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Welcome to our sixth wedding fair

SITUATED in the heart of Worcester, the Fownes Hotel – a former glove factory – provides a charming backdrop for a wedding to remember.

For the biggest day in any bride and groom's life, the hotel can provide a fully-comprehensive wedding facility. It is licensed to hold civil ceremonies and can cater for the most intimate party of four or a much more lavish celebration of up to 120 people.

Dedicated staff are on hand to ensure your big day goes without a hitch, working with you beforehand to create a tailor-made package to suit your needs.

There are two glorious settings for the photographer to capture you and your entourage in their finery, either under the picturesque willow tree by the canal or in the specially designed inglenook garden.

The hotel's 61 stylish en-suite bedrooms include suites, executive rooms, single and doubles, so there's plenty of room and choice for family and friends requiring accommodation.

Hotel operations manager Stuart Austin said: "We are delighted to be working with



Sara Matthews, the Worcester News events manager. 06535801

the Worcester News again for our wedding fair. The partnership we have works well at creating a complete event with all the businesses and services needed when planning the perfect day. It is your one stop shop, within the Fownes Hotel."

If you fall in love with the setting, staff will be more than happy to answer your questions on the day.

Sunday, September 2, will mark the sixth Worcester News Wedding Fair – held twice a year in conjunction with the



Fownes Hotel in City Walls Road, Worcester, has dedicated staff to ensure that your wedding day goes without a hitch. 05134701

Fownes Hotel – and the events are going from strength-to-strength, providing everything couples need under one roof to plan their forthcoming event.

Visitors will be able to see examples of stationery, bouquets, favours, hats, cakes, cars and limousines, jewellery, photographers, entertainment, and many aspects of that

special day which you perhaps hadn't even thought of yet.

This year the event, running from 11am to 3.30pm, will be held in four of the hotel's rooms, and has attracted a range of businesses including the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society and Royal Worcester Porcelain.

Sara Matthews, the Worcester

News events manager, said: "This year we are delighted to have attracted an even broader range of businesses to our already successful wedding fair at the Fownes Hotel. We have received a number of calls from the public to find out more information about the exhibitors which demonstrates how much people are looking forward to this event."

"We have some beautiful dresses on show, from various local bridalwear specialists, being modelled throughout the day. We are also pleased to offer visitors the opportunity to try dresses on in one of the hotel's bedrooms."

"Our partnership with Fownes Hotel grows in strength from year-to-year, and we are looking forward to another successful event for everyone concerned."

Other companies at this weekend's event include FK Consulting, LighterLife, The Wedding Planner, White Wedding Pages, Wedding Day Diary, Wedding Photographs of Distinction, A-J Imaging, Beautiful Wedding Photographs, wedding photography by Tony Cluely and magic by Christian Fletcher professional wedding entertainer,

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She trained with her father in Birmingham's jewellery quarter for some years and approaches the design and production of the tiaras with a different attitude to most, always with an emphasis on quality.

All of the designs feature Claire's unique methods and the result is a lovely piece of jewellery built to last longer than just the wedding day.

The tiaras can be altered to suit the bride's face shape or to



Tiaras created by Clarella Bijoux fit perfectly.

include more, or less decoration for example, so the result can be as bespoke as required.

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The lightweight materials used by Clarella Bijoux also mean that the tiaras fit perfectly every time and are very comfortable to wear,

indeed many brides say afterwards how comfortable the tiara was to wear.

Clarella Bijoux also creates beautiful cake jewellery which is a stunning alternative to conventional cake decorating and with the launch of Clarella Bijoux wedding stationery in January 2008 it will be possible to match all the designs together thus carrying the same colour scheme or design throughout your wedding.

January 2008 will also see the launch of the Clarella Bijoux solid silver tiara selection.

You can choose your tiara from the current selection at www.clarellabijoux.co.uk or have one designed for you.

● The wedding fair will also feature Debenhams' Redditch branch, Goldstar, Royal Worcester Porcelain and Onceuponaparty.

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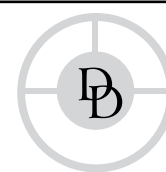
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The power of flowers is a skilled form of art

BRIDES looking for a personalised service from their florist should look no further than Worcester's Buds and Bows.

