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An awkward subject that many would like to sweep under the carpet

the story Tim Pascall wouldn't give up on

Some of you may remember me, perhaps even as the 'Aids crank from Amsterdam'. I'm sure that's how some of our parliamentarians still see me – that guy that keeps pestering them on a subject they would prefer to forget. Fourteen UK publishers said much the same. There are two problems, wrote one of them, with the subject of Aids in Africa, two of the three words. People are sick to death of hearing about Aids, and even more so of Africa's interminable problems.

But while in Malawi, launching the book I've now written "Aids in Africa - how did it ever happen?", I met some of the people who have been hit by the tragedy, like a young lady of 28, married in 2001, lost her first child in 2002, and then her husband in 2003, and now she knows why. She too is HIV-positive, and with a CD-4 count, measuring the strength of her immune system, of 250. "That's fine" I was able to assure her, "you're in time. The drugs will save you. You can look forward to a long and healthy life". "Yes, but I'm weak already, and when will they actually arrive?" she asked. The drugs should have arrived the previous month, but things are again going desperately wrong.

And will she ever be able to face another marriage and fulfil her natural desire to have children? Medically there's no reason why not, provided she does what the doctors tell her. But how do you ask a man to marry you if you're HIV-positive?

Another one I met (but which can't be written of outside the party) was a father who had lost his wife to Aids in June, and was now himself on treatment, available to him because he's in the army and they've got access to the drugs. My only thought was that he has to live - for the sake of those three children he obviously adores. They were relatives of the young Malawian teacher who was helping me on the launch, so the whole family joined me for dinner at the hotel I was staying at in Zomba, the former capital and now the home of the country's main university. It was a wonderful evening, power-cuts and all, and made all the frustrations of the launch seem worth it.

Perhaps I can't make the 'great and the good' listen to me, read the book or open it even, or at least not for the present. But while I need them, they're not the ones for whom I wrote it. I wrote it for the millions and millions (the latest count is somewhere between 24 and 28 million) who are facing the terrible traumas and consequences of HIV-infection and Aids. It is for the parents, who - however foolish they may once have been - are now facing the death of the partner they love, and then possibly their own death as well. And what will then happen to their children?

It is for the millions of children having to grow up without parents, being cared for instead by relatives who often don't actually love them very much. But someone has to look after them - 440,000 of them in Malawi alone at the end of 2002. It'll be more now, because while the parents die, most children survive, so it must now be over half a million in a total population of about 12 million, not much more than Scotland.

That's why I wrote the book, and why I keep pestering our politicians. We cannot go on ignoring what is becoming the biggest humanitarian catastrophe the world has ever known. At least 16 million have already died of Aids in Africa. 40 million will, and the figure could easily reach 80 million if we carry on as now.

The book is not just an analysis of what has gone - and continues to go - so terribly wrong in Africa. It also offers some realistic solutions, addressing both the issue of prevention - particularly amongst the young - and of treatment for those who could be saved. But because the world has effectively ignored the issue for so long, dealing with it now is going to cost an awful lot of money - between 3 and 7 billion dollars a year (depending on how hard we try to find the infected before they become too ill to be treated) for five years at least, and probably more like 10. That's up to 70 billion dollars spread over 10 years, less than was used in a month to try to bomb Iraq into submission. It's just £1.65 (€2.50) a month for every European who can afford it. But not spending it will mean death, death and more death, mostly of young parents, and millions and millions of orphans in a continent that's already struggling to cope.

I won't be in Bournemouth to 'promote' the book, as my publisher is a very small one from one of the poorest countries on earth, and I have already spent over £3000 trying to get the book to the young of Malawi, and onto our own markets here. And I just couldn't face another session of people walking past, 'too embarrassed to talk about Aids'. In any case, I don't believe that that many people will buy it until it gets some international recognition, something that I am sure will eventually happen.

Meanwhile, if anyone wants to know what Aids in Africa is really about, and what could realistically be done to relieve it, then please do read this book. It's available at £11.95 (2.50 €) from any good bookshop (one that is willing to order books from publishers or their agents), or it can be ordered directly from orders@africanbookscollective.com or www.africanbookscollective.com. They're based at the 'Jam Factory' in Oxford!

