MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL



WELCOME TO OUR

What's on August Newsletter

Hello Summer!

DON'T SKIP THE SUMMER - THERE'S STILL TIME FOR A SNEAKY BREAK TO BLACKPOOL

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!

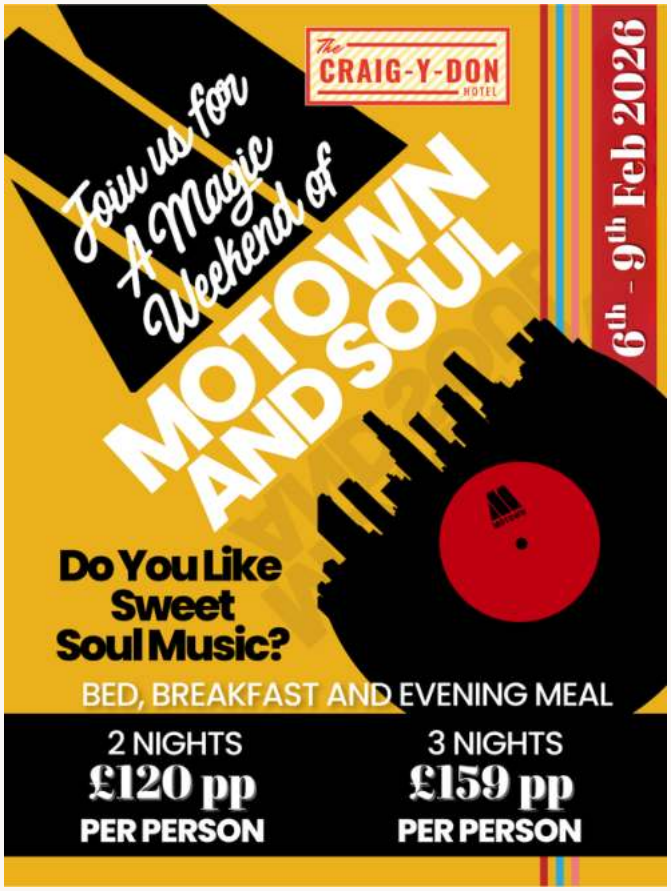


OUR COLLECTION OF SOUL AND MOTOWN BREAKS

SOUL AND MOTOWN WEEKENDER 6th-9th Feb

£120 2 Nights & £159 3 Nights Breakfast & Dinner per person

Our Soul and Motown Weekender is heading your way, join us for a weekend of Magic Motown, Northern and Soul Classics.
If Soul music's your thing, you won't want to miss out on this fantastic event with performances by the brilliant Shelia Diamond, JJ Gibson and Glen Franklin.
Whether you're a seasoned soul enthusiast or simply love those feel-good rhythms, this weekender promises an unforgettable journey through the sounds that defined generations. Book your soulful escape today!





THE SOUL AND MOTOWN MIDWEEK CELEBRATION IS HERE! 20th-24th April

£179 4 Nights Midweek Breakfast & Dinner per person

Following the success of our annual sell-out Soul and Motown Weekends, we're thrilled to announce four incredible nights of live music dedicated to those timeless sounds. Get ready to immerse yourself in the infectious rhythms of Motown Classics, the smooth harmonies of Sweet Soul Sounds, the high-energy beats of Northern Soul Floor Fillers, and the glittering grooves of 70s Disco Hits.
Come and celebrate a rich tapestry of soul music with us.

ELEVATE YOUR STAY WITH EXTRA TREATS!

Make your visit even more memorable by adding some special treats to your room for arrival. Perfect for any occasion, our selection of indulgences is designed to enhance your experience.

For the Grown-Ups:

Choose from our carefully selected wines – reds, whites, or rosé – and have a bottle delivered directly to your room. Toast to good times and unwind in comfort. We also offer Prosecco, Cocktail Jugs, and Birthday Cakes for an extra touch of celebration.






For the Little Ones:

Surprise your children with a delightful Craig Y Don Teddy Bear! Make your kiddies stay extra special with a delightful Craig Y Don Teddy Bear! Imagine the joy on their faces when they walk into the room and find a cuddly new friend waiting just for them. A cherished keepsake from their stay.

Ready to add a little something extra? Simply book through our website and select your treats!



LET THE SPARKS FLY

The Blackpool Fireworks Championships are back this year with three spectacular dates:

Saturday, September 7th
Saturday, September 21st
Saturday, October 5th

These events are incredibly popular, so booking your stay in advance is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Get ready for a dazzling display of fireworks over the iconic Blackpool Tower!



MEET THE STAFF - SCOTTY G

Meet compere Scotty G he's Blackpool through and through! Born right here in Blackpool, get this – his parents ran an amateur dramatics company. So, while other kids were playing with LEGO, little Scotty was stealing the spotlight in musicals, plays, and pantos from the tender age of FOUR!