A specialist team lead by owner Lisa Stanley will be at the Fownes Hotel on Sunday to talk to brides about their individual requirements and happily make suggestions for any style of wedding.

Anything from traditional to modern or exotic floristry can be catered for thanks to the florist's well-developed skills and long-standing relationships with a number of reliable suppliers.

In fact, the shop has been in St John's for the last 15 years during which time the specialist team has worked hard to build up an enviable reputation in the area.

According to Lisa, her team offers a personal yet professional service which includes anything from bouquets to table settings,



Lisa Stanley, who owns Buds and Bows in St John's, Worcester, can offer help and advice at Sunday's wedding fair. 35139201

church decorations and balloons. Wherever the wedding is held the bride can rest assured her beautiful flowers will be ready and waiting.

She will not have to worry about anything on her special day because Buds and Bows prides itself on ensuring its role is carried out smoothly and efficiently.

As well as weddings, the shop also caters for other floristry requirements including corporate events and special days such as birthdays, anniversaries and funerals.

The business is pleased to

offer a competitive delivery service for local, national and international deliveries.

All that any potential customers has to do is pop into the shop with the glimmer of an idea and Lisa and her team will turn it into a radiant reality.

If you are interested in finding out more about Buds and Bows you can visit www.budsandbows.uk.com or telephone 01905 424161.

● Flora Design Studio, Floral Experts and Flowers Forever will also be at the wedding show.

ALICIA KELLY

Dress to thrill on the big day

ONE of the most important aspects of your wedding day is being suited and bootied in the perfect attire.

Greenwoods Menswear is on hand to ensure you look your best. It stocks a wide range of formal wear, from traditional tail suits to fabulous frockcoats and stylish Prince Edward jackets to full Highland outfits.

Hire co-ordinator Jacqui Bennett said: "We are very proud of our exclusive range, the newest and most comprehensive collection available in the formal hire market today."

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"At the same time, our dedication to design means that this is tied in with

contemporary styling details, new colour palettes and truly distinctive fabrics."

The company, founded in 1860, has more than 140 years of tailoring experience. Suits come in all sizes, from 20-in to 60-in chests and 18-in to 56-in waists.

Jacqui said: "We'll offer advice on choosing the appropriate attire, guidance on selecting a style to flatter as well as tips on wearing an outfit correctly and because we offer an extensive range of accessories clients can complete their outfit from head to toe with the peace of mind."

"So come and see us for expert help on dressing to perfection."

Greenwoods has a store in Evesham Walk, Redditch and on Friday, September 21, it will be opening a new branch on the corner of The Shambles and Reindeer Court in Worcester. Anyone who takes this article from the Worcester News along to the Worcester store will receive a 20 per cent discount.

● Also at Sunday's wedding fair will be Nicholas Smith and A-Z Wedding Services.

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CREATING the perfect ambience is an essential part of any wedding day celebration.

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Whether you want musical masterpieces from classical composers or hits from the Beatles - the ladies can cater for individual needs.

Catherine Price, who is the quartet's viola player, said: "We perform popular classical pieces by composers such as Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and Elgar, as well as lighter numbers by composers such as Gershwin and Scott Joplin, and more modern options - music from shows, films and the Beatles."

The quartet can also play modern-day pop music - some of its recent examples include hits by country music star Shania Twain and one of Ireland's most famous exports U2.

Formed in 1997, the string quartet comprises violinists Joanne Chambers and Louise Sharp, together with Catherine Price on viola and

Joanne Jeffries on the cello. They are all professional musicians and music teachers who pride themselves on making your wedding day extra special.

Louise said: "We play at church ceremonies, civil ceremonies, for the drinks reception and the wedding breakfast itself or while the photos are being taken."

"We can also play a people's houses if they are having a marquee."

And for that all-important first dance they can recreate a couple's special song. The group has enjoyed great success across the Midlands playing at wedding ceremonies, receptions, charity events, business functions and private parties as well as backing tracks for commercial artists.

They will travel to any venue - within reason.

