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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
10 th Dec 2024	David Thomas	1-45pm 
28 th Jan 2025	Chris Stanbury	1-45pm
25 th Feb 2025	David Harrild	1-45pm
25 th March 2025	Mark Speight	1-45pm

Concert - Tues 19th Nov 2024

Brett Wales



Brett, born 23/08/78 in Nottingham and raised by his grandparents Marianne and Alwyn, (He still lives and works from that same house.) Alwyn owned an Elka 707 Organ, He returned from work one day to discover his three year old grandson playing the organ. The family felt

Brett's talent should not be

wasted and arranged private lessons from a local music teacher. His talent, recognised as unusual with some considering him a 'Boy Genius'. Led to a meeting with Wersi Stars, Klaus Wunderlich and Franz Lambert in 1989. A memorable year for Brett and his family followed, they made a trip to see Franz live at the Felsenkeller. Hearing of Brett's achievements, Franz requested that Brett played for him and his audience. Brett chose to play a piece that Franz himself plaid, "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometimes" Many were amazