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THERE are just a few days to go until this year's Ultimate Collection Wedding Fair opens at

Fownes Hotel in Worcester. This is the sixth year that your Worcester News has organised the event in conjunction with the hotel, in City Walls Road and everything it is set to be an exciting day.

The hotel, in the heart of Worcester, is the perfect venue for couples to tie the knot in style.

Assistant manager Julie Merrick said: "I am very excited about the fact I am going to meet so many future brides and grooms and I am sure it is going to be a great day."

The hotel has a licence to hold civil ceremonies to accommodate couples as well as civil partnerships.

This gives happy couples the opportunity to check out what Fownes Hotel has to offer while visiting the Ultimate Collection Wedding



Fair. It can arrange receptions for any number of people and there is a picturesque spot in the grounds to take those all-important photographs.

Sara Matthews, events manager for the Worcester News, said: "We are really looking forward to the popular event which will be packed with exhibitors.

Brides and grooms-to-be, who register their details when they arrive at the hotel, will also be in with a chance of winning prizes.

"They could be the lucky winner of a tiara and jewellery, or scoop a makeover.

"Other prizes on offer include car hire and vouchers."

This year's event starts at 11am on Sunday, August 31, and finishes at 3.30pm. Both the event and parking is free.

Visitors are advised to take cash and cheque books because credit card facilities will not be available on the day. For more information contact Sara Matthews on 01905 742220

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Fownes Hotel in City Walls Road, Worcester, isn't just the venue for this weekend's Worcester News Wedding Fair, it is also the perfect venue for you big day. Picture by Emma Attwood. 06533803



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Florist has a long reputation of helping brides

TOP bridal bouquet designers Diamond Flowers was established in Spain and the company has a long reputation of working closely with brides of all nationalities to achieve their dream bouquet for their special day.

The company also offers a two-hour bridal bouquet design course which covers a full consultation and a mock up of the bride's bouquet so that she can see exactly what her flowers will look like on the day.

For anyone who books their wedding with Diamond Flowers the course is absolutely free. The company offers a full range of wedding packages to suit all budgets and staff are more than happy to discuss a bride's individual needs for her

big day. Diamond Flowers' full packages include chair cover hire with co-ordinating sashes, the hire of table arrangements and, of course, a full range of balloons and unusual decorations. At the wedding fair Diamond

Flowers will have a beautiful stand with English-grown roses and Fairtrade exotics together with a fabulous eye-catching balloon arch – so go and visit the firm and while you are there, pick up an entry form to win your bridal bouquet.

Enjoy looking at the latest gowns

It takes months to plan the perfect wedding and according to Mitzi Edwards, owner of Bridal Gallery in Malvern, the wedding fair at the Fownes Hotel on Sunday is a brilliant starting point.

Brides-to-be and grooms will find plenty of ideas and advice on offer covering all aspects of their big day.

Finding the dress that fulfils any bride's dream sets the theme for the day and this season there are plenty to choose from and Mrs Edwards' shop based in Graham Road will again be exhibiting a varied selection of gowns.

Glamour, feminine and romantic looks are in with fabulous use of fabrics incorporating ruching, draping, delicate beading and bows.

Strapless gowns are still very popular but shrugs, boleros and simple cover-ups are also much in demand.

Bridesmaids' dresses are short and sassy this year and brides are opting for stronger bolder colours to compliment their gowns. Black, green, hot pinks and turquoise are proving ever-popular.

Mrs Edwards said: "This is our sixth visit to the wedding fair and numbers seem to have increased with each visit. The event is well-organised and very busy with many brides taking their first peep at wedding gowns.

"We are looking forward to showing our new collections, offering advice and helping them to fulfil their perfect wedding with that perfect wedding dress."



Mitzi Edwards at the Bridal Gallery in Malvern will be at this weekend's fair. Picture by John Anyon. 34486708

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Transport will delight all of the bridal party

WHILE there may be many stresses along the road to your big day, making sure that you and your guests get to the wedding on time will certainly be prominent among them.

But private hire specialists Astons Coaches, based at

Kempsey, near Worcester – which will be attending the wedding fair for the first time – can show how it can help couples consider every detail to ensure that the bride is the only one 'late' for the ceremony.

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the most appropriate vehicles which would be best to transport the bridal party and guests to the wedding or reception with ease, and do all the planning and timings for you.

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James Rowe holds up a selection of wedding cravates at the Slater Menswear store in High Street, Worcester. 33482302

online for wedding guests and wedding parties.

Children's sizes are available in many of the adult styles and Slater Menswear also carries a full range of accessories to choose from.

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Happy pictures that you will treasure forever

FINDING a wedding photographer for your big day can be a hard task because there is so much to consider.

From the style to the price, it all has to be taken into consideration.

Kevin Hughes, owner of the

company Photobiz will be at this year's wedding fair at the Fownes Hotel in Worcester to take couples through the process and show them some of his past work.

Mr Hughes, who has been a professional wedding

photographer for the past five years, believes his albums set him apart from the rest.

He said: "I like the photographs I take to have a mixture of a modern and traditional style which will keep everyone happy."

"I like to keep the day as lively and as easy going as possible so that I capture the moment. Also, I don't keep people waiting too long for the photographs to be taken."

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Quartermaine Jewellery will be delighted to discuss a bride and groom's jewellery needs at the wedding fair, where the company will be displaying a range of dazzling options.



Ian Quartermaine, centre, in his workshop with Dave Wheeler, left and Paul Roach, right. Picture by Martin Humby. 33482101

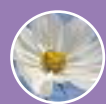
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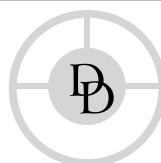


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She offers a cosmetics consultation, prior to the big

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She said: "My service takes away the stress of rushing to a salon on a wedding day.

"It's a real privilege to spend the morning of a bride's wedding day with her and her family and I endeavour to make that morning as relaxed and fun as possible for all involved."

Ms van der Kleijn's style is to



Hayley van der Kleijn of FK Consulting in Worcester will create the perfect make-up for a bride. Picture by Simon Rogers. 33483502

keep it natural and ensure that both the colours and style of make-up suit both the complexion and personality of her client.

She said: "I am looking

forward to the wedding fair. There is always a great response on the day."

FK Consulting also has a website at weddingbridalmakeup.co.uk.

Family affair turns into an online firm

PERFECT Occasions is pleased to be exhibiting at this year's wedding fair at Fownes Hotel.

Visitors can see what the company has to offer on stand 11 where it will have some special show offers.

Perfect Occasions is a new company which has, until

recently, only made its products and organised dances and hen parties for friends – and friends of friends. It is now an online company and is excited about attending its first event dedicated entirely to weddings.

Perfect Occasions specialises in a number of different products

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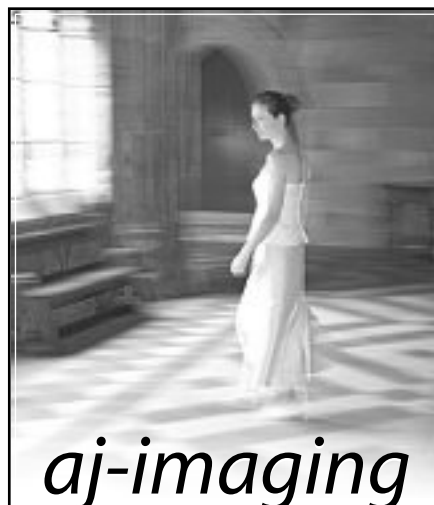
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