



Weddings

A fair way to find the perfect honeymoon...



ONE local travel agent is determined to demonstrate that the world really is your oyster when it comes to making those post-wedding plans. And to prove it, Specialist Travel in Sunninghill is hosting an extra-special travel fair on Saturday, March 3.

At the fair, which takes place at the Cordes Hall, Sunninghill, travel representatives from well-known tour operators will talk to visitors about ski and summer holidays, long haul and Mediterranean destinations, cruises and coach tours – the perfect honeymoon selection to choose from.

The fair will also include wine tasting, cookery demonstrations and local author and pilot Anita Mays, will be signing her book: *Flygirl Adventures*, all of which will put engaged couples in good stead for their upcoming big day.

During the event there will be two prize draws of a £500 holiday voucher and a chance to win a champagne afternoon tea

at Coworth Park, Sunningdale.

Even in a bumpy economic environment honeymoons are proving to be a much needed panacea. Specialist Travel manager Tony Bassett said: "In the market overall, bookings are around 15% down, however, at Specialist Travel we are up year on year against this time last year. There are some very good value holiday destinations outside the eurozone, including Turkey and Tunisia, and there are some wonderful hotels there. Spain is also good value, despite the fact that it is in the eurozone, and Greece offers good value to the pound. Not everyone is affected by the economy, there are those that are determined to do that exciting trip they have planned."

A special offer on the day is a 20% discount on holidays with the six star Crystal Cruise line, for trips in 2013/2014. For more information call Specialist Travel on 01344 627586 or email enquiries@stptravel.com www.specialisttravel.info

Love is in the air at Royal Windsor

BRIDES-to-be will find everything they need to plan their big day at the first, free Windsor Wedding Fayre on Sunday, February 26. The Macdonald Windsor, Harte & Garter and Mercure Castle Hotels, all outstanding wedding venues in the heart of the Royal town, are joining forces to showcase their banqueting suites and bridal packages from 11.30am to 4pm. The historic Windsor Guildhall opposite the Macdonald Windsor will also be open for show rounds.

Come along and hear about the range of fantastic special offers and package deals from just £55 per person; you will also be treated to

refreshments at each hotel. In addition there is a free prize draw on the day with lots of exciting items to win.

To register your interest today, or book an exclusive show round with a wedding co-ordinator, email windsorweddingfayre@macdonald-hotels.com or call the events team on 0844 879 9101.

There will be limited parking at the Mercure Castle Hotel on a first-come basis.

www.MacdonaldHotels.co.uk/Windsor
www.harteandgarter.com
www.mercure.com

Lunch with the First Lady of manners

SHE is the First Lady of Etiquette, a party planner to the royal rich and famous and is best known as the manners and etiquette specialist in the *Ladette to Lady* TV series. In her book, *Liz Brewer's Ultimate Guide to Party Planning and Etiquette*, Liz considers some of the main issues connected with planning a wedding, from the invitations to the thank-you letters.

With programmes like *My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding* there seems to be a sense of weddings becoming more

eccentric, but Liz said: "While the gypsy weddings appear wacky, it is all about the bonding of two families. Marriages don't seem to last too long now. In the past people would have a long engagement, that was the when you got to know each other, and had the right to break up at any time. It was a rehearsal where you could get used to being a couple and the idea of being married. And Liz should know, she was engaged six times before she made her debut

trip down the aisle. On the February 29, The Crown Inn in Amersham is hosting a three course literary lunch with Liz Brewer when she will distil her 30 years of party planning for some of the world's biggest stars into a luncheon and Q&A.

The Leap Year Luncheon is from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Tickets at £23 include three courses plus a signed copy of her latest book. RSVP to crownreception@coachinginn.co.uk or 01494 721 541