If you live in Malawi then, thanks to lower costs, a print-run of 2000 and a subsidy of about 70 pence a copy, it is available at the much more 'affordable' price of £1.80!

And maybe I'll see you in Harrogate next year, if not earlier somewhere else.

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New Executive Team at Liberal International British Group

At its AGM on July 7th at the House of Lords, a new Executive Committee was elected to run the Liberal International British Group.

Sharon Bowles has been subsequently elected Chair, with Gary Lawson as Vice Chair and Organising Secretary.



LIBG is part of the world federation of liberal political parties - Liberal International. Founded in 1947, Liberal International has become the pre-eminent network for liberal parties and for the strengthening of liberal democracy around the world. There are a number of common principles which unite all liberal parties from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe; human rights, free and fair elections and multi-party democracy, social justice, tolerance, social market economy, free trade, environmental sustainability and a strong sense of international solidarity. Naturally in the application of these principles in different national circumstances there is diversity among liberal parties.

The British Group of Liberal International publicises the work of Liberal International, arranges overseas visits, provides hospitality for visiting liberals and keeps Liberal Democrats informed of liberal activities world-wide. It also arranges meetings and seminars and produces regular newsletters. The British Group is represented at Congresses and Executive meetings of the Liberal International. More information about LIBG is available at www.libg.org.uk.

Sharon Bowles said "Now is an important time for Liberals. History shows Liberals have led the way at times of crisis - and sometimes been put aside in calmer times. Democracies now face challenges to their security in the face of increasing terrorism, but it is vital that the response be liberal, inclusive and outward looking.

Security is the theme for the Liberal International Congress next May and the Group will begin examination of the subject at our Forum on 11 October."

Sharon Bowles is a member of the Liberal Democrats' Federal Executive and International Relations Committees, and was a South East Region Liberal Democrat Candidate at the recent elections to the European Parliament. Gary Lawson is Development Director for the Centre for Reform and Liberal Democrat PPC for Portsmouth North.

The full LIBG Executive Committee is now:

President: Tim Garden;

Vice Presidents: John Alderdice, Peter Billenness, Sharon Bowles, David Griffiths, Charles Kennedy, John Melling, Richard Moore, Graham Watson.

Chair: Sharon Bowles

Vice Chair: Gary Lawson

Hon. Secretary: Gary Lawson & Ahmed Mallick

Treasurer: Dai Laiyanage & David Rebak

Executive: Hugh Dykes, Nilmini di Silva, Derek Partridge, Frances Peacock, Bruce Ritchie, James Sandbach, Monika Skowronska, Anneliese Waugh, Robert Woodthorpe Browne

And the Scottish Executive

Chair Ron Waddell

Vice Chair Paul Eadie

Secretary John Barnett

Treasurer John Melling

President Elspeth Attwooll

THREE BUSY YEARS

I had the twin advantages when starting my Chairmanship of the Group of having understudied for three years Richard Moore, whose experience of Liberal International is without equal, and of having the organising skills of David Griffiths's office. The first year's programme had been fixed in advance, with my active participation.

To have had John Alderdice as President during the whole period meant that we maintained the credibility inherited from his immediate predecessors Graham Watson and Russell Johnston. And I was helped by a series of well-balanced committees who got on well with each other.

Each year when I gave my Report to the AGM at the House of Lords, I was left almost breathless by the amount we had actually done, and all of it in addition to busy personal schedules of all concerned.

Our Fringe Meetings at Autumn Liberal Democrat Conferences had attracted top speakers providing both topical and educational themes for participants.

The "rolling programme" on China brought in academics, representatives of China and then Taiwan and Hong Kong. This continues to be run by the extremely hard-working Monika Skowronska, who was joint Secretary during my 3 years, and who had the major task of taking over David Griffiths' office's functions when he chose to step down.

Other Forum meetings, held in London, provided a real

diversity of themes concerning all Continents – including an overview of Latin America by the Director General of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), Prof. Bulmer-Thomas, followed later by a talk by Carles Gasoliba MEP on Liberalism in Latin America.

The Diplomats' Reception, held each February, grows in stature, and the Liberal Democrat Parliamentarians are now more in evidence. Both they and LIBG members have an excellent opportunity to network with a wide variety of diplomats, including last year the Commonwealth Secretary General.