For more information about the Wigornia String Quartet visit www.wigornia.co.uk or telephone Catherine on 07870 428044.

● Waveform Productions will also be exhibiting at Sunday's wedding fair at the Fownes Hotel in City Walls Road. **KATE YATES**



The Wigornia Quartet: Catherine Price, Joane Jeffries, Louise Sharp and Joan Chambers. 07548412



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David Chill, the owner of the Droitwich firm, said the new collection, in vibrant, bold colours offers an alternative to the conventional whites, silvers, golds and creams.

"We find people are colour co-ordinating a lot more so we have launched a range that uses colours like hot pinks, deep golds, bright greens, lilacs, turquoise blues and pastel pinks. The idea of the whole range is to choose the colour of card and colour of print.

"Wedding stationery should be personal and have a real meaning for a couple on their big day."

The firm, based in Worcester Road, specialises in hot foil print in metallics, golds and silvers.

All its designs have been created by the firm's graphic designer and creative director Lisa Bridge, who can use a couple's ideas to create bespoke wedding stationery.

● Also at Sunday's fair will be Magenta Designs, Paper Kisses and Virtu.

KATE YATES

Transport to delight comes in the shape of a limousine

ARRIVING at your wedding in style is often high on the list of priorities for couples who want to enjoy their special day from beginning to end.

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The family business, run by Joanne Pinfield and her husband Nick, is entering its sixth year and trade is brisk as more and more special occasions just seem to require that something extra.

And with four stretch limousines on offer, each measuring an impressive 28ft to 30ft in length, customers across the country are vying for the star quality these eight-seater vehicles can provide.

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Kevin Morris and Kelly Hill, left, with Nick Pinfield in one of the fleet of glamorous hire cars at Alpha Limousines. 07548413

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Sarah will be taking a selection of the latest styles of bridal gowns, bridesmaid's outfits and menswear to the Fownes Hotel on Sunday, September 2, for visitors to view. After 18 years in the business A-Z is renowned for stocking all the latest styles for both the bride and groom, offering advice, support and fantastic customer service to



Sarah Bowman offers a stunning collection of styles. 07141202

make that trip down the aisle a perfect and memorable occasion.

She said: "Our business has gone from strength-to-strength in the past five years. It has certainly become more fashionable for couples to get married again.

"Thanks to celebrities taking up the trend with glamorous weddings, business has really taken off and fashions have

moved on again as a result."

Sarah and her team will assist every couple in finding their perfect outfits and accessories from the company's vast range, to ensure that the bride, the groom and their entourage look their best on the wedding day.

● Also at Fownes Hotel on Sunday will be Greensleeves, Bridal Gallery, 2 Have and 2 Hold and Suzanne Bridalwear. JACKIE HARRIS

Chocolate is a talking point

YOUR wedding day should be a time of indulgence and making dreams come true.

So ask yourself this: is there anything that could make your reception more heavenly than a flowing cascade of warm chocolate into which guests can dip anything from strawberries to marshmallows?

If you're a chocoholic then the answer will definitely be no, and you will be delighted by Chocolate Fever's stand at the Worcester News wedding fair.

The chocolate fountain is 30 inches tall, it takes 22lbs of chocolate and is a stunning feature to make any event that little bit more special.

Jacqui Towers, who owns Chocolate Fever, said: "Once the chocolate is at the right temperature it is pushed up through a pipe and cascades down three tiers.

"We use milk, dark or white chocolate, or a flavour of choice like strawberry, cappuccino or lemon."

Family and friends can choose

from a variety of foods, including many types of fruit, marshmallows and mini doughnuts to dip in the warm, melted chocolate.

"Not only is it fabulous food it makes a great talking point for people. You find people gathered around the fountain chatting and socialising."

Chocolate fountains are a must at any wedding and will be talked about by guests long after your special day, so visit the Chocolate Fever stand at the fair, which is at the Fownes Hotel, Worcester, between 11.30am and 3.30pm on Sunday, September 2. Why not take the chance to have a chat with Jacqui and book your fountain for your big day?

Alternatively, if you would like to find out more about the sweet temptations you and your guests could be enjoying as part of your celebrations, visit www.chocolate-fever.co.uk

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