

## Mr Chris Tomkinson ( - 2013)



Chris, over the many years when we have held a BDDG Annual Convention, researched hotels throughout the UK to find accommodation, facilities and locations suitable for the BDDG membership, for the requirements of our Convention and negotiated the best financial commitment possible for BDDG!

Chris spent all his working life involved in the hospitality industry, both in the UK and overseas.

Beginning his career at the infamous Grand Hotel in Manchester and then heading off to work on cruise ships in his youth, Chris returned to UK and became a General Manager with Crest Hotels.

After working in various other 4\* hotels for over 18 years he set up CTA Leisure in 1994 with his wife Francesca.

Chris had an unparalleled knowledge of hotels both from his experience as a General Manager but also from organising conferences and tour accommodation over many years all over the country and in Europe.

He had a true love of the hospitality industry and was highly respected amongst hoteliers and clients alike.

Chris has a vast knowledge of sport and the sporting industry, but cricket is a particular speciality, his exploits in which have resulted in a meeting with HRH, Queen Elizabeth!

Likes .... A good cricket innings or his faithful Manchester City!

Disliked .... Rain & wet British Summers!!

Chis Tomkinson – R.I.P. .... a very good friend to BDDG!

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