A feature of last year's LibDem Conference, to be repeated in 2004, was the invitation to foreign journalists and a Correspondent from the BBC World Service to give an overview of world events as seen from their countries.

Abroad, we have had strong inputs into LI Executive meetings and Congresses. In Senegal, our delegation, jointly with the LibDems, provided the bulk of amendments to make both the Theme Resolution on "Islam and the West" and the "World Today" workable. These amendments were thrashed out at a meeting in my London flat and finalised by the brilliance of the Vice Chairman – and now my successor – Sharon Bowles.

At the two Congresses, in Budapest and Dakar, I chaired the theme resolutions – the organisers like to have at least one native English speaker, but I found my knowledge of French invaluable when dealing with French-speakers, such as the Moroccan and Senegalese delegations. I have been asked to carry out the same role in Sofia next May. Well, I suppose it may stop noisy interventions by me from the floor!

We had two "Annual Dinners" during my tenure. Very well attended and with remarkable speakers – the more recent starring NATO Deputy General Secretary (and former Young Liberal) Jamie Shea and our incoming President Sir (now Lord) Tim Garden.

Sharon hosted two garden parties at her Berkhamsted home, and Anneliese Waugh once again invited us this year. These are very enjoyable occasions, always with a notable speaker, and well attended.

I have spoken of matters English. However, North of the Border there has been a renaissance of LIBG Scottish Section under John Melling and now Ron Waddell. I attended one Christmas Party in Edinburgh in my first year as Chair, where the attendance was disappointing. I missed the party at the home of Jamie Earl of Mar and Kellie where the attendance was about 100, but could not resist a visit to the home of former LI President David Steel at Aikwood Tower.

I undertook a mission to Spain in 2003, shortly before their local elections, hoping to encourage liberal candidates in Valencia, Alicante and Andalusia. This was with the (non-financial!) support of LI, ELDR and the Liberal Democrats.

I wish to thank all members for their kindness and support. I remain on the Committee, committed to offer support in the promotion of internationalism within the UK and of Liberalism in those countries, such as Spain and France, where it has largely lost its voice.

Robert Woodthorpe Browne

SCOTTISH SECTION OF LIBG GARDEN PARTY

Former LI President and current President of the Scottish Section of LIBG Lord Steel of Aikwood hosted a Garden Party at Aikwood Tower, near Selkirk, the outstanding historical building so lovingly, along with its gardens, restored/rebuilt by David and Judy. Judy arranged conducted tours of the outside, and David explained the interior.

The event was a tribute to the work in Northern Ireland of Lord John Alderdice, who attended with his wife Joan.

Ron Waddell, Chairman of the section, introduced the guest to the 50 members and guests. At 60 members – more were signed up during the afternoon on which the sun shone, after a miserable morning – the Scottish Section is an extremely important part of LIBG.

Among those attending were the Earl of Mar and Kellie, who had hosted last year's event, Archie Kirkwood MP, Jeremy Purvis MSP and LI Vice President and recent LIBG Chairman, Robert Woodthorpe Browne, making his second visit to the Scottish section.



John Alderdice spoke of the importance of the work of LI world-wide and its expansion in Africa, Asia and, hopefully, Latin America. He emphasised the respect British Liberal Democrats enjoy from other Liberals which allows us to influence international thinking and actions.

Robert Woodthorpe Browne praised David Steel's work as LI President at a time when it was difficult to distinguish the true liberals among the Eastern European parties which used the liberal name, and looked forward to John Alderdice's taking over the role at the Sofia Congress in 200

Robert Woodthorpe Browne

LIBG at Bournemouth

LIBG will be attending the Annual Liberal Democrat Conference, which this year is in Bournemouth. In addition to our usual stand in the conference hall, LIBG will be hosting two fringe events:

Tuesday 21st September 8:00-9:15pm – **“Nation Building - What's the Record?”** Bourne A, Wessex Hotel (This fringe is jointly hosted by LIBG and the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidates Association).

Wednesday 22nd September 8:00-9:15pm - **"Views from the Foreign Press"** Sherbourne, Highcliff Marriott Hotel. Following the success of last year's event, LIBG will reprise a panel of distinguished speakers from overseas publications.

