

PRIME MINISTER

A number of modest, but worthy, media requests have come in, including some which had to be cancelled when you had your eye operation.

1. The following could be met together in a single session:

- I really don't think we can do all of these unless we have a couple for the book*
- (a) Stoke Mandeville Hospital - not prompted by Jimmy Saville. You had agreed to say a little about some of your favourite records. *ringing back.*
 - (b) Colwell Radio, serving St Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath. You had agreed to record a short greeting to their patients. *question a way.*
 - (c) Bishopbriggs High School which produces a cassette magazine for 70 visually handicapped teenagers. You agreed to give them your thoughts on "how the country is governed and by whom".
 - (d) Radio Redhill, broadcasting to New East Surrey and Redhill Hospitals, hope for a Christmas message to their patients.
 - (e) Dorset Tapes for the Handicapped. Clive Chamberlain, a Conservative supporter, originally approached Derek Howe and hopes for a very short non-political interview.
 - (f) Radio London hope for a greeting from you for inclusion in their Christmas Day programme for the Forces which, last year, came from Port Stanley and, this year, will come from Berlin.

Content to meet these requests in one session - 09.00 to 10.00 am on Friday 16 December?

2. Last December you were interviewed in Downing Street by twelve school children (11-13 year olds) for Thames Television's networked current affairs programme for children. At the time you said to the children that you had enjoyed it and hoped to be able to do it again "next Christmas". Thames TV hope you will agree to do so and, if you do, they would distribute the interview to children's programmes in Commonwealth countries.

Are you content to meet this request on Monday, 19 December, 10.30 - 11.30 am?

The room will be in memory of Gordon for the James Party

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3. You had agreed to an interview with "Living" magazine, which is distributed through supermarkets with a circulation of about half a million. The interviewer would be Jackie High, their Chief Writer, who wants an insight into your day-to-day role in Government

and how you cope but not, she insists, a "woman's eye view" piece. This would not be a taxing interview and would show the human face of you as "the woman in power".

Are you content for me to reinstate this interview on Monday, 9 January, 10.30 - 11.00 am?

*Depends on
date of recall
of Parliament*



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