So, at 18, when most of us were trying to figure out what socks to wear, Scotty knew exactly what he wanted: to be an entertainer! He packed his bags (full of sequins) and headed off to the bright lights of Great Yarmouth. Working at the big holiday camps – Butlins and Pontins,

It was there that he met the fabulous David Cross. They clicked at once, formed a dynamic duo and started strutting their stuff at hotels and holiday camps all over England and even across Europe! They still duet together, and if you're lucky enough to be here on the right week, you might just catch their double act here at the Craig Y Don!

Four years later in 2023, Scotty returned to his beloved Blackpool. He spent an incredible 20 years at Ribby Hall as their Entertainment Manager, whilst running his entertainment agency, bringing top-notch acts into hotels and clubs. And guess what? Multi-talented Scott was doing a weekly slot right here at the Craig Y Don and presenting the breakfast show on local radio!

And when panto season rolls around, Scotty's eyes light up brighter than the Illuminations! He's starred in theatres all over the Northwest, but his absolute favourite character Wishy Washy! Anything to make people laugh, he says!

Off-stage, he's a family man, married with two kids and if he's not on stage, he's probably on the golf course or hitting the gym.

His music taste is as smooth as his patter: Motown, Swing, and classic 90s tunes. And his telly habits? He's a fan of the quick wit of Whose Line Is It Anyway and Storage Hunters.



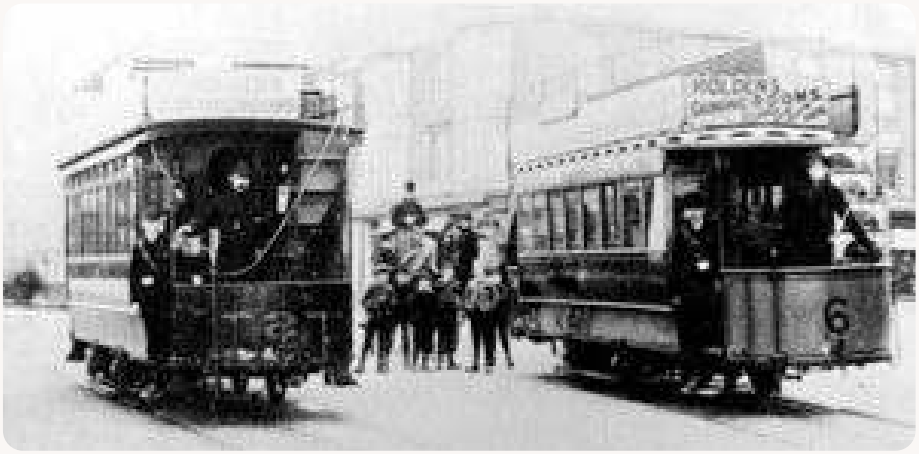
THE DAWN OF THE ELECTRIC TRAMS (1885)

The story of Blackpool's trams is a journey through time, showcasing innovation, resilience, and an enduring connection to the town's identity. As one of the world's oldest electric tramways and Britain's sole continuously operating early system, it holds a unique place in public transport history.

In the mid-1880s, Blackpool embraced cutting-edge technology with the introduction of electric trams. The first section, a revolutionary conduit system that drew power from an underground slot, opened on September 29, 1885, along the Promenade. This initial line connected Cocker Street (near North Station) to Dean Street (near the South Pier). However, Blackpool's seaside location proved challenging; saltwater caused short circuits, and sand clogged the conduits, leading to frequent disruptions. Imagine trams occasionally needing horses to pull them! The initial fleet comprised eight double-deck open-top trams and two single-deck trailers. In 1892, the Blackpool Corporation took over the tramway, paving the way for expansion, which eventually led to a line being established to Cleveleys and Fleetwood.

The persistent issues with the conduit system led to its replacement with more reliable overhead wiring in 1899. This significant upgrade enabled greater efficiency and network expansion. Throughout the early 20th century, the tramway became integral to Blackpool's charm as a premier seaside resort. Its iconic open-top trams offered visitors a unique way to experience the Promenade and easily access attractions like the Blackpool Tower and Pleasure Beach.

While many British tramways faded with the rise of buses and cars, Blackpool's system flourished. Its distinct coastal route and popularity with tourists ensured its survival. The 21st century brought a major transformation. In 2012, a significant £100 million investment and four years of regeneration introduced a new fleet of modern, accessible trams, securing the tramway's future while honouring its rich heritage. Furthermore, in 2024, the tramlines were extended to connect directly to the North Railway Station, enhancing accessibility. Blackpool's trams are more than just a means of transport; they are a living testament to the town's pioneering spirit, an iconic symbol of its enduring appeal, and a cherished part of its history.





AUTUMN GETAWAYS

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 29th of August.

Did you know the Illuminations only use green energy from renewable sources, comprising of wind, small-scale hydro, landfill and biogas. 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 £220 per person includes a hearty breakfast, delicious evening dinner and nightly entertainment. Give us a call and snap up our last few rooms.



LOOKING FOR A BREAK? TRY £118



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