

## DECEMBER 2007

Can't believe it's nearly the end of the year!! We decided not to have food at our Party this year on account of nearly fifty of us going to a club Christmas meal on the 21st. We are taking over Ma Larkin's a local restaurant, who will open exclusively for us!! So we're all looking forward to our three course meal.

So, instead of food, at the party we did something, just a little different! Jo and I climbed into a Pantomime horse and amazingly, managed to dance Ribbon of Highway, (slightly adapted for a horse!!!) to a Christmas tune, to say it got hot in there, is putting it mildly! Jo will put the video on the web site as soon as she can.

We also managed to get Colin to do a turn as Elvis! And what a star he turned out to be! Dressed in a proper Elvis costume. Black with gold trim, huge collar, sunglasses, and yes, jet black hair, he really looked the part. With our very own, Auntie, Sheila, Sue and Anna, as backing singers, Elvis, did two songs 'The Wonder of you' and 'Teddy Bear' through which to everyone's surprise, Jo, made an appearance dressed in a full teddy bear costume!! And proceeded to lark around the hall making us all laugh, and at one point, accidently running into our volunteer cameraman!! Keep an eye out for the video.

Hope you all enjoyed it, as we already know what we are going to do next year..... Our lips are sealed!!!!!!!

On receiving a voice mail, from someone enquiring about hiring us for Tuesday the 18th, we called back to find that he would pay rather handsomely, if we would help him out! Needless to say that clinched it! So we arrived at the posh Oxford Hotel, for a 'sound check' at seven o' clock, and on fighting our way through a mass of cowboys, saloon girls, and Indians, we found the photographer who directed us to 'Kevin' the man told us to go left and left, and like true line dancers we did.... straight into a store room!!!

That set us off giggling and we didn't stop! We were provided with drinks and sat in lovely, plush chairs, until we were needed at about nine thirty. We then, got properly introduced, to a room full of a hundred or so people, two or three from each table were made to join us on the floor, and we taught them 'Country Walking' or tried, they were loud, lively, and very funny!! We all had a good laugh, as they danced to 'Old pop in an Oak' we were then thanked and they all went off to the make shift casino!! Kevin the man, who had organised it all, then invited us to his hotel room for our payment. It must have looked very suspicious!! A tall cowboy with a funny hat, letting two women into his room!!

The last thing we had to do was hand the parking ticket in to reception, so they could give us a card to get out. Trouble was I had dropped ours on arrival, and only managed to find it after it had been run over by several cars!! So handing in one ticket covered in tyre marks, mud and gravel to a very bemused receptionist was amusing to say the least!!!!