



**WELCOME TO OUR**

# **What's on April Newsletter**

**BLACKPOOL IS GOING ALL OUT THIS  
SPRING!**

# **STANLEY PARK TURNS 100 YEARS OLD**

This year marks a remarkable milestone for Stanley Park as it celebrates 100 years at the heart of our community.

Officially opened in 1926, Stanley Park was created during a time when Blackpool was thriving as one of Britain's most popular seaside resorts. The park formed part of an ambitious vision to provide elegant green space for both residents and visitors, somewhere away from the bustle of the promenade where people could relax, stroll and enjoy beautifully designed surroundings.

The land was originally purchased by the council in the early 1920s, and renowned landscape architect Thomas Hayton Mawson was commissioned to design the park. His vision brought sweeping pathways, formal Italian gardens, ornamental lakes and carefully planned vistas that still shape the park today. The striking Art Deco café and sports facilities soon followed, cementing Stanley Park as a social and recreational hub for the town.

Over the decades, Stanley Park has hosted everything from boating afternoons and bandstand concerts to community events and family gatherings. Generations have learned to ride bikes along its paths, fed ducks by the lake, played bowls and tennis, or enjoyed a quiet moment beneath its mature trees.

Now recognised as one of the finest examples of early 20th-century municipal park design in the country, award-winning Stanley Park remains a source of pride for Blackpool. Its centenary is not only a celebration of its history, but of the memories it continues to create.

As we mark 100 years of this treasured green space, it's a wonderful reminder of the importance of parks in bringing communities together, offering space to breathe, reflect and reconnect. Here's to the next century of Stanley Park.



# **BENIDORM COMES TO BLACKPOOL THIS DECEMBER!**

Why fly to Benidorm when Benidorm is coming to the Craig y Don? And it's as cheap!

Join us 7-11 & 14-18 December for our special "Craig y Don Does Benidorm" 4-night break, bringing all the fun and entertainment of the Costa to Blackpool.

Enjoy sangria, fabulous drag queen, top comedian and fantastic cabaret straight from Benidorm, we can promise you great entertainment every night

No airports, no queues, just great entertainment for this brilliant festive getaway.

Book now and don't miss the party!

**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

**18+ ADULTS ONLY**

## **THE CRAIG Y DON** *Does Benidorm*

**Fabulous Comedians,  
Cabaret & Drag Queens!**

Free  
Glass Of  
Sangria!

BED, BREAKFAST  
& EVENING MEAL  
NIGHTLY  
ENTERTAINMENT

**7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**4 Nights Monday - Friday**  
**£179 Per Person**

## **MEET THE STAFF... BIG FLO**

Flo has been part of the Craig y Don family for two and a half years, bringing skill, warmth, and a love of food to the kitchen. Originally from Romania, Flo's journey has taken him across Europe. After starting his career in furniture manufacturing, he moved to Majorca in 2004 to work in construction, living there for 10 years before spending time in Munich, Germany.

Family ties eventually brought him to England, where his wife was already working at the Craig y Don. Together, they have two children, aged 9 and 21.

Flo loves his role at the hotel, enjoying every day catering for guests and working alongside his team. Fluent in Spanish and with strong German, he brings a cosmopolitan flair to the kitchen, though he still misses the sunny Spanish weather and hopes to return one day.

Off duty, Flo is a passionate football fan supporting Manchester City, a talented pianist, and enjoys singing traditional Romanian folk music. His mix of culinary skill, musical talent, and zest for life makes him a much-loved member of the Craig y Don team.



# **THE CRAIG Y DON IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH**

At Craig y Don Hotel, wellbeing isn't a trend, it's simply how we've always done things. Long before "wellness breaks" became popular, we were creating a place where guests could relax, recharge and enjoy the simple pleasures that genuinely make you feel good.

## **Fresh Air & Seaside Strolls**

Located along the famous Blackpool Promenade, we're perfectly placed for daily walks by the sea. The fresh coastal air, gentle exercise and calming sound of the waves are natural mood boosters. A stroll along the promenade or time spent on the beach offers space to breathe deeply, clear your mind and reconnect with nature.



## **Nourishing Home-Cooked Food**

Wellness starts from within, and our home-cooked meals are prepared using quality ingredients sourced from trusted local suppliers wherever possible. From hearty breakfasts to satisfying evening meals, we believe good food brings comfort and balance. We also cater for younger guests, offering meals that keep children fuelled for fun-filled days by the seaside.

## **Laughter, Family & Connection**

Spending meaningful time together is one of the best things you can do for your wellbeing. At the Craig y Don, families come together to share meals, enjoy live entertainment and create lasting memories. With Blackpool's vibrant attractions just moments away, there's always something to smile about and as the saying goes, laughter truly is the best medicine.

