

HANDWRITING REVEALS THE CHARACTERS BEHIND PARTY LEADERS

Jim signs away his secret side

By MANDY BRUCE

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"His main quality is ingeniousness—he's a schemer who loves to find novel and inventive ways to solve problems."

HARMONY

Elton John: "He is highly original and artistic."

"What might not be expected is his astute business acumen. Harmony at home, as well as at the piano, is a must for him."

Reginald Bosanquet: "Reg is a bit of a fusspot. He gives the appearance of being a muddled sort, but he's really pretty ordered."

Diana Rigg: "She is a highly intelligent lady. However, she's also moody and probably can't be the easiest of people to live with."

Joanna Lumley: "She will always know how much money she has in the bank! She's astute—a fine judge of character when her emotions are not involved."

"She's animated, a great raconteur and very fond of the opposite sex."

Ronnie Barker: "He's such an individualist—which could make it hard for others to live with him. He's so clever."

"He has black moods, but is very energetic."

Ronnie Corbett: "He's also prone to moods, but contains them better than his partner."

"He can be unpredictable and tends to live in a world of his own. He's very ambitious and careful with money."

Other personalities who have given cheques include Jeremy Thorpe, Clement Freud, Lord Longford, Peter Sellers, Paul Scofield and Peter Cushing.

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 "She's such an individualist, so clearly a unique personality, that she probably feels very misunderstood at times. "She too, has a fine comprehension of political issues, but is considerably more subjective about them — always having an eye for an advantage."

"She's a dreamer — a visionary almost — who cares passionately for her cause. She has flashes of pure inspiration, but she monitors herself, checking always that she's doing the right thing."

"Indeed, there's a certain self-correcting side of Maggie."



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"There's a hesitant, uncertain side to his nature which he controls. He wants nothing less than to be number one at No. 10."

