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jeopardising your job with these party survival tips from Fish4jobs

DRINK The Christmas do is a chance to eat, drink and be merry But it's easy to overdo it on the booze. This is still a professiona

MINGLE While it's tempting to spend the night with your team, this is a rare chance to get to kno

SHOP TALK Avoid endless biz talk. Sure, you're all there because to talk about their interests than you have work in common, but

classy sit-down dinner or a party DRESS Depending on the location appropriate outfit. Look the part

pon't BAIL Talking to people you don't know; worrying you've had one too many sherries; work parties can be stressful.

Attendance shows management you appreciate their efforts and gives you the opportunity to turn work mates into real mates.

SAY THANKS The party has probably taken weeks to organise so thank the organisers and your

pon'T FLIRT A few drinks and you might end up saying - or doing - something that embarrasses you and your office crush. The

DON'T BE LATE A hangover isn't an excuse to miss the next day's work. Eat breakfast, drink water, turn up and power through. ncludes a snog on the dancefloor

in his bingo career life clickety-clicks

HOUSE that! Very few people find a job that is the perfect fit for them but Mark Lees has managed it.

He has spent the past 33 years as a bingo caller in his native Birkenhead on Merseyside.

With up to 1,400 people listening intently to his every word day after day, Mark, 59, holds them all in the palm of

entire shifts calling out numbers? Do you spend your

No. At Mecca we are now officially called bingo hosts. The main part of the job is still hosting the sessions, calling and controlling the games in play. But, in between games, I am chatting to members, having a laugh and helping people new to the game to get to grips with it.

Mecca's door? How did you end up at

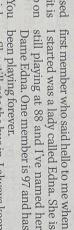
From when I left school at 16, I was a cinema projectionist opposite where I work now. My Dad was a projectionist too and films were in the blood. It was my dream world. I worked there right up until it closed in 1986, and then I walked across the road to the

Is it still Legs 11 and

two fat ladies 88?

Not any more – it's not PC to use those these days. But I still love two little ducks, 22, which gets everyone shouting out quack quack.

I still use a lot of banter, but it's more about our Sally in Corrie being in prison



She still gets the bus in. I always keep an eye out for regulars. We celebrate birthdays and, if they haven't been in for a while, we get in touch.

Do you "do" Christmas?
You bet. The hall looks like Santas grotto and we have our annual Christmas lunch looming. Needless to say we keep playing bingo throughout.

Any sidelines?

Because of my love of cinema, every six weeks I do a late-night slot on BBC Radio Merseyside. Myself and a couple of other presenters talk about movies, cinema days gone by and anything to do with the entertainment business.

I was terrified the first time I did it but once we went on air the nerves left and I just got on with it.

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can lead to anothe From clubs, crui and restaurants to we have found 30, manager at a Blace (£10.50 per hour) manager in Londo £37,000). When w

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or I'm a Celebrity. Back in the day I used to pull out individual balls, but now it is electronic and the numbers come up on

The game has changed so much. You still get the experts with six books which they might play upside down for a challenge, but more and more use the max boards which can even fill in the numbers automatically if you want.

for the job?

It's all about timing and ensuring customers enjoy themselves and a have fun, entertaining and memorable experience. Confidence is key, also a good set of ears. A sense of humour is crucial too.

know some of regulars After 30 years you must

A lot of the members have become like an extended family, and some of the friends I've made are now even bringing their children along to play. The very

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