

The icing on the cake

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A former Highworth girl who became a solicitor in Swindon has come back to the area with her new company Bellissimo Weddings & Events.

Melanie Kiani went to Warneford School and used to be a solicitor with Carter, Read and Dove in Commercial Road.

But Melanie, a self confessed “foodie”, has gone back to build on a dream she had when training for her former career during which time she ran small outside catering assignments, worked in the restaurant and hospitality industry and in a bridal boutique in her spare time.

Circumstances took her to Bournemouth although she has kept her friends in this area and her first wedding is in Swindon this summer.

“When I moved to Bournemouth I still continued to be a lawyer and was a partner with a company in Bournemouth. But it was time for a complete change and hence Bellissimo Weddings & Events was born.”

Melanie, who is 33 and married, has done a host of jobs during her life and will be pulling together her experience when she worked in the field of private and commercial catering, in a formal men’s hire and bridal retailers and running her own catering company. All that and 12 years as a successful lawyer.

“I’ve come back to my passion for organising and while some people might say this is not the right time to start a business because of the credit crunch, I feel just the opposite.

“If you can be successful during a credit crunch then you are bound to do well.”

The company has kicked off quite well and Melanie has been running charitable fund raising events. Initially she intends to trade in Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire before she spreads her wings. Her organisation skills are second to none – she is even described in testimonials as working to military fashion precision.

“ With my local specialised knowledge of venues and suppliers and over a decade in local business means that I can help people with events and provide the right budget – and most importantly – help stick to it.

“With discounts from suppliers and venues which I can negotiate on your behalf - I am confident that the cost of my services will make events perfect.

“Event planning services are usually considered as somewhat of a luxury. At Bellissimo we offer a service which you literally cannot do without. It will feel like a luxury but certainly without a luxury price tag. The savings we can make for you and by helping you stick to budget means that our services will pay for themselves.”

Services they offer: • Birthday celebrations • Engagement parties • Last minute weddings • Weddings • Civil Partnerships • Private parties in your own home • Corporate Events • American style Bridal showers • American style Baby showers • Christenings • Anniversary celebrations • Vow renewals “ I believe that

your event should be what you want and should reflect you. It should truly be a success. We offer a wide range of services to cover all manner of events and we will take the stress away from you allowing you to enjoy the build up of your event and the day itself. We take the stress away from people, leaving them to enjoy being the host.”

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