



TANTRIC matrimony

Mira Magecha, a 27 year old Make-up Artist & HR Business Partner, and Hetal Patel, a 30 year old Management Accountant, are a Tantric Club success story. They met at the club's launch party back in April 2004 and by October 2006 they were joined in matrimony. **J Wimal** spoke to the couple.

Had you used any other Asian dating services or event organisers previously?

No, neither of us had even thought about trying it – it just didn't appeal. Tantric Club was different from other event organisers as they always have an activity along with an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals.

Tell me about the night you met.

We got chatting after the ice-breaker that Tantric Club organised to get everyone mingling. It was actually quite natural, it didn't feel like an organised event where you feel you're on display. I was amazed that there were normal people there. We just started

chatting, had a couple of drinks, danced a little, laughed lots and well that's how it all started.

After the first time, did you meet up at further Tantric club events? How did things proceed?

Apart from the launch party, we've not been to any other Tantric Club events since it was just a great success that we never needed to again! We chatted over email and text messages for a few days before we organised to meet up and well that was the first of many dates!

How long after did you decide to get married? Tell me about the proposal.

We dated for just over a year before we decided to get married and as per the usual Indian ways the engagement took place – very unromantic. That is off course until a couple of weeks before the wedding when I (Hetal), with a bottle of champagne, the beautiful river view and down on one knee, proposed to Mira on a gorgeous Monday evening in September. Of course she said yes.

How did your parents/family/friends respond to your joining and meeting someone at Tantric Club?

We're both lucky as our parents are open-minded and respect us as independent individuals. They're not bothered about how we met, in fact their probably relieved that we've settled down. They probably thought it was never going to happen!

Seriously though, they've brought us up with good morals and values and trust our judgements. They just want us to be happy and build our lives together.

What would you say to others who are thinking about or hesitant about joining the Tantric club?

I would say be open minded and ultimately you don't have anything to lose. If all else fails and you don't meet the man of your dreams on the first event, you'll have had a fun night out and maybe learn something new and you never know - the next event could be The One.

