

# PHILIPPA CRADDOCK FLOWERS

## NEWS AND IMAGES FROM PHEASANTS HATCH SPRING 2011



### THIS SEASON

Amid all the hubbub of the new season, our latest newsletter celebrates those magical, still moments that you can only really cherish when life is at its busiest.

We have had an incredible couple of years, developing floral installations and designs for a wide range of celebrations. During this time, my husband Tony has never been far away from the action, capturing the very best moments on camera. We've chosen our favourite images for our new exhibition, wedding and hire galleries.

Keeping with the theme of inspiring images, we've recently discovered the work of one of the UK's most talented wedding photographers. In this edition, we tell all about the wonderful work of Lisa Delvin, along with news about our latest collection of plant gifts, and an inspiring country retreat we discovered on a recent trip to the Cotswolds.

Enjoy!

Philippa



## STILL LIFE

I'm always completely bowled over by artists and photographers who manage to capture a sense of intimacy and quietness in the biggest and brightest of celebrations.

We recently came across the work of Lisa Delvin, an amazing photographer who creates images of depth and character with effortless style. Winner of the Wedding Photographer of the year, Lisa has worked extensively across the UK and we can't wait to collaborate with her on an upcoming project.

In the meantime, take a look at her beautiful work by visiting her website—[www.delvinphotos.co.uk](http://www.delvinphotos.co.uk).



## ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

A stunning beautiful hotel, a warm, friendly atmosphere and a relaxing retreat for adults and children... sound too good to be true?! We thought so too until we found Calcott Manor, a stylish family run hotel and spa set deep within the Gloucestershire countryside.

Chic, fun and inspiring in equal measure, Calcott Manor is simply perfect. Our boys loved the extensive adventure playground, swimming pool, the amazing crèche and their very own special daily dinner with all their new friends. Meanwhile I was lucky enough to spend some time with the head gardener, the highly creative and knowledgeable Richard Gatenby, who creates a host of floral displays and unusual designs for the hotel. Bumping into old uni friends made an already wonderful weekend complete. Go to [www.calcotmanor.co.uk](http://www.calcotmanor.co.uk) for more info.



## WEDDINGS

We have worked with some truly wonderful couples to create a host of different wedding flowers over the last few months. From late summer weddings, brimming with colour and contrast, to country houses laced with heady English blooms, we've pulled together a few of our favourites into what we hope is an inspiring gallery.

Two of last summer's weddings are the subject of upcoming features in the next editions of Conde Naste Brides and Wedding Flowers magazines. All of us here and the couples are so very much looking forward to these coming out. In the meantime, we've received a lovely mention in Brides Magazine Blog this month – thank you!

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In our next issue, we're featuring the wedding of Tamsin Barbakoff, Brand Director at Jenny Packham. Style-queen Tamsin and her groom opted for a laid back country wedding with pretty rustic details that are sure to inspire. You'll have to wait until next month to see it for yourself, but I have a feeling that once you do Tamsin's florist of choice, Philippa Craddock will be receiving lots of calls from *Brides* readers. Known for her elegant and understated flowers, she will work within your budget to create stunning arrangements for your reception space as well as amazing bridal party flowers. If you have an exact idea of what you'd like flower-wise, then great, but if you aren't a regular at Covent Garden Flower Market and don't know a daffodil from a dahlia, then that's ok too. Philippa will find out your preferences by asking all the right questions before talking through ideas and options. As well as her gorgeous floral creations, she has a huge collection of candelabras, urns, vases and votive holders to choose from, so you'll can count on a wedding look that's both special and unique.

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## A WESTMINSTER AFFAIR

While all our weddings and events are planned with intricate detail, one previous event even required a crane to help lift and install various designs, perhaps our biggest logistical challenge is yet to come! We are delighted to be providing the flowers for a beautiful wedding taking place in Westminster Cathedral, and later at Claridges, the day after the Royal Wedding. Roadblocks and revelers aside, we can't wait to work these majestic locations.



## Event styling In Vintage Fields

*Every wedding is the start of something special, but for Isobel Wilkinson, helping her nephew create the perfect wedding has led to an exciting new business venture.*

A life long love of parties and a successful track record of designing and running a number of boutique hotels in Sussex has helped Isobel, and her business partner Lucy, to launch In Vintage Fields, an exciting, highly creative event company, specialising in weddings.

We absolutely love their eye for detail and amazing, outdoor celebrations. Take a peek by visiting [www.invintagefields.co.uk](http://www.invintagefields.co.uk).



## THE SPRING COLLECTION



### **Pure White Hyacinth**

Nothing heralds a new season quite like a Hyacinth. Delicate pure white pips sit gracefully on top of one another to create a beautiful, vintage display, releasing the most wonderful scent imaginable.

A bright window sill and a little regular watering is all that is required for this lovely plant which will continue to flower until late spring. Hyacinths can be enjoyed year after year both indoors or outside in borders and pots.

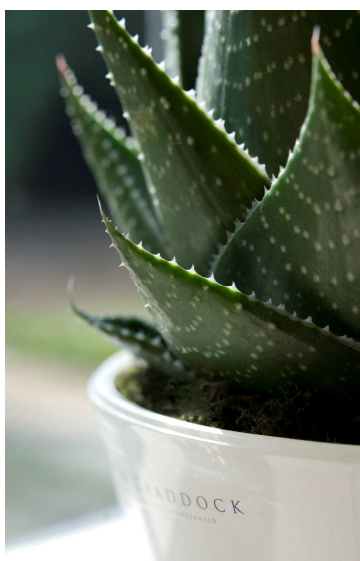
£48 (with pot, gift box, personalised notecard, tissue paper & ribbon)



## Aloe Healing Plant

Our Aloe plant is a rejuvenating addition to any home after the cold winter months. Presented in our signature opal pots, the Aloe is crammed with a natural healing gel that can be found and collected from every leaf. Enjoying warm, well lit rooms and regular watering, the Aloe will remain a constant companion throughout the year, with its elegant, tall leaves sitting proud above its pot month after month.

£52 (with pot, gift box, personalised notecard, tissue paper & ribbon)



## Japanese Skimmia

The beautiful shades of blush we adore this season are elegantly interpreted in our new Japanese Skimmia. Soft, pale beads of colour transform into tiny white flowers which drench the evergreen foliage of this large plant. Our Skimmia will continue to delight throughout the year, with small fruits emerging in the autumn months. It can also be enjoyed inside or out with minimum effort and care required.

£75 (with pot, gift box, personalised notecard, tissue paper & ribbon)

