

## **ANDY'S BLACKPOOL BASH**

**Day One** (Friday) begins with an evening of professional entertainment in the on-park theatre. Featuring three acts and Andy as the host and compere, over the years he has had magicians, impressionists and some well-known comedians such as Jimmy Cricket, Mick Miller, Roy Walker & Johnnie Casson to name just a few. Andy always tries to give one spot to new up and coming talent to give them a chance to perform on a big stage and to a large audience.

**The next day** begins with what is called an "Exclusive Ride Session" or ERS for short. Andy rents at least two of the Parks roller coasters for one hour before the park opens to the public and his group can ride as many times as they can. A nice lunch is also arranged for midday and Park management attend to give updates and answer questions.

**Saturday evening** is "Andy's Coaster Crazy Show." Unlike the previous night, this one is for the members to perform. Mixed in with those who can sing, dance, juggle, etc., is a section for complete novices. Anyone who wants to have a go is invited on to the stage – however if they are bad (and they usually are), the audience is encouraged to boo, hiss, shout 'off' etc. It has become quite infamous and participants even try to be the worst act by getting gonged off the quickest. Mixed with this are a few on stage games, one for children and one for adults. Both have some great prizes including hotel breaks or show tickets. After the show there is a one-hour party in the theatre which keeps the dance floor filled from beginning to end.

**Sunday morning** begins with another ERS – only this time there are at least three rides and it is extended to 1.5hrs. Following that the rest of the park opens and attendees can either enjoy the rides or as some do, head over to one of the three piers at Blackpool, or go up The Tower, take a tram ride, etc.

**Throughout the weekend Andy raises money for charity and last year over £1000 was donated to CHAPS – the well-known prostate cancer charity which provides Prostate Cancer testing for many Masonic Provinces including Middlesex.**

It is a fun weekend of riding, shows and socialising and for some attendees it is the highlight of their year.

Should anyone feel the need for speed and love the thrill of the rollercoaster and would like to join Andy and friends you can contact Andy via his website:

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