

# Not a bridge too far for proposal

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It was supposed to be a humdrum Valentine's Day for Aleksandra Wasowicz.

She had seen the heart paraphernalia all day, heard the love songs on the radio and tried to catch the romantic mood.

Her boyfriend Tom Brimble got her with tickets for a tour of Tower Bridge for that evening, which might not have been the romantic candle-lit dinner she had hoped for. But the tickets were free, which was a bonus.

Then, as they climbed to the viewing walkway at the top of the landmark Victorian building, Tom excused himself to use the bathroom.

Little did she know, he was sneaking over to the other end of the walkway.

As Aleksandra was ushered towards one of London's most spectacular viewpoints, she was greeted with a choir singing "Stand By Me", which was also the couple's favourite love song.

The walkway was awash with rose petals, lanterns, tea lights, electric candles and lighting in fuchsia pink her favourite colour.

But it was not until she spotted signs professing Tom's love for her - with a little paw print from their new French bulldog puppy Albie - that she realised she had walked into a set-up.

He was about to pop the question - in the most spectacular fashion possible.

Tom bent down on one knee and asked her to be his wife. She couldn't help it - she started to bawl her eyes out.

The proposal was orchestrated by Clapham-based proposal specialists The Proposers and TV broadcaster London Live, who live-streamed the event during their news broadcast.

The event company would typically have charged £5,000 for this type of proposal, but instead

early thirties, met two years ago.

Sophie said: "It went all over social media and the couple absolutely loved it. I got a message from Aleksandra the next day saying that she loved the proposal and she was so thankful."

The six-year-old company has staged more than 1,000 proposals in venues such as the Battersea Park and the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

Sophie said: "We actually did a pug proposal recently in Battersea Park. The girl absolutely adored pugs even though the couple did not have one themselves.

"So we hired one for the occasion who went running over to the girl in the park. She then noticed a Will you marry me? sign on his collar. She burst into tears."

They have found that Valentine's Day is not the most popular time for popping the question - most prospective fiances think it is too corny.

Instead, Christmas Day is the favourite date on the calendar.

But Tom has set the bar quite high - about 140 feet above the surface of the Thames, in fact.

The Proposers was founded by Daisy Amodio when her brother asked for help with his own proposal. She enjoyed it so much she decided to start her own company replicating the experience.

did it as a freebie in conjunction with the broadcaster.

Proposal planner Sophie Cooper said: "Tom came to us saying he wanted to propose and when we met up with him he was lovely.

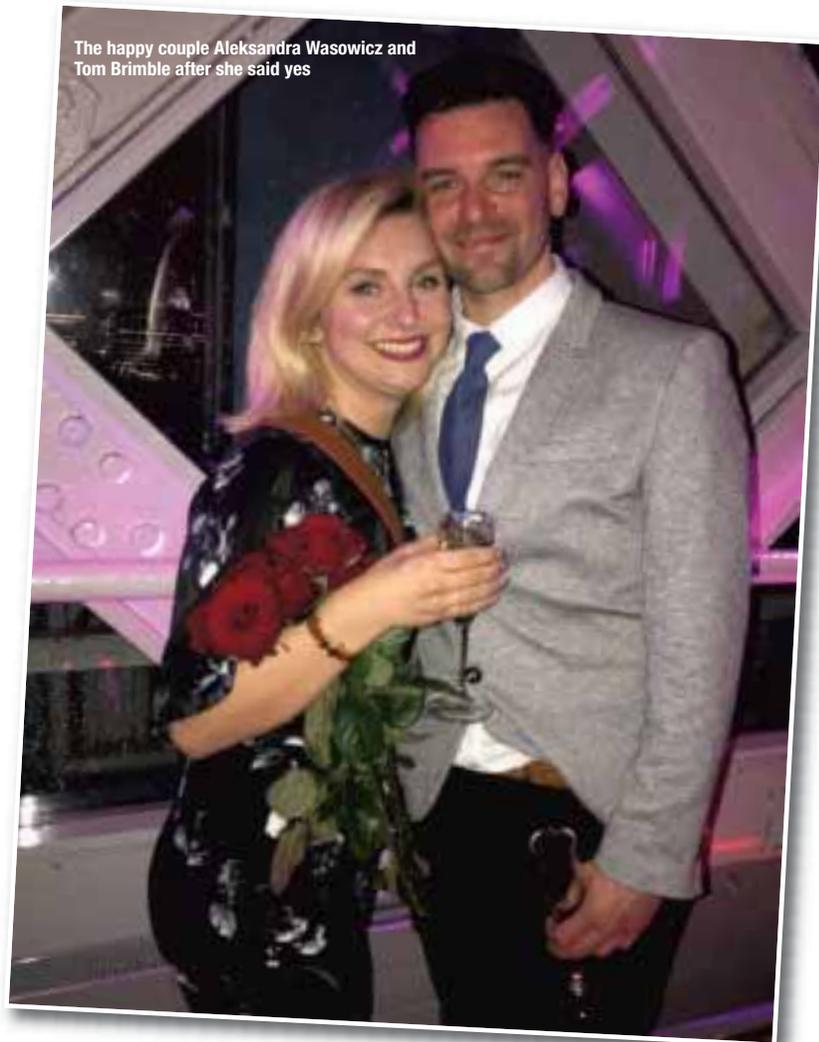
"He was quite shy at the beginning - really nervous.

"But then we started coming up with ideas for a big proposal on Tower Bridge and telling him what we could create and he came out of his shell. He was really excited about it."

The couple, both in their



Aleksandra's engagement ring



The happy couple Aleksandra Wasowicz and Tom Brimble after she said yes



The happy couple Aleksandra Wasowicz and Tom Brimble after she said yes

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