

Wedding Belles

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Flying high after wedding win

WHEN local bridal boutique, Wedding Belles, approached its 10 year anniversary, the team wanted to do something special to mark the occasion.

One year on and what they've achieved is remarkable – having helped one deserving couple have the wedding of their dreams and raised over £4,000 for Wales Air Ambulance.

Managing director, Diane Roberts said: "I decided to celebrate my tenth anniversary in the wedding business by undertaking my most ambitious project yet – to stage a competition from scratch so that one lucky couple could win a fairytale wedding and raise money for Wales Air Ambulance in the process."

The project obviously struck a chord with local people and Wedding Belles was inundated with competition

entries and offers of support from local businesses.

Diane said: "Thanks to the generous contributions from the local business community we were able to give one lucky couple a fairytale wedding worth over £22,000."

The competition was judged by an independent panel including opera sensation Bryn Terfel and TV presenter Llinos Lee, with the winning couple Paul Jenkinson, 35, and Angela Armstrong, 36, from Pwllheli revealed during a glittering black tie gala in June.

Suffering from a rare eye condition, Paul wanted to marry Angela before he loses his vision.

An auction of celebrity items including a signed boxing glove from Joe Calzaghe, was held during the gala. All proceeds from the competition and auction went to Wales Air Ambulance.

Diane recently presented a cheque for £4,027.90 to Wales Air Ambulance and the project culminated with Paul and Angela's wedding on November 5.

"We're thrilled to be able to support Wales Air Ambulance – this vital service costs over three million pounds a year to run and is funded entirely by charitable donations," added Diane.

Costs to run Wales Air Ambulance look set to rise in 2009 because aviation rules mean the service has to upgrade all of its aircraft next year.

If you would like to donate to Wales Air Ambulance, contact chief fundraiser Lynne Garlick on 07798 552 313.

■ For information on Wedding Belles, call 01492 879 449 (Llandudno) or 01248 717 200 (Llanfairpwll), or visit www.weddingbellesbrides.co.uk



Air raising: Diane Roberts from Wedding Belles, presents a cheque for £4,027.90 raised from the Win a Wedding competition to Lynne Garlick, Ian Binnington, Dave Massey and Paul Ramsden from the Air Ambulance team at Dinas Dinlle. NWAR031108WinaWedding



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