

Goodbye 2020, hello 2021!



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Whilst for most of us 2020 was doubtless an “annus horribilis” to say the least, it has given us time to contemplate and reconsider. Things we had set store by, invested time, love and money in, did not happen. Instead, the cogs of our daily machinations came to a grinding halt and we came to realise that family and friends, health and happiness were paramount and small pleasures became the order of the day.

Fortunately, we were blessed with the most glorious spring in memory, the skies cleared to blue, birdsong filled the air and we looked to Mother Nature in all her verdant majesty for our daily inspiration and comfort. The ‘bricks and mortar’ of Cornwell Manor have of course weathered the storm far better than us mere mortals and the gardens have flourished in a year fallow of footfall and marquees, (the croquet lawn in particular is looking finer than ever and has been much enjoyed this summer by the family!)



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Although we were unable to host any of our planned events and weddings, we were fortunate to find some business in renting the house to smaller groups for a short spell this summer, ensuring the house remained lived-in, enjoyed, never neglected and ever-loved, under the careful attention of Zuzana, our housekeeper and David & Ian, the handy-men!

The gardens have been meticulously tended to by Tim & Jan, who between them have done an incredible job keeping everything in tip-top condition (as a I hope you will have seen on my Instagram photos!) and fully prepped for a bumper year of weddings in 2021 with Oly & Lenka staying on in the house to see this next busy season through.

Our hopes for 2021 are looking brighter day by day and we will be oh-so-ready to welcome our first guests in May with open arms (just as soon as we are able!) and look forward to some extra special celebrations that will be all the more joyous having waited so long for them.

I for one cannot wait to get back to the work that I love and to see the house and gardens brimming with guests, buzzing with excitement and bustling with our wonderful trusty suppliers (sorely missed this year), doing what we do best – making memories.



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So on that note, let's raise a glass together to a peaceful Christmas and a healthy & Happy New Year!

With all good wishes for 2021,

Charlotte x