Further details can be found on the LIBG website - www.libg.org.uk

LIBG Conference Stand

The LIBG Executive would appreciate help in manning the LIBG stand from those members who plan to attend conference. Thanks to all in advance for continuing to support the work of LIBG.

Gary Lawson

Norwich Tibet Week

10-20th September 2004

Monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery return to East Anglia giving a fascinating glimpse of eastern mystical culture accessible to the whole family. From 13th -19th September the monks will be creating the Mitrukpa Sand Mandala from millions of grains of coloured sand. This sacred sand painting will be made at the King of Hearts Centre for People and the Arts, Norwich. Throughout the week a video installation of the same image, created in Glasgow during the visit of HH the Dalai Lama this spring, will be on view at Norwich Arts Centre, The Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library and The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth, Suffolk.

Tashi Lhunpo monks will lead workshops for all ages, in traditional Tibetan monastic crafts such as butter sculpture and prayer flag printing at The Cut Arts Centre and at the King of Hearts.

There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a performance of Cham (traditional dance) and chant at The Cut, Halesworth on Tuesday 14th September.

Today sees the release of the full programme for the Fifth Norwich Tibet Week. Events will be held in at a variety of venues in Norwich and throughout the area.

A wide variety of activities celebrating Tibetan culture, philosophy and religion will be held over ten days in the middle of September, including: Tibetan Buddhist Teachings, talks the Future of Tibet, Tibetan Medicine and Astrology. Throughout the week a number of Tibetan Charity Stalls in Norwich Market, Hay Hill.

There will be a Gig at the Arts Centre, Norwich on Saturday, 11th September in aid of participating charities and Tibetan organisations.

For full details please visit www.norwichtibetweek.co.uk or call 01603 630484/01986 894500

Roberta Symes

REVIEW

The No-nonsense guide to Islam,

by ZiaZiauddin Sardar & Merryl Wyn Davies

Verso 2004 £7.00

About three-quarters of the way through this book I started to get annoyed. There is it seems, a peaches and cream Islam, essentially deriving from a 'golden age' which undoubtedly comprised all of the best elements of modern living, yet somehow doesn't quite square with my day-to-day experiences. These experiences are largely drawn from living alongside and interacting with large Moslem communities over two decades in this country and in Palestine, as well as through study and the media.

There is an element of cunning in the book; it is written by women, one of them presumably a western convert to Islam, which for all the fine words in the Koran, needless to say, in reality is an oppressive patriarchy. The authors will no doubt dismiss this as my western prejudices coming to the fore. Why do I not see the light? Many Trots (I'm not sure if Verso is among them) hold that the dynamic of revolution has transferred from Marxism to militant Islam. The theory of most ethical systems is somewhat superior to the practice; we only have to look at ourselves as Liberals to know that. The authors are aware of the problems of contemporary Islam, including those that make headlines in the west; I'm not so sure how they are tackling them.

There is for example a tendency within Islam to blame the West for all its ills. The authors go along with this to a large degree. They assume a superiority of Islamic expansionism to that of the West, rather than seeing them as variants of the same beast, each moulding the conquered lands after their own self image. The problems that we see all along the Moslem fault line are very much the legacy of attempts to cement that expansion, or to hold it against rival expansions.

Far from peaches and cream, different Islamic sects have been eager to persecute each other throughout history, not just Sunni vs. Shi'ite vs. Sufi, but Shi'ite vs. Shi'ite etc. As to tolerance of other faiths, what of the Ba Hais, whose revelation has the misfortune to post-date Mohammed and persecuted throughout their history mostly by Moslems. Persia, whilst admittedly divided into British and Russian spheres of influence, retained its independence solely because the British refused to take it as a colony, checking Russian advances (which Persians rulers were perfectly willing to sell out to). Small detachments of the Indian Army were the main guarantor of religious freedom in Iran a century ago.

In saying this, I do not seek to defend the impacts of Western colonialism and then imperialism. Our trade ideology which forced the growth of cotton in Bengal led disastrously to famine for example. Such mistakes should be acknowledged and learnt from. Part of that lesson is that the conquest of India by Britain was as much a matter of Indian politics as deliberate intent by the East India Company – the lesson being never to use outsiders trading in your country as mercenaries, they may just gain the upper hand.

