



WELCOME TO OUR

What's on April Newsletter

What's your Spring Plan?

APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

11-14 April Soul and Motown Weekend - Only a few rooms left 3N £135 per person BBEM

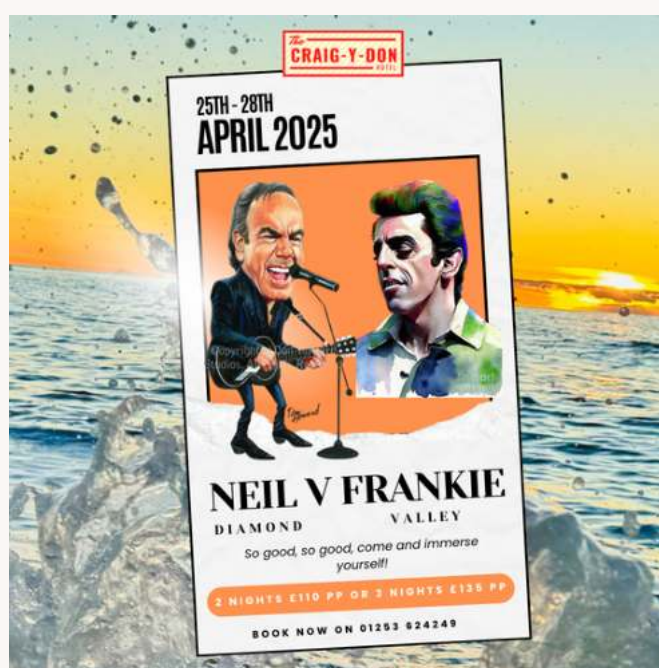
14-18 April Half Term, kids 2-15 half price

18-21 April Easter Weekend £3N £195 per person BBEM

21-25 April Bringing Back the Good Times £169 per person BBEM

25-28 April Frankie Vali V Neil Diamond Weekend - Only a few rooms left 3N £135 BBEM

28 April -2 May Happy Week All Inclusive £199 per person BBEM plus free bar 8-10 pm



Postcards from Blackpool

Did you know the history of postcards dates back to 1894? The Royal Mail permitted publishers to make and send postcards through the postal system, but it took a few years for them to catch on. By the early part of the 1900's the post office was dealing 1,000 a day from Blackpool.

The seaside postcard grew in popularity and it became a tradition to send scenic views to friends and family back home with a message usually commenting on the weather, the hotel and food and the old cliché 'Wish you were here'.

Then, in the 1930's the cartoon saucy postcard appeared, offering a bit of cheeky fun. Who is guilty of reading or sending one! After the Second World War, a campaign was started against the standards of these postcards, stating they were vulgar. The newly elected Conservative government was concerned about the content of some of these postcards and introduced a postcard censor and banned the ones they considered too rude.

In 1948, a post-box was installed at the top of the Blackpool Tower! It became a novelty to send a postcard from Britain's highest post-box, franked "Posted at the top of the Tower". Postcards are an interesting record of social history and original postcards are collector's items with rare ones selling for large sums of money.

With the impact of social media and increased postal costs, postcards have largely been replaced with Facebook, Instagram, or WhatsApp to show friends and family what they have been up to on holiday.



New for this season - Out of this world

Step into our "Out of This World" weekend! Prepare to be amazed by a master magician's illusions, delve into the depths of your mind with a captivating hypnotist and enjoy top cabaret. This exclusive event promises an unforgettable escape, where the extraordinary becomes reality. Join us for a weekend of wonder, laughter, and pure entertainment, and leave the ordinary behind.

21st -24th November 2025

Three nights Breakfast and Evening dinner only £159 per person

Two nights £120 Breakfast and evening Dinner only £120 per person



The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL

OUT OF THIS WORLD WEEKEND
21-24 November
Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal
BOOK NOW FOR AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCE!

2N- £120pp **3N- £159**

Experience the magic of dazzling illusions and the mysterious world of hypnosis!
Plus Cabaret on Friday & Sunday

FINDERS KEEPERS

We've all experienced travel roulette looking for a hotel, scrolling through online listings, pouring over reviews and hoping the reality matches the images when you arrive.

Sometimes the accommodation is perfectly adequate and a place to rest your head but occasionally magic happens. You stumble upon a hotel that clicks, a place that feels like it was designed for you and it goes far beyond a lovely hotel and bedroom, it's the genuine warmth of the staff welcome and an overall enjoyable experience.

It's good to know you have a reliable base, a place where you can unwind and recharge after a day of exploring. There's a sense of familiarity and comfort that allows you to truly relax and embrace the experience.

When you find your keeper hotel travel becomes less stressful and more enjoyable, embrace it and make the Craig Y Don your travel companion for life.



MEET THE STAFF

JOHN

Meet John from the maintenance department, he's one of our unsung heroes who works behind the scenes. John grew up in Maidstone, Kent and his first job when he left school was as a handyman in a local motel. Even though John has worked in hotel maintenance for a long time, he has done other types of work.

He left the handyman's job to work in a factory that produced the paper bank notes are made of, he worked there for ten years and then spent a few years working as a laundry production manager.

John's next move was to Blackpool to open a bed and breakfast with his partner; they completely renovated the property and ran a successful business for seventeen years. Unfortunately, due to his partner's failing health, they had to sell the business and John went into hotel maintenance as a full-time job.

John joined us last year and he says he loves his job at the Craig y Don hotel, mainly because of the team he works with and he also enjoys revamping the bedrooms. If you have stayed in rooms 1 to 7 this year, they are all a testament to John's handiwork.

In his spare time, John enjoys driving his Lexus to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales, amateur photography and gardening. He's all for the quiet life, watching sci-fi programmes and listening to dance classics.

Fun fact: John is an avid Carry-On film fan; he's watched every film at least six times. So, if you fancy a chat about Sid James and Kenneth Williams or just need a lightbulb changing, either way, John's your man!

