MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

The CRAIG-Y-DON HOTEL



WELCOME TO OUR

What's on October Newsletter

Capture the Magic of Autumn!

YOUR INVITATION TO OUR 2026 POCKET-FRIENDLY PACKAGES

We all love a bargain and at the Craig Y Don, we provide economical, affordable, fun-filled holidays with tasty food, top-notch cabaret and great customer service.

TRIBUTE WEEKENDS

Out-of-season breaks have never been so popular. Look out for our Tribute Weekends throughout February, March and April, let's 'Get Retro' with Elvis, Musical Memories, Swing- all your favourite crooners, Soul and Motown, Neil Diamond, We Three Kings of Rock and Roll.

Only £120 for two nights or three nights £159 per person ins breakfast and dinner



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Midweek Treats

Our midweek Monday to Friday treats are the best value on the promenade and in 2026 you can stay for only:

£118 per person in February and March

£179 per person from April to mid-June and November to December

£249 per person in July and August

£229 per person in September and August

All prices include Hot Breakfast Buffet, Delicious Three Course Evening Dinner and Nightly Entertainment.

Our prices knock our competitor hotels out of the park; that's what you call Craigy-Economy!



MEET THE STAFF - Barbara

Many of you know Barbara as the owner of the hotel, but five years ago, she decided to take a back seat, handing the reins to her eldest daughter, Laura. While Laura now handles the hotel's overall operations, Barbara focuses on running the busy, ever-active Sales and Marketing department.

Born and bred in Blackburn, Barbara's entrepreneurial spirit began early. As a child, she and her sister organised annual jumble sales outside the local park, selling old toys, clothes, and items collected from neighbours. All the money they raised went to the local animal sanctuary.

After school, Barbara's career took off in the retail sector, where she spent twenty successful years managing fashion stores across the Northwest and moved to Blackpool to run a busy store, living in Cleveleys, where she still resides.

Her hospitality journey began over two decades ago when she and her husband, Guy, along with their daughter Laura, bought their first hotel. A few years later, they purchased the Craig Y Don, which was then a run-down, struggling hotel. Through a tremendous investment and a clever marketing programme, they not only got the hotel back on its feet but also got to the point where they were turning guests away because they were always full. In 2015, they expanded by buying the hotel next door.

Barbara has two other grown-up children, Phillip and Lucy, and three grandchildren, Ellie, Luke, and Charlie. While her main hobby was once badminton but these days she spends more time landscaping her garden. She also loves travelling, history, walking and ancestry, not to mention looking after her two Cavapoo dogs, Rusty and Chester. Her kids often accuse her of preferring the dogs more than them, a claim she doesn't deny!

On top of all this, Barbara is a lifelong and passionate Northern Soul fan, and she still loves frequenting Northern Soul events and festivals.

She thrives on the ever-changing challenges of technology in the marketing sector and enjoys her role working with Ben and Dan. Most of all, she loves being a vibrant part of the Craig Y Don community.



BINGO 3000 AFTERNOON SESSIONS - PERFECT FOR DAYTIME FUN

If you fancy a bit of afternoon fun in Blackpool, forget the rollercoasters and head straight to Club 3000 Bingo, where the thrills come with a dabber, not a safety harness! Afternoon sessions kick off at a very civilised 11:45 am Monday to Saturday (because who doesn't want their first game before lunch?) and run right through until about 3 pm. Sundays are even more relaxed: no morning rush, just roll in for the 12:45 pm start.

Now, the real joy is the prices! You can bag yourself a paper book for about £6, which is less than a fancy coffee and a muffin in town, or go big with an electronic "Bee" for around £12, giving you more chances to shout "House!" before your neighbour does. Add in lunch that won't break the bank and the possibility of a £50,000 jackpot, and you've got yourself an afternoon well spent. Let's face it: where else in Blackpool can you pay a few quid, have a cheap lunch and possibly walk out richer than when you walked in?

Membership is free, but you need to join before playing, you can sign up online via the Club 3000 Bingo website or in person at the club (they'll just ask for a form of ID). No need to pre-book seats for afternoon bingo, you can simply turn up, but it's best to arrive 15–20 minutes before the first session so you can get settled.

Mon–Sat Morning: 11:45 am Early: 12:45 pm Main: 1:30 pm → finish ~3:00 pm

Sunday: 12:45 pm, Main: 1:30 pm → finish ~3:00 pm

There is an on-site licensed bar and café serving hot meals, snacks, and desserts — typical meals are around £5–£7 (e.g. chicken bake with chips, curry, jacket potatoes, toasties). Tea, coffee, soft drinks, and alcoholic options are available at reasonable pub-style prices.

Address: Festival Leisure Park, Rigby Road, Blackpool FY1 5EP.

Large car park on site (free parking), it's only a 10-minute walk from the hotel or a very short taxi ride.





WHO'S UP FOR SOME FISH AND CHIPS?

Fish and chips, a classic British staple, found its true home on the coastlines of Britain, and nowhere more so than in Blackpool. The dish's history in the town is a story of convenience, culture, and the perfect pairing of a salty sea breeze with a crispy batter. While the origins of the meal are debated, with fried fish coming from London's Jewish community and chips from the North, Blackpool became a hub for the dish thanks to its unique circumstances.

The late 19th century saw Blackpool transform into a thriving seaside resort for the working class from industrial towns across the north of England. Families would flock to the coast for a day of escape, entertainment, and fresh air. This created a high demand for quick, affordable, and filling meals that could be eaten easily while walking along the promenade. Fish and chips perfectly fit this need. The meal was inexpensive, substantial, and required no cutlery, making it the ideal "grab and go" food for a busy day of fun.

The town's proximity to the Irish Sea meant that fresh cod and haddock were readily available. Local fishermen would bring in their daily catch, which was then fried up in batter and served with chunky chips. The abundance of fresh ingredients ensured the quality of the dish, further cementing its popularity.

Fish and chips became more than just a meal; it became an integral part of the Blackpool experience. The scent of vinegar and salt on the air, the sound of seagulls, and the taste of hot fish and chips wrapped in paper are all intertwined with memories of a day at the seaside. For many, a trip to Blackpool wasn't complete without a stop at a chippy. The meal was a tradition passed down through generations, symbolising a simple, joyful and quintessential British holiday.

Today, Blackpool is home to dozens of fish and chip shops, each with its own loyal following. From traditional family-run businesses to modern takeaways, the legacy of this simple dish continues to thrive. It remains a symbol of the town's heritage and a delicious link to the past.





A Little Favour from Our Craig y Don Friends

We love welcoming you to the Craig-y-Don, but we'd also love to connect with you online!

You've probably noticed us sharing entertaining video, photos of our lovely rooms, delicious meals, the beautiful Blackpool seafront, all the fun you're having during your stay and all our special offers and themed breaks. Our goal is to create an online community where we can share the magic of the Craig y Don and Blackpool and the unique experience of staying with us with even more people.

That's where you come in!

If you enjoy staying with us, following our adventures, and seeing our posts, we would be so grateful for your help. A simple follow, like, or share makes a huge difference in helping the Craig y Don hotel reach a wider audience. We have many followers on Facebook, so we are very keen to have more followers on Instagram.

Could you take a moment to help us grow our community?

~ Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

~ Like our recent posts.

~ Tag a friend who loves Blackpool in the comments.

~ Share our posts with your friends and family.

It only takes a moment, but it means the world to us. Thank you for your continued support!

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