



WELCOME TO OUR August Newsletter

OPEN AND BOOKABLE FOR 2025!

Did you know our booking phone lines are open for the 2025 season, with most prices held, we've got some great packages and themed breaks lined up. All these can be viewed on our 'Special Offers' page on our website and watch out for features on themed breaks on our Social Media pages.

These getaways are only available directly with the hotel and are not available to

Booking Com or Expedia.
Which date will you choose?



LAST MINUTE GETAWAYS – WHY BLACKPOOL THIS AUGUST?

Blackpool is bursting at the seams with things to do, there's tonnes of attractions, shows and events to suit all tastes and ages, adrenaline-fuelled roller coasters at the Pleasure Beach, the thrills of Blackpool Tower Circus, learn about all the different species in our oceans at the Sea Life Centre or pose for that perfect selfie with the famous stars at Madame Tussauds.

You can't beat a day on the beach, so don't forget your bucket and spade, what about a day at the Sandcastle Water Park for the best indoor water slides? Situated two miles away, you will find Blackpool Zoo, home to 1,500 exotic animals and Stanley Park which has recently been voted the best park in the U.K.

If all of this isn't enough to tempt you to have your staycation in Blackpool, there are three fun-filled Piers, Crazy Golf, Ascent Trampoline Park, Showtown, Peter Rabbit Explore and Play and numerous Amusement Arcades.

Blackpool comes alive at night with two theatres showcasing musicals, concerts, plays and stand-up comedy, starring some of the best names in show business or paint the town red at Blackpool's many pubs, clubs, restaurants and casinos.

We've got limited availability, so what are you waiting for? Snap up those last few rooms!

The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL

August
• MIDWEEK OFFER •

Week Half Term & Bank Holidays - Children half price
FROM

£230 PP

4 Nights Mon-Fri
Bed & Breakfast
With Evening Meal
Nightly Bingo,
Nightly Cabaret and
Children's Entertainment on Selected Nights

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AUTUMN BREAKS

Autumn wouldn't be the same without a trip to Blackpool to see the world-famous Illuminations, there's a magical buzz in Blackpool this time of year, so come along and enjoy this cherished family tradition. Be dazzled by a six-mile spectacular festival of lights, shining nightly from the 30th of August

Did you know the Illuminations only use green energy from renewable sources comprising of wind, small-scale hydro, landfill and bio-gas? The procurement of green electricity has reduced the annual Illuminations carbon dioxide emission to zero saving 420 tonnes per year into the atmosphere.

We've limited availability at the weekends but there are still rooms available midweek, stay Monday to Friday for the perfect price of £210 per person including hearty breakfast, sumptuous evening dinner and nightly entertainment. Give us a call and snap up our last few rooms.



GIVE US A CALL TO BOOK ON 01253 624249

MEET THE STAFF

Spotlight on Mel, who heads up the housekeeping team, she's worked at the hotel for 13 years and has a very positive outlook to getting the job done, motivating her team to get those rooms nice and clean for you. Born in Blackpool, she has lived here all her life and lives with her partner Dom and has three grown up daughters. Mel is a horse lover and in her spare time, she looks after and rides her horse Star, who is a rescue horse she has given the best life to. Before she starts work in the morning, Mel is down the stables cleaning them out before she even puts a shift in at work!

She also enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren, meeting new people and weekend getaways in her campervan. Mel likes listening to 80's music and she's an avid Northern Soul fan.



THE PENNY ARCADE

The term 'Penny Arcade' came into use around 1905 and the name comes from the penny coin which was the coin used to operate the arcade machines. These vintage noisy, flashy entertainment centres were packed full of machines and they became especially popular on the pier at seaside resorts like Blackpool.

Who remembers some of these arcade games from your childhood - what about the cheeky 'What the Butler Saw' and other peep shows, come on own up, who's guilty of having a peek! How about the infectious Barnacle Bill the 'Laughing Sailor' and the many 'Test Your Strength' and 'Fortune Telling Machines' Do One Armed Bandits, Pinball Machines, Grabber Cranes and Penny Falls all bring back fond memories for you?

The next generations enjoyed Space Invaders, Asteroids, Pac Man, Donkey Kong and Tetris. Video games became part of our culture and we started to enjoy them in our homes not just in the Arcades. What's your favourite retro game?



LOW DOWN ON NEILS 60th BIRTHDAY BASH

This was a weekend to remember and as soon as we released the dates last March, most of the rooms sold out within days, which speaks volumes for Neil's popularity.

We decided it all had to be about Neil, his favourite singers, food and games, he had absolutely no idea what we had planned.

Neil loves Adult Pass the Parcel and takes great delight in making our guests wear the item they have just unwrapped. On Friday, Neil was asked to join in the Pass the Parcel game and guess what? The music stopped at Neil every time and by the end of the game, he was dressed in a bib, funny hat, Oldi (not Aldi!) boxer shorts, silly glasses and bow tie.

Saturday, we presented Neil with 'This is Your Life' and we invited six of his friends to spill the beans on what Neil really gets up to in his personal life. Then it was get your own back on Neil and he was made to participate in the Craig Y Don Challenge, which is a series of challenges he usually pressgangs some of the guests to join in over the festive period. His favourite artists Bonnie Le Blue, Johnny Wright and Liam Halewood performed throughout the evening.

There was much love and laughter in the room for this amazing, special person, he was overwhelmed with messages, cards and presents and it was one of the best nights ever at the Craig Y Don.

Sunday, Neil presented some of his favourite game shows and the energetic Up Highs ended Neil's weekend bash with all his favourite dance classics.

Thank you to everyone who stayed for the weekend and all your messages, cards and presents.

