics. Tom Methuen Campbell, son of the house, and



**MOST** models would be thrilled, at the end of a hot day's shoot, to be invited to pick out something from the items modelled. Others, it seems, are rather less easy to please.

Take Kate Moss, supermodel. After a recent

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Dear Mr Cottle,

I would like to join the

London Concord Singers.

I have heard you are

having auditions in September. Perhaps I

could come along. [ I am on holiday  
8-15<sup>th</sup> September ]

I have sung in the school

choir, University (York) choir &  
Bach Festival choir (Oxford) but have never  
had an audition before.

Yours sincerely  
Harriet Hannan