Queen fan
Queen guitarist Brian May aid he was ‘delighted’ to sup-
port a music festival held in mem-
ory of a dentist who was an ardent fan.
Ten bands appeared at the festi-
val in Wichenford near Worces-
ter, playing Queen tracks as part of set.
The festival was held in mem-
ory of John Bue, who worked at the
Green Dental Practice in
Dines Green, and died in a
motorcycle crash in June.
The organisers of the concert contacted Brian May and told him about the festival. He said he was ‘delighted to support the festival’ and sent signed Queen merchandise for the raffle.
He also sent his condolences to Dr Bue’s wife and their two daughters.

Wedding teeth
A man on the Isle of Wight was told by his father-in-law to be
that he could only marry his
daughter if he got his teeth fixed.
Thirty-two year-old Gordon Taylor was told by Dr Philip Lewis, that he would have to have fillings and cosmetic surgery
For the wedding, which was
held in Cowes, Mr Taylor wore a
‘snap-on smile’ cosmetic den-
ture. Dr Lewis, revealed that
when he first met his daugh-
ter’s new boyfriend he was
‘horrified’ by the sight of his

Fake qualifications
A dentist has pleaded not guilty to allegations she used fake
Bachelor of Dental Surgery de-
gree, enabling her to work in NHS hospitals for eight years.
 Vishana Sharma pleaded not
 guilty to a total of 10 charges at Wolverhampton Crown Court.
The 36-year-old is due to stand
trial on March 8 following an
investigation carried out by the
NHS Counter Fraud and Secu-
rity Management Service.
Sharma has pleaded not guilty to charges of using a fake Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree, a certificate saying she had completed a course on aesthetics and a certificate of registration from the Punjab Dental Council.
She has also denied five counts of obtaining pecuniary advan-
tage by deception, one while
with Royal Wolverhampton
NHS Trust.
Sharma also denied fraud by false representation.
The charges cover a period of eight years from 2000 to 2008.
Sharma has been granted bail.

UDA value variation highlighted by Tories
S
ome NHS dentists are being
paid nearly 10 times as much
as others for ‘units of dental
activity’, according to figures ob-
tained by the Conservatives.
The figures showing the wide
disparity in pay come from a
number of Freedom of Informa-
tion requests put to ordinary care
trusts by the Tories.
The figures show much the
minimum and the maximum
each trust pays for a unit of
dental activity (UDA).
In Westminster Primary Care
Trust (PCT), the figures show that the maximum paid for a UDA is £105.38 and the minimum £20.19.
However in Sandwell, a rela-
tively deprived area in the West
Midlands, the range is from £11.08
per UDA up to a maximum of
£45.83.
Doncaster PCT is shown to pay
a uniform £26.35 per UDA.
Since the new contract came in 2006, dentists are paid a flat
rate covering the amount of work
they are contracted to do each
year, which is measured in units
of dental activity (UDAs).
The actual cash value of a UDA is set by the local NHS Primary Care Trust in England or the Local Health Board in Wales, in discus-
sion with the dental practice.