

Harrods Gets the X-factor

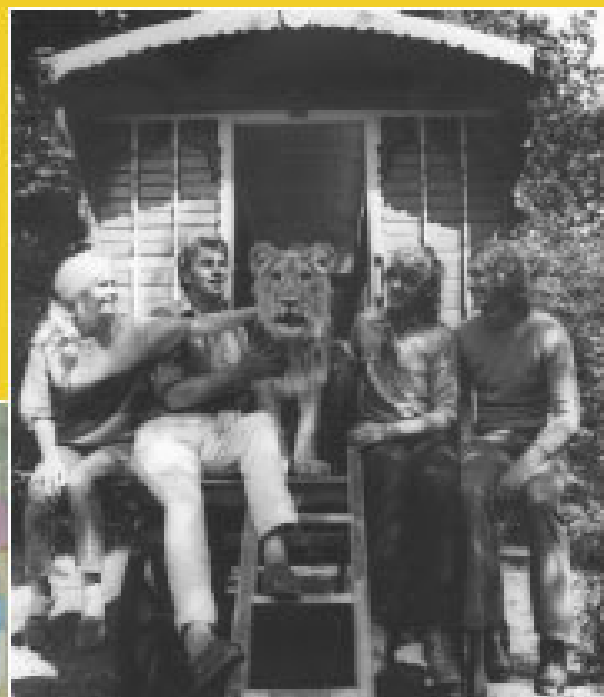
Harrods opened especially early to let superstar in the making Alexandra Burke enjoy some out-of-hours luxury and pampering before she was whisked off into a whirlwind of interviews, radio shows and television appearances. On meeting the X-factor winner, the Chairman praised her "wonderful zest for life", and wished her "the best of luck for what promises to be an incredible career ahead".



I Hear Music, Sweet Sweet Music



Accomplished Italian composer and pianist, Giovanni Allevi, performed his London debut in-store. With a huge cult following in Italy, Giovanni is credited with bringing classical music to the masses. Assistant Visual Merchandising Manager Gianmaria Pizzocheri said "As an Italian, it was a great honour to see Giovanni perform in person – he was fantastic!"



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A Rip-roaring Tale

You may have seen Christian the lion on TV recently, he was bought by John Randall and friend Ace Berg from our Exotic Animals department in 1969. Taking him home to the swinging King's Road, for a year the Big Cat cruised the streets in the back of a Bentley, popped in for (sirloin steak) lunch at Casserole and even posed for a Biba fashion ad. But he inevitably grew too big, even for urban cat status, and was sent to Africa for 'Lion Man' George Anderson to rehabilitate him back into the wild.