

WELCOME TO OUR

What's on December Newsletter

Well, that's 2024 nearly all wrapped up and this time of year we like to look back at our favourite moments.



Looking back on 2024

What a year! We celebrated Neil's 60th birthday, it was all about Neil, his favourite food, music and entertainment but he didn't know whether to laugh or cry when we presented 'This is Your Life'.

The Sixties Festival was a blast, dressing up in 60's style fashions and reliving those great retro sounds, especially from Logan Paul Murphy, who was sensational. Expect to see much more of him in 2025. The good news is we are doing it all again next year on the 5th - 9th May & 16th -20th June.

We enjoyed our out-of-season Tribute Weekends, Meatloaf v Cher, Robbie v Gary, Elvis, and Queens Weekend with Freddie Mercury and Boy George to name a few. All sell-out events, check out our website, social media and newsletters for next year's dates and lineups.

New to the Craig y Don was Oktoberfest, it was just 'Wunderbar' especially the free bar! We are already booking for next year 27 -31 October.

It was very exciting when we took the wall down between the Craig Y Don and the Balmoral, bringing the hotels together under the Craig Y Don Brand. It's been great for our guests to go and chill in the Seascape Conservatory and watch Sky Sports in the Sports Bar.

As we say goodbye to 2024 we are excited to see what 2025 has in store, bring it on!





Adult only New Year's after party. 24th-27th Jan

Hello New Year, kickstart 2025 and enjoy a weekend of fab entertainment, be dazzled by sensational Drag Queens and laughter with some Blackpool's best stand-up comedy. This is strictly adults only, so come and join us for this memorable weekend.



Meatloaf vs Cher 7th -10th Feb

Get revved up for our Bat Out of Hell weekend at the Craig Y don, with Dead Ringer Meat Loaf Tribute bringing you the attitude and energy of the man himself.

Or would you prefer to turn back time with the goddess of pop, Cher?





Meet The Staff

Our Kitchen Assistant Rob Shaw



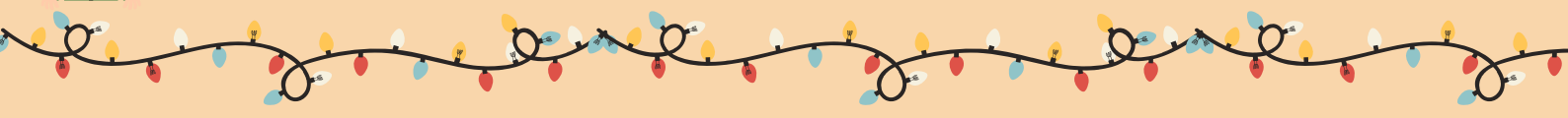
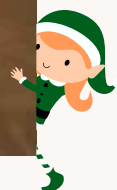
Meet Rob is one of our unsung heroes who works behind the scenes in the kitchen, ensuring our 5-Star Hygiene Rating standards are upheld and the crockery and cutlery are sparkling.

He's worked at the hotel for over 13 years, we decided he was the man for the job before he even turned up for his interview on the strength of his references and CV, his impressive work history, including over a decade in each of his previous roles, speaks volumes about his reliability and commitment. Since he's been with us, he's had 1 day sick in 13 years and has never been late!

Rob is another sand-grown member of the staff, born and bred in Blackpool, he's always worked in tourism, firstly in amusement arcades and the last 30 years in the hotel industry. Rob says it's essential to him to work for good owners, who look after their staff and care about their business.

He's all for a quiet life and in his spare time he likes darts, watching talent and game shows on TV.

Rob actually reached retirement age this year and decided to retire but thankfully for us, his passion for his work led him to agree to still work part-time.





Panto Season is here

Pantomimes have been a festive tradition since Victorian times, with the sole purpose of making people laugh and have a good time.

Usually based on fairy tales, you can expect hilarious gags, magic, catchy songs and slapstick comedy. The storyline of good versus evil encourages the audience to cheer on the goodies and boo the baddies.

Much of the magic of pantomime comes from larger-than-life characters, be entertained by Dames, Fairies, Principal Girls, Principal Boys and adorable Creatures and they usually attract a great cast of actors.

Part of the joy of watching panto is seeing the array of dazzling costumes with plenty of glitter and glam. Be prepared for lots of audience participation "He's behind you" "No he isn't" and lots of slapstick comedy, watch out for custard pies and squirting water! We all love the innuendos and edgy jokes, a lot which go over the top of children's heads!

Panto brings to life our favourite childhood stories and if this has whetted your appetite, we have three Pantos on in Blackpool at the Grand Theatre, Winter Gardens and the Pleasure Beach.



Last Call for Festive Breaks

Carry On Cruising

All aboard for our mock cruise and sail around the world with Captain Neil and his jolly crew. Calling in at a different port every day we will visit all your favourite cruise destinations. Experience hearty breakfast, delicious, themed evening dinners, competitions, games and first-class entertainment. Join in with the staff and enter the spirit of this fab event and dress up in the traditional costumes of our destination port.



Turkey & Tinsel

Pack your Christmas jumper and get into the festive spirit, Christmas has come early at the Craig Y Don, our 4 night midweek getaway includes cooked breakfast, sumptuous evening dinner with all trimmings, afternoon bingo, tea & biscuits, and festive filled entertainment, a real pre-Christmas tonic.

Twixmas

New to the Craig Y Don, a three-night mini break between Christmas and New Year, why not extend your Christmas or New Year holiday or just come and have a relaxing break after a hectic Christmas before the festivities ramp up again for the New Year celebrations?



