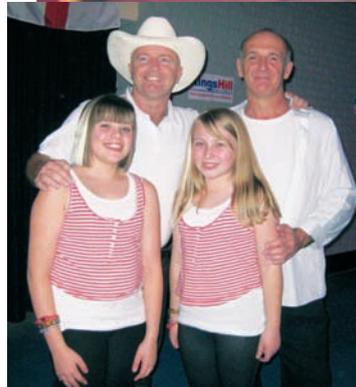




What a cracker



You can always rely on Kingshill dance Holidays to put on great events but even they must have been surprised when one of their biggest events, staged at The Norbreck, sold out. Was it because of its two stars Rob Fowler and Alan Birchall ...? Probably a deciding factor! Jacqui sent us her report....



In spite of the snow forecast, we all met at the Norbreck in time on Friday, ready for a weekend we had long prepared for. We met Pedro and his team who were checking out their Pro Dance Floor, soon Friday night got underway.... Alan was the DJ and Rob alongside Graham and Sylvia Barrett from Kingshill who greeted the guests as they entered the Norcalympia.

T-bone Shuffle followed by Chica Boom Boom started the dancers off to a floor which remained full for most of the weekend. We danced a wonderful combination of old and new at every level and had a great time.

Many favourites were requested and danced, including Deeply Completely, Somebody Like You, Stop It and Human-Dancer. When you look back, you realise what an amazing body of work those two men have produced over the years.

The live band was Brushwood who played brilliantly as they always do.

On the Saturday, Rob taught Tutti Frutti and Boogie Fever while Alan taught Heart And I. On the Saturday night, we had the greatest of parties! Some people really know how to 'dress up'. One group, in particular, who was from Yorkshire had fancy

dress costumes for every session. Again, Alan was the DJ and Rob greeted everyone as they entered into Winter Wonderland to the sound of Christmas Music.

John King and Graham Barrett announced the results of Kingshill's prize draw with the help of two young dancers Lydia and Kate. All workshop dances were given a re-cap, then Alan put Rob on the spot. He performed the Beast with the help of approx 30-40 dancers which earned him a standing ovation.

After a few more party tricks (!), and to everyone's delight, Alan and Rob danced S.X.E. on stage together.

Sunday's Workshop started with Tutti Frutti which proved a quick way to warm-up! Alan went on to teach Calpe Rock (aka All Over The World) and Rob taught Rockin' With The Rhythm. It was obvious that both Rob and Alan have a genuine appreciation and respect for each other and each other's dances. Somehow Alan managed to fit in another 'work-out' with Beethoven's Boogie and Movin' On Over before finishing with Alan and Rob's own all time favourite dances... Somebody Like You and Deeply Completely. This weekend indeed proved a real Christmas Cracker filled with 131 dances, no repeats, five workshop dances, two bands and approx 630 guests.