



Drama & Decadence

Jamie and Tanya's wedding at Woburn Abbey's Sculpture Gallery was a glamorous affair

Early days: Jamie and Tanya met in a London bar five years ago. "It was the same night I met Tom Jones, and spent longer talking to him than Jamie!" laughs Tanya. "Two of my friends chatted Jamie up for me. I immediately liked him, but it took over a year for us to get together. I fell in love with Jamie because he is so kind and caring, but at the same time strong and protective. I'm a strong-willed, independent person and he allows me to be me!"

The proposal: Jamie proposed to Tanya on the last day of a Christmas holiday in Egypt. "We were on the beach after a lovely meal," remembers Tanya. "It was a total surprise as looking back, he'd been so relaxed and normal at dinner! He got down on one knee in the sand – at first I had no idea what he was doing, but the tears came later when it had all sunk in!"

The hen and stag parties: Jamie is a White Collar Boxing champion, so the couple decided to base their parties around that theme. Tanya and her friends went to Budapest for a Rocky-themed hen party. "We stayed in the Gellert, a famous '20s thermal spa hotel," says Tanya. "We had great fun wine tasting at the House of Hungarian

Wines, and I was later dressed up in black shiny shorts, a pink T-shirt and pink boxing gloves! I think my friends regretted having given me gloves, as I made friends with the locals with some gentle punches!"

Jamie and the stags went to Cardiff Millennium Stadium to watch Joe Calzaghe and Mikkel Kessler fight. "I had to dress as a red-headed woman, much to the amusement of the 15 members of the party along with another 55,000 fans at the stadium!" remembers Jamie.

The theme: The couple opted for a Moulin Rouge-themed wedding. "We wanted our wedding to convey glamour, opulence and drama," says Tanya. Their colour scheme was black, gold and purple.

The Sculpture Gallery at Woburn Abbey fitted in perfectly with the couple's theatrical theme. "We loved the drama of the place," explains Tanya. "High ceilings, huge rooms, great artwork and sculptures – it was just so grand and had the 'wow factor'."

The outfits: Tanya wore a light gold, strapless gown from Pronovias, which she accessorised with a feather hairpiece from Gina Foster. During the photos, she kept warm with a short black fake fur jacket, and for the evening meal she wore a black feather boa and long black satin gloves for added glamour.