In praising the achievements of Islamic culture, the authors underplay the debt to earlier civilisations. The West at the time of the Islamic conquests was a relative backwater culturally, although we had our Carolingian and other local renaissances. Such achievements we undoubtedly dwarfed by Omayyid Spain, the key filter for the transmission of Islamic and earlier cultures into our own. The authors tout the Omayyids as a haven of tolerance; so too was Norman Sicily, where having retaken the island from the Arabs (mercenaries taking the upper hand again), the kinsmen of the knights of William the Conqueror adopted much of Arabic culture themselves.

It is perhaps mischievous to note that our authors do not pick up on one aspect of the transmission of cultures that perhaps strikes the greatest terror in many Moslem men (if not men in general). The Western view of women and of love is very much derived from the Provençal troubadour tradition of courtly love, which was developed largely from the Al Andulus poetic forms the *zajal* and the *jarcha*. These in turn were heavily influenced by earlier Platonic writings. One might cite *Kitab-al-Zahra* (The Book of the Flower), by the Baghdadī Sufi poet and jurist Mohammed Ibn Dāwad (who was martyred for heresy) or the much translated *Necklace of the Dove* of Ibn Hazan. It is of course a long road from those days to the present, but one of the most fascinating of our intellectual development, with all the usual suspects like Dante and Shakespeare on the way.

Part of the battle for Liberalism has been the separation of Church and State. As a politico-religious system from its outset, it is obvious that this is a difficult position for Islam. Moslems living in the West are often confused by this, making contributions to a society that they might expect reciprocally to cater for their spiritual needs. Councillors representing communities with a large Islamic presence will have encountered this. Looking at the Church of England, it is perhaps easy to point to the progressive separation of Church and State as contributory to its decline, yet from the spiritual angle it has probably been a source of strength. The apparent spiritual void not quite filled by Eastenders is another matter and not the subject of this review.

Returning to the tendency to blame the West, the authors plainly misconceive democracy. This may be a general problem. Democracy is elevated to the status of an ideology, when it is simply a tool or a system. There are many democracies. Western 'liberal' democracy is not the only blueprint, though better than socialist democracy. There are African democracies, some of which interface with the Islamic world – in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan for example. And indeed there are countries that are Moslem or with large Moslem populations where democratic changes of government take place – Senegal and Bangladesh to name two. Democracy has developed over time; we now scarcely recognise our government of 200 years ago as democratic, yet at the time it was aspired to by those trying to overthrow the autocracies across Europe; surely within the

mind-frames of our authors there is scope for an Islamic democracy?

Fundamentalism is recognised amongst the problems of Islam; we read the soothing reassurance that these are bad men who pervert the faith to their own misguided ends... well we know that. It is like giving buzz words like Sharia and madrassar their literal meanings rather than those that our media pick up on. I'm not entirely convinced.

The purpose of this book is probably to give one a basic knowledge of Islam; this it does, taking account of my reservations. I doubt it will make many converts, but if it does good luck to them, provided they go back to the Islam that seems to inspire the authors. They may then discover that the mystics of all religions have more in common with each other than the masses of any faith.

Stewart Rayment

Bournemouth - the international agenda

International affairs are quite prominent on the agenda of the Lib Dems conference for once... even if some of the slots aren't the most generous; but let's not complain - make sure LIBG is well represented in the debates.

Sunday 19th

□18:15-19:30

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security AGM
Collingwood Room HMH

□20:00-21:00

New Politics Network etc.

Britain's Future in Europe

Menzies Campbell, Michael White (Guardian)
Bryanstone Room Wessex Hotel

Monday 20th

□09:20

Motion - Reducing the risk of terrorism

□09:45

Motion - Wealth of the World

(International Trade & Investment policy paper)

□11:15

Motion - The Butler Report

(Review of Intelligence on Weapons of Mass Destruction)

□12:00 noon

Speech by Rt. Hon. Sir Menzies Campbell
Shadow Foreign Secretary & Deputy Leader

□12:00-14:00

Immigration Advisory Service & Joint Council
for the Welfare of Immigrants
Managed Migration, fair for Britain?

