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*'EXCEEDINGLY GOOD BREAKS'*

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Welcome to the tenth edition of our newsletter.

Since our last newsletter we have had a busy end of 2014, with a record number of coach holidays including an ever increasing amount of holidays being run from the Isle of Wight. This has been mainly thanks to the success of our new travel shop along Sandown High Street. As well as the increase in business, it has been really nice for a number of organisers and their guests to pop into the shop to say hello whilst away on holiday with us on the Island. This central location has enabled us to improve upon

our customer relationships and ensure we are on hand for the duration of your holidays whilst on the Island.

Our busy season was kicked off with our ever growing summer organiser weekends, which was based on Pirates and Smugglers for last year (see reverse). The invites for our 2015 event will be going out shortly, so keep an eye open for them through your letterboxes!

In September, we decided to take on the responsibility of providing the official Tourist Information Point to Sandown, this has meant we have been able to



act as the service for the local town, and also it has benefitted a number of our customers who are staying on holiday in Sandown as we can provide them with information on local attractions and events whilst away on their break.

Also September saw the return of Sarah who had been away on long term maternity leave, so we were pleased to welcome her back with her new role in our shop in Sandown.

In October Marc completed the Disneyland Paris stars training programme and was awarded the status of Disneyland Paris Expert Travel Agent.

Currently we are looking forward to our Annual Reunion and Awards Evening, which this year is being hosted at the Ocean View Hotel in Shanklin, if you are interested in joining us for 2016, give us a call for more details!



## ORGANISER OF THE SEASON

This time our Organiser of the Season award goes to Mrs Maureen Murphy from Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Maureen has been organising trips with us since 2004, when she ran her first trip with us to The Seagrove Hotel in Sandown on the Isle of Wight, where she completed 5 holidays. Then Maureen moved to the Hotel Maria also in Sandown, where she has since completed another 7 holidays. Over this time Maureen has bought over 1300 people away on holiday over 12 trips every January. On her most recent trip in January 2015, Maureen was paid a very special visit from Keith & Orville who presented her with the award and an Isle of Wight hamper.



## HOTEL OF THE SEASON



Our Hotel of the Season this time goes to The Norfolk Hotel in Weymouth, Dorset. We have used this hotel for a number of years and was one of our most popular hotels in 2014 and already has a number of groups booked in again for 2015.

The hotel is situated in a central location along the Weymouth seafront and has a number of rooms with great views out over the bay. Also the hotel only accommodates one coach, so it is a perfect hotel for any group who likes to have a hotel to themselves.

A massive thank you to Sue and Nick for all of their help in making sure all of our group bookings have enjoyable holidays with them.

# SUMMMER ORGANISER WEEKENDS 2014



Now into our fifth year of summer organiser weekends, we once again hosted them at the Hotel Maria / St Moritz in Sandown on the Isle of Wight. The theme for both weekends this year was "Pirates & Smugglers"

As we started off the weekends, we presented The Hotel Maria with a thank you present for all of their hard work towards all of our organiser weekends, with a photo collage of memories from the last 5 years! (Pictured right).

Over the course of both weekends it was great to see so many familiar faces, and a number of organisers joining us for the first time.

Friday evening saw a lively night on both weekends, with the party in full swing, this was combined with a surprise visit from the Isle of Wight's answer to Stavros Flatley!!! (pictured below)



*Andrew & Marc presenting Andy & Phil of the Hotel Maria with their thank you gift*

On the Saturday the coach tour available was a much enjoyed trip to Rosemary Vineyard (the free wine tasting seemed to be strangely popular?!) followed by a sunny visit to Ryde for lunch. Saturday night we saw an impressive selection of fancy dress where there was fierce competition for the prizes on hand, as well as this we had party games and a now infamous buffet provided by Gay. The partying went through until the early hours with entertainment provided by "Jumping Jack Flash" Full photos can be found on our FACEBOOK page at [www.facebook.com/theholidayshop](http://www.facebook.com/theholidayshop) We look forward to seeing you all again in 2015, over the weekends of 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June & 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of July, where the theme will be "BEST OF BRITISH!!"

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