

# Paul & Vicky Leonard

Baku-based couple, Vicky Anderson and Paul Leonard, met in 2003 while they were both working at KBR in Leatherhead. By February 2004 Vicky had moved in to Paul's place and love was well and truly in the air!

The couple moved to Azerbaijan in October 2005; Paul came to join McDermott as Area Subcontracts Manager and Vicky came to enjoy some time as an ex-pat lady and do a little bit of English teaching at Language Services Direct. Whilst on holiday in the UK in August 2006, Paul surprised Vicky by booking a special lunch at Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons Hotel and promptly produced a ring and proposed during a romantic walk in the herb garden.

The blissful couple were wed on September 15th at Jesmond Dene House Hotel in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Vicky reminisced, "We saw the photos of the hotel in a wedding magazine and instantly knew it was the right place to get married. Just by chance it is located a few miles from where Paul lived as a teenager and where his parents live now. We spent the last year planning our wedding from Baku

– thank goodness for Skype and my mum!" As you can see, the wedding was a PINK affair (Vicky's favourite colour as everyone who knows her is well aware) with all the guests invited to participate by wearing something pink. Even the champagne was pink. It was a small wedding with just closest friends and family. The guests travelled from all over the world to join them; Paul's best men travelled from California and Sakhalin Island, one of Vicky's bridesmaids from Dubai and not forgetting the Vincent family and Luke Hammond from Baku!! The weather was superb, and the hotel did a great job in looking after the party very well. After the wedding the happily married pair spent a few days in the UK and then spent a week eating, drinking, shopping and sightseeing in New York. "Our hotel had unobstructed views up and down Manhattan and we got some fantastic night time views of the Empire State Building. We finished our honeymoon with 3 days in a luxury hotel in Oxford before coming back to Baku." Said Vicky, "Our wedding was perfect and we are now loving married life."