# **Mindfulness... Even at Bingo!**

Who says bingo isn't mindfulness? Concentrating on your numbers, staying present in the moment and sharing a light-hearted laugh with fellow guests is a wonderful way to switch off from everyday worries. It's social, engaging and great for focus, all important parts of mental wellbeing.



# **Entertainment Beyond the Screen**

In a world dominated by devices, we're proud to offer live children's entertainment that encourages kids to step away from screens and get involved, during the school holidays. From music and games to interactive fun, it's about real experiences and real laughter.

# **Choice & Balance**

We offer a wide range of non-alcoholic drinks alongside traditional favourites, ensuring everyone can enjoy a refreshing choice that suits their lifestyle. Wellness is about balance and that includes having options.

At Blackpool, the energy of the seaside combined with the warmth and friendliness of our hotel, creates the perfect recipe for feeling good. Whether it's fresh sea air, wholesome food, quality family time or simply a good laugh, a stay at the Craig y Don is more than a getaway, it's a boost for body and mind.

# SPRING MIDWEEK PACKAGES

Tired of battling the summer crowds and endless queues? Yearning for a relaxing getaway without breaking the bank? Then look no further than The Craig Y Don.

Imagine strolling along the iconic promenade under the warm spring sunshine, a gentle sea breeze on your face, without the hustle and bustle of peak season. Picture yourself enjoying all of Blackpool's top attractions and catching spectacular shows at the theatres, all while enjoying a more tranquil and intimate atmosphere.

Our Spring midweek breaks at the Craig Y Don are designed with adults in mind, offering a relaxed and enjoyable experience. Many of our breaks boast fantastic themes, promising nostalgic fun and entertainment for everyone.

Choose from our ever-popular Sixties Festival, the feel-good vibes of Bringing Back the Good Times, shake, rattle and roll at our Rock and Roll Festival, get into groove at our Soul and Motown midweek break, the cheerful Happy Week, or the laughter-filled Comedy Club Week, all available for the incredible price of just £179 per person!



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL** ADULTS ONLY WEEK 18 WEEK

Join Us for **THE COMEDY CLUB WEEK**

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
4 NIGHTS OF COMEDIANS & DAZZLING DRAGQUEEN

BED BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL  
MON - FRI  
£179pp  
PER PERSON



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

REVISITING THE 50'S, 60'S AND 70'S MUSIC SCENE  
**BRINGING ON BACK THE GOOD TIMES!**  
A NOSTALGIC TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

4 Nights Monday - Friday  
£179 pp  
Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

**60'S SIXTIES FESTIVAL WEEK**

REIGNITE YOUR PASSION FOR THE ERA THAT BROUGHT US FLOWER POWER, TWIGGY, PIRATE RADIO AND THE BEATLES!

BED, BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL

4 Nights Monday - Friday  
£179pp

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

**Shake Rattle & Roll**

Rock and Roll Hits and Jukebox Faves

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
£179 pp  
Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

IT'S **HAPPY Week**

INCLUDING 20 DRINKS VOUCHERS WORTH APPROX £80!

BED, BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL  
27<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT AND BINGO

4 Nights Monday - Friday  
£199pp



**The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL**

A Magic Week in 69  
**MOTOWN AND SOUL**  
WITNESS IT!

Do You Like Sweet Soul Music? 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
BED, BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL

4 Nights Monday - Friday  
£179 pp

# **NEW ICE SHOW AT THE PLEASURE BEACH ALICE, FROZEN IN A WONDERLAND**

This year's sensational Hot Ice Show at Blackpool Pleasure Beach returns with an all-new production, Frozen in Wonderland, a breathtaking journey into a glittering world of ice, imagination and high-energy performance.

Staged in the intimate Pleasure Beach Arena, Hot Ice is renowned for showcasing world-class skaters in a fast-paced, visually stunning show. Frozen in Wonderland brings a magical twist to the tradition, combining dramatic choreography, spectacular lighting effects and dazzling costumes inspired by a fantastical winter dreamscape. Expect jaw-dropping lifts, precision ensemble routines and spellbinding solo performances, all set to a powerful soundtrack that keeps the energy soaring from start to finish.

With its vibrant colours, theatrical flair and extraordinary skating talent, this year's production promises to be one of the most memorable yet. The show perfectly blends elegance and athleticism with pure entertainment, making it a must-see during any visit to Blackpool.

For guests of the Craig-y-Don, it's an ideal evening out. Just a short tram ride away, Hot Ice: Frozen in Wonderland offers a spectacular addition to your seaside stay, perfect for couples, friends and families looking to experience one of Blackpool's most iconic live attractions.

Opening 9<sup>th</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> September, be sure to check performance dates and book ahead, as this dazzling show continues to be one of the highlights of the resort's entertainment calendar.

