

Potters Leisure Resort

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The first ever four nights and five days entirely holiday trip by Navjivan Vadil Kendra (NVK) was organised to Potter Leisure Resort situated at Hopton on Sea near Gt Yarmouth. The resort, right on the beach, has a capacity of 700 residents with accommodation either in the hotel building, luxurious flat types rooms, or bungalow type rooms stretching to the edge of the beach. The privately owned resort claims to be the best resort in the country, and does not spend any money on advertising. It has been rated five star. During our stay we realised that the resort was indeed five star, clean and immaculately maintained, staff were very friendly, and without doubt we all agreed that this could be rated as the best resort in this country.

Twenty four members of NVK left on Monday 18th May 2009 in a coach to arrive at the resort at around 3.00 p.m. Our rooms were very clean and comfortable with TV and refrigerator. Rooms were made up and cleaned every day. Provision for making tea and coffee were provided in each room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were included, and being strict vegetarians, a separate kitchen and dining area were allocated to us. Our menu included English vegetarian items as well as some Indian food also. Meals were filling and satisfying.

There were acres of open land around the resort. The sandy beach was within walking distance. The grounds had football pitch, tennis courts, bowling rinks, archery fields, pitch and putt golf, crazy golf, and lots of areas for relaxing and enjoying the sun. Indoors, there were two swimming pools with Jacuzzi, sauna and steam rooms, badminton courts, squash courts, bowling rinks, snooker, table tennis, pool tables, bowling rinks, curling, ten pin bowling, darts, air rifle shooting, dance floors, restaurants, theatres and lots of lounges and relaxing areas. Except one or two sports, all the sports were free. Equipment for each was readily available, and there was not much wait for booking or getting to use those facilities. Lessons were available to learn most of these sports at no cost, and even competitions with prizes were organised. Bridge was also arranged as and when requested. Aerobic classes, step dancing and so many other activities were conducted on a regular basis. In the evening there was bingo and some dancing and show in the theatre. There was no question of any one getting bored or wondering what to do. There was something for everyone.

Our group made the best of it all and really enjoyed this short break. Walk on the beach and yoga were conducted in the mornings. Bridge was the high light with one of our pairs Sarda Shah and Usha Jobunputra coming with a prize, while Madhusinh and Manjari Rawji came second on the last night championship play. Non bridge players either played Bukhara or relaxed and used other facilities.

Our group made the best of all the facilities. Some tried sports which they never dreamt of ever trying. We played badminton, snooker, curling, archery, bowling, crazy golf, golf, darts, and lots of ten pin bowling. Many used the swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms every morning. The ladies made their presence felt by doing garba in the swimming pool, and even played antakshri in the swimming pool. Overall every one had a wonderful time and a request was made that this should become an annual event.

We left on Friday morning and drove to the Great Yarmouth beach where we spent a few hours walking on the piers and had our lunch. We arrived back on Friday evening soon after 6.00 p.m. and every one left with the satisfaction of having had a wonderful trip.