Balmoral Suite, Balmoral Hotel

□12:30-13:30

PCA Foreign Affairs Forum/LDEG
EU/US Relations
Westminster Room, Cumberland Hotel

□12:45-14:00

Citizens Advice
Migrant Workers
Granville Suite, Trouville Hotel

□13:00-14:00

Trade Justice Movement
Freeing the world from poverty
Bryanstone Suite, Wessex Hotel

□13:00-14:00

Liberator
Something Should Be Done
(LD policy making processes)
Room 1.5 HMH

□14:30

Motion - Asylum & Immigration

□16:00

Motion - A World Free From Poverty
(International Development Policy Paper)

□17:15

Motion - Referendum on the European Constitution

□18:15-19:15

Friends of Al-Aqsa & Palestine Solidarity Campaign
Palestine on our conscience
Kerley Room HMH

□18:15-19:30

The European Union, where next?
Gladstone Room, Royal Bath Hotel

□20:00-21:15

LDEG
Winning the Referendum
Waterford Lower, Tralee Hotel

□20:00-21:15

Liberal Democrat Moslem Forum
Moslem exodus, Labour to Lib Dem
So Private, Royal Exeter Hotel

Tuesday 21st

□13:00-14:00

BAA plc
Aviation, can it be sustained?
Bryanstone Room HMH

□13:00-14:00

IFAW, Greenpeace, WDCA, Wildlife Trusts
Untangling the catch (Dolphins)
Collingwood Lounge HMH

□16:00

Motion - The Future of Iraq

□18:15-19:30

British Council & BBC World Service
The World After Iraq
Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

□18:15-19:30

Lib Dem Friends of Pakistan -
invitation launch dinner
qassimafzal@ntworld.com9999

□18:15-19:00

London Development Agency
Winning the Olympics for London
Green Room, Tralee Hotel

□18:15-19:30

World Development Movement
Debt or Development
Purbeck Room, Wessex Hotel

□19:00-20:15

The Observer Interview
Andrew Rawnsley meets Menzies Campbell

□20:00-21:15

LIBG/PCA
"Nation Building - What's the Record?"
Bourne A, Wessex Hotel

□20:00-21:15

Britain In Europe reception
Tregonwell REH

□20:00-22:30

Lib Dem Friends of India network dinner
- invitation only
rabi.martins@watford.gov.uk
Cork Ballroom, Tralee Hotel

□20:00-21:00

Women Lib Dems
If Women Ruled the World
Kerley Room HMH

□21:00

The Liberal Revue
Does My Majority Look Big In This?
Pavilion Theatre (Tickets Liberator stall)

Wednesday 22nd

□09:00

Motion - A strong, independent, well financed BBC

□09:45

Motion - on HIV (AIDS)

□13:00-14:00

European Movement
Europe, the challenge ahead
Bourne Suite, Wessex Hotel

□13:00-14:05

Lib Dem Friends of Israel
Anti-semitism on British
Left side St.Michael's Brasserie

□13:00-14:00

Lib Dem Moslem Forum
The EU, Turkei & the Kurdish Question
Room 1.5 HMH

□13:00-14:00

LDYS/Lib Dem Peace Group
Growing Up In Today's World
So Private, REH

13:00-14:00

Amnesty International, Oxfam & Saferworld
UK Arms Exports, a human rights lottery?
Collingwood II, HMH

14:30-15:45

International & VIP Guest reception - invitation only
Dorchester II, HMH

18:15-19:30

Amnesty International & Women's Aid
A Human Rights Scandal (Violence against woman)
Green Room, Tralee Hotel

18:15-19:30

Cyprus Liberal Movement
Corfe II, HMH

18:15-19:30

Guantanamo Human Rights Group
A Time For Action
Purbeck Room HMH

18:15-19:30

LDEG
Britain, Europe & America
Bourne A, Wessex Hotel

18:15-19:30

Wessex Water
The Challenge of Global Warming
Waterford Upper, Tralee Hotel

20:00-21:15

LIBG
"Views from the Foreign Press"
Sherbourne, HMH

20:00-21:15

Cyprus Liberal Movement
Iraq - Kurdistan
Corfe II, HMH

HMH = Highcliffe Marriott Hotel

REH = Royal Exeter Hotel

EVENTS

10th-20th September

Norwich Tibet Week

19th-23rd September

Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference
Bournemouth

2nd-3rd October

Liberal Party Assembly
Kidderminster

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