



# CHRISTMAS WITH HOLIDAY & DANCE 2017

## WOKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND REVISITED!

Wow! What a walloping good weekend in that welcoming winter wonderland that is Woking!

This was the third time Philip Wylie of Holiday and Dance had organised his special Christmas Dance Party at the Hilton Group's splendid DoubleTree hotel in this fine town. And it was third time lucky..... lucky for those who were there!! A fun time was had by all - even the weather was pretty good to us!

Again we were delighted by the location, style and ambience of the hotel. Its well-appointed bedrooms, elegant public rooms and central position in the town made it an ideal centre for relaxing, eating, shopping and - above all - dancing, dancing and MORE DANCING in the hotel's ballroom!

The high levels of service and quality of catering we have come to expect from this hotel were universally praised by our select group of holiday dancers as, day after day, we were treated to excellent menus and attended by friendly and welcoming staff.



Christmas lunchtime was particularly special this year, with a wide choice of delicious food for all tastes - served up by Santa himself, having arrived in his latest 21<sup>st</sup> Century transport which he proudly showed-off to us....



.....before rushing over to the busy restaurant to help serve the room full of hungry holidaymakers tucking-in to their Christmas Dinners.

Philip's sidekick Lynette was one of the lucky ones!

(Isn't she an angel?!)

But I'm getting ahead of myself.....

The holiday officially started the day before Christmas Eve with refreshments served in a room specially set-aside for Holiday and Dance guests near Reception. A welcoming touch that was

well-received by weary travellers who had come for the first day. Due to the clever flexible package negotiated with the hotel by Holiday and Dance, guests were able to tailor their break to fit-in with their other Christmas arrangements. They could book for the full four-night full-board holiday or for 1, 2, or 3 nights if they needed.

The dancing programme this year was superb! The holiday started with an evening dance on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and then there was dancing every morning, afternoon and evening from Christmas Eve until Boxing Day. There was also a session during the Boxing Morning dance when Philip and Lynette were available to impart their expert knowledge to help guests improve their dancing.

All of these dances were, of course, presided over and presented by that inimical duo of Philip and Lynette – famed throughout the land for their fantastic collection music and their ability to inject a holiday atmosphere into every session.

There were lots of repeat guests this year – who seemed to spend almost as much time talking and laughing at their tables in the ballroom as they did actually dancing!!

Happy Holidaymakers in the Ballroom!



Star Award Winners



Dancers Dancing



This enabled newcomers James and Christine to scoop the Star Award for the dancers who spent most time on the floor. They hardly ever sat down so were unbeatable!

Every guest received a gift of a lovely calendar and matching diary – handed out by Pam and Lynette. A really memorable occasion and another triumph for Philip and his organisation.

Book early for next year – it looks like being a sell-out!

By Nick Copp

