



EASTNOR CASTLE

News Release

Celebrating 20 years of Castle weddings

In 2015, Eastnor Castle [near Ledbury in Herefordshire] is celebrating 20 years as a licensed wedding venue and is keen to hear from as many couples as possible who have tied the knot at Eastnor since 1995.

Changes to the Marriage Act in 1994 allowed marriages to be solemnized in certain 'approved premises'. Prior to the act, marriage ceremonies could only be conducted in churches and register offices. Eastnor Castle was one of the first approved premises in Herefordshire and was granted a license to host wedding ceremonies and partnerships in November 1995. Since then Eastnor has gained a reputation as one of the UK's most impressive and sought after venues.

To mark this important anniversary, the Castle team is asking couples to make contact through the Eastnor Castle Weddings Facebook page (facebook.com/eastnorcastleweddings) and to post images and favourite memories of their special day. An on-line photo album will be compiled so that past brides and grooms can share their memories with other couples, their friends and families. A new website blog will also be created in 2015, with regular posts and interviews with brides, suppliers and staff who have been involved with Eastnor weddings since 1995.

In addition and as part of this very special twenty years celebration, Eastnor is appropriately reducing its venue fee by 20% for all new weddings booked and held at the castle in 2015.

“In the 21st century it is easy to keep in contact with our customers” explained General Manager, David Littlewood. “However, before the days of social media, email and other digital communication, it was much harder and we have therefore lost contact with many couples who had their wedding day at Eastnor. We hope that our Facebook campaign will encourage people from all over the world to get back in touch and share their wedding day memories”

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Notes to Editor:

- Eastnor Castle is the home of the Hervey-Bathurst family and is also available for exclusive hire for weddings, private parties and corporate events.
- The Castle was built in 1812 for The 1st Earl Somers, an ancestor of James Hervey-Bathurst who now lives at Eastnor with his wife Lucy and their young children.
- The Castle sits at the centre of a 5000 acre estate in the foothill of The Malverns and is surrounded by a lake, arboretum and deer park.
- The Castle was extensively refurbished in the 1990’s and is lavishly decorated with Pugin-designed interiors, medieval armour and fine art. The large state rooms were designed for large-scale entertaining and have a comfortable and relaxed feel, in spite of the grandeur of the building.
- Land Rover have used the Estate woodland tracks for over 50 years to develop and promote their off-road vehicles.
- Between 2001 and 2011, Eastnor was also the home of The Big Chill music festival, which attracted over 40,000 music lovers

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