

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The July monthly dinner was held at The Feathers Hotel in the main dining room with a table set up with holly, candles, bon bons, leis, whistles, candy sticks and gifts galore. Back ground xmas tunes played for all to hear. I can happily say all those who attended had a great friendly, fun entertaining night coupled with Xmas cheer as a bonus. It was great to see Allan and Sue Webster and Jean and Frank Carey joining in with the meal and activities. The meal was tasty as we have always experienced in this Hotel and the staff friendly and obliging. After enjoying our soup and roast from the cavery Santa's helper passed around bag which people would pull a name out of and who's name was pulled out had the choice of a selection of mystery gifts in the centre of the table. Everyone appeared happy with their selected gifts and amazingly lots received just what they wanted – you would be surprised how many people use a tea pot!

After making the most of the tasty selection of sweets the highlight of the evening came when the wonderful tall good looking Santa appeared with his *HO HO HO* and a great big bag full of mystery gifts to our table. He was so happy he jovially greeted the girls and boys on our table and made the night for several other tables too. I think the whole room stopped while Santa was with us as he did light up the room for everyone. He personally handed everybody a gift which put the smiles even bigger on a lot of faces and then as quick as he had entered he said goodbye till next time – we do hope to see him again for a cuddle and Xmas kiss. I wonder if he bumped into Ken on the way out as Ken appears to have missed Santa while he was having his smoke break.

It was cold and wintry outside but we all enjoyed a night of warmth and friendship inside. Look forward to seeing you all again and thanks for making it a great night to remember.

Jenny Hills