



LEFT: The Beckhams were entertained by Matt and Ola on their wedding day  
RIGHT: Max and Rob at work on the café



MUSIC ON THE MENU: Max Hillman (left) and Georgina Sherriff of Sambeckets with Rob Shearman at the café

Picture: Corin Messer

# From a Posh do to café society!

**T**HEY performed at Posh and Becks' wedding and now soul singer Ola and keyboard player Matt Johnson from chart-topping pop group Jamiroquai have a Poole gig - in a café!

It is all a far cry from the concert halls and arenas where Matt is now used to performing.

Jamiroquai have become a household name through hits including Space Cowboy, Cosmic Girl and Deeper Underground, but that won't stop Bournemouth-born Matt seeking out the occasional offbeat venue.

Appearing at a café in Hamworthy will be another feather in his cap after doing a musical turn at Posh and Becks' nuptials.

Matt and Ola aim to attract people to the razzmatazz May opening of the transformed Bay Café in Hamworthy Park.

Matt is keen to support the local area and his agent, Sambeckets

By Diana Henderson

Marketing, Media and Management Company of Bournemouth, is also helping the new lease-holder of the council owned café.

Matt said: "I'm getting used to playing unusual venues and this will be another for the collection."

"It is always nice to come back to your local town and Hamworthy Bay seems to be such a well-kept secret - it is such a beautiful spot."

Rob Shearman, of Rob's Event Catering, is transforming the run-down café with a £30,000 renovation.

The celebrity opening event on Bank Holiday, May 3, with barbecue and fete, will be another landmark in the park's history.

Ann Smeaton, of Rob's Event Catering, has discovered the council bought the land in 1925 for £400 and the park was officially opened by the mayor around 1930.

It is planned that the new café will have a simple menu and be family orientated with 28 seats inside and 30 outside under an awning. There will also be a takeaway service.

Local people are being asked to help put the finishing touches to the new-look café by donating old photographs.

Rob Shearman wants to celebrate the popular park's place in their lives. He said: "We are appealing for any old photographs of the park and the café so that we can put them up on the wall."

"We want to drum up interest in the local community and get everyone involved."

Ann Smeaton is also having difficulty finding old photos for her history of Hamworthy and would welcome any contributions.

Anyone who has any old photos can contact Poole leisure services on 01202 261303.

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