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Wedding expo set for Sunday

ONE of Ireland's most established and best known hotels is celebrating 30 years as a wedding venue by offering its most comprehensive ever wedding packages.

The Armada in Spanish Point, Co Clare will launch its 2014 Wedding Packages when it hosts The Clare County Bridal Exhibition this Sunday from 1pm to 5.30pm, featuring the West Clare Food Hall, Fashion Shows with the Holman Lee agency, Wedding Exhibitors and entertainment throughout the day. Special guest MC will be Celia Holman Lee.

The six new packages take account of the hotel's rich history while at the same time celebrate its breathtaking location overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the innovative approach by management that has seen it develop into one of the country's foremost wedding venues.

The first time a hotel stood on the cliffs where the Armada Hotel now stands was in 1808 when The Atlantic Hotel

was opened. The hotel warmly welcomed the gentry, royalty and clergy of Ireland and Europe until 1919. Almost 50 years later, the Armada's current owners bought what remained of the property. To this day, the original licence for the historic Atlantic Hotel is still in use at The Armada.

The provision of a modern, award-winning hotel on the site of what was once the biggest hotel in Ireland and Britain during the 1800s has proven to be an attractive proposition to brides and grooms down through the years. Three decades on from holding the first wedding of Nessa O'Brien and Brendan Sexton in 1984, the Management and Weddings team at The Armada continue to plan wedding packages with one eye on The Armada's historical soul and the other firmly set on the importance of adapting to ever-changing wedding trends, themes and fashions.

The innovative packages developed

for 2014 include the impeccable 'Picture Perfect' offering, 'The Sweetest Memories', 'Oh I do like to be Beside the Seaside' and the summer vibes of the 'Elegance by the Sea', to the all-partying 'West Clare Hooley' and the 'Clare Harvest of the Sea and Land'.

The Armada's lengthy track record one of the country's leading wedding venues and as a high quality accommodation provider is reflected in the awards it has picked up in recent times, including 'Overall Munster Venue of the Year' in the Weddings Online Awards 2013, a Platinum Award in the **Green Hospitality** Awards 2013, and its status as a 'Guaranteed Irish Hotel'.

The Armada will host The Clare County Bridal Exhibition this Sunday 2nd February from 1pm to 5.30pm. The Management and Weddings team will be on hand to discuss the new Wedding Packages and answer any queries from potential brides and grooms. More from www.armadahotel.com or 065-7079000.