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Bulgarian countess among dinner guests
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A BULGARIAN countess and a French singer-songwriter were among the guests at a black-tie dinner dance held in Trowbridge on Friday.

Hundreds of civic dignitaries and representatives from local businesses turned out for the annual Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce event, held at the Civic Hall.

Among the guests were composer, singer and pianist Frank Bechemilh, 32, and his Ukrainian wife Anna, 24, who is also a Bulgarian countess.



Anna and Frank with Lord Bath at the dinner dance

The couple were invited to perform at the event by chamber chief executive Mike Williams, who saw Mr Bechemilh sing at a hotel in the French town of Condom last year.

Mr Williams was in France with the Wessex chapter of the Mousquetaires d'Armagnac.

Mr Bechemilh, who married his wife Anna two months ago, said he enjoyed his first ever trip to England and hoped to come back and perform at the West Wilts Show 2009.

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He said: "I was very impressed by the hospitality from the people of this region, especially by Mr Williams who invited us to come.

"We have visited Bath and Trowbridge and we appreciate the food and the people."

Mrs Bechemilh added: "We loved singing for all those people."

More photographs of the dinner dance will appear in our next Wessex in Business supplement on March 7.