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The

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EADT Wedding Show



■ Francesca and Michelle Wilson, of Franbea Cakes.



■ Above and left, Sherry Keeble, of Love is Sweet.



■ Helen Dewberry and Olivia Newell.



■ Marie Hornby and Kerri Warren.



■ Edmond Wells and Andrew Fettes, of Fawly Wedding Services.



■ Peter Kerr, of Fun Casino Events.

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Sun shines on EADT Wedding Show at Seckford

Couples strolled hand-in-hand in the sunshine yesterday, soaking up the atmosphere of the EADT's inaugural Wedding Show at Seckford Hall.

CHARLOTTE SMITH-JARVIS reports...

Organisers estimate around 750 people attended the event, which spanned across two marquees and the Lakeside suite of the hotel, spilling out into the grounds where they soaked-up the atmosphere and enjoyed lunches and cream teas overlooking the lake.

Diana Sims from Archant, who oversaw the organisation of the event with her team, said: "We're delighted in the footfall for our first ever EADT Wedding Show here in Suffolk at Seckford Hall. The exhibitors seem to be happy (saying they have been very busy), and the sun is shining so we've been very fortunate. And I'm pleased that Seckford have booked us again for next year on March 22. I want to thank Fred Olsen Travel who have sponsored the show."

Mark Suddes, operations director of the hotel, echoed Diana, saying: "It's been amazing really, everyone is getting a lot out of today and it's a fantastic opportunity to showcase the hotel.

"On behalf of Seckford Hall Hotel I would like to thank the EDP and East Anglian Daily Times for allowing us the opportunity to share such a well received and attended event.

"The show has brought together



■ The EADT Wedding Show team at Seckford Hall - Nigel Briggs, Steve Maddams, Ian Tilley, Diana Sims, Chloe Brown and Fiona Jackson.

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"I can honestly say that the whole team could not have done anything more to ensure the success of the event and we look forward to building further on the success of this year's event."

Brides and grooms, in attendance with their families and friends, were overwhelmed by the amount of exhibitors at the show, and said it brought everything they needed

together under one roof.

Marie Hornsby said: "I got engaged at Christmas and are getting married at Kersey Mill. I've never been to a wedding show before but this is fantastic and the cakes here are amazing."

Rebecca Banthorpe commented on how "absolutely beautiful" the venue looked.

And Cherise Baxter said: "There's so much

here. It's got pretty much everything so you get an idea of all the things you have to plan. It's fantastic."

Nicola Atkinson, speaking on behalf of sponsors Fred Olsen Travel, said: "It's a really good, well organised show and it's a fabulous day. We have spoken to lots of brides and grooms and we're finding there's a lot of interest today in

Mauritius and America. We are pleased to be here."

A bit of friendly competition ensued on the day as wedding businesses vied to hold the title for best stand. The winners were Debbie and Giles Cawley of Sassa's Cakes, which has just relocated from the Norwich area to Diss. Stand out cakes on display from the duo wowed couples in the marquee

beside the hotel's East Wing, with the most impressive being one that appeared to be made of carved logs. Debbie said the size and layout of the event meant they had lots of space to really chat to brides and grooms about their wedding cakes.

■ If you missed the Wedding Show, put next year's (March 22) in your diary.



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The golden couple

Pauline and Colin Clements delighted in seeing young lovers at Seckford Hall Hotel yesterday, as they stayed at the venue celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with 50 members of their friends and family. The hotel arranged for them to enjoy having a few photographs taken in a classic car to commemorate their special day.



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■ Miranda Doe, of ExtravOrganza, a company that specialises in dressing chairs.



■ Charlotte Reeves, of The Bridal Lounge. Inset left, Richard Knott and Jessica Coombes-Walker.



■ Jessica Coombes-Walker and Steve Todd, of Coes.



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■ Above, Giles and Debbie Cowley, of Sassa's Cakes.

Top inset, Cherise Baxter and Emma Hume.

Left, crowds of people check out the various displays at the wedding show yesterday; Ladies are treated to a makeover; and the marquee in the grounds of Seckford Hall.

Victoria Hazelwood.

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■ Denise Charlesworth-Smith and Paul Smith, of Crystal Pig Accessories.



■ Claire Wakeling and Luke Last.

■ Victoria Cook and Rob Jackson, of Dazed Photography.



■ Rebecca Hunter and Emma Greentham, of Riley & Riley jewellery.



■ Chris and David Boardley, of Hungarian Hall and Anglia Coastal Marquees.



■ John Adcroft, of Open Top Touring.



■ Above, Rebecca and Paula Banthorpe.



■ Harry Sunderland, of Vintage Occasions.



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■ Marian Cocksedge, of Country Hair. Right, Linda Fowler and Nicola Atkinson, of Fred Olsen.



■ Matthew Dawkins, of A&M Events. Right, Rob Dobsworth Photography.



■ Freya Dunthorne, of Easton Grange.



■ Richard Lock and Jackie Read, of The Ultimate Stag & Hen Experience.



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