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What is the worst thing you have witnessed at your office Christmas party...? "It would have to be someone swiping a supermarket club card in another person's derrière?" or could it be "A colleague's request to the DJ to reduce the music volume, whilst he stood on top of the dinner table to propose to a member of staff that he was dating...only to be shot down in flames with a 'NO' from the object of his affection?"

With Christmas fast approaching the capital's dedicated party planners, Late Night London, commissioned a festive survey to find out what their customers would class as the 'ultimate' Xmas party, with some surprising results.

Amongst the list of responses to the question 'what is the worst thing you have witnessed at your office Christmas party' were tales of extramarital trysts, inexcusable 'dad' dancing and long inappropriate speeches from senior management as well as other more common well-oiled antics.

A total of 1,480 people completed the survey with 16% of people admitting that their company didn't actually hold a Christmas party. To counteract this 14% of people surveyed admitted that their company bucked the scrooge mentality brought on by the recession by budgeting a generous £6,000+ to their annual festivities.

Weeknights proved to be the most popular time to host office parties; with 64% of respondents preferring it to be held on a Friday night so that they would not need to struggle through the next day at work. 57% of people felt that a disco was an integral part of the evening's entertainment and 85% preferred to dance the night away in their LBD's* or smart/formal wear rather than casual attire.

The survey also shed light into people's working relationships with 90% regularly socialising with their colleagues outside of office hours and 30% experiencing the start of an office romance at their Christmas party.

Respondents were also given the chance to experiment with quirky ingredients to create their 'ultimate' festive cocktail; with many people concocting Christmas pudding inspired tipples. Strangely over 10% people nodded towards turkey and mince pie flavoured drinks with even stranger concoctions coming from respondents who preferred to quench their thirst with the taste of roast beef and brussel sprouts. 34% of people surveyed went for more traditional cocktails such as champagne, baileys, wine and daiquiri's.

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Notes to Editors:

*LBD – Little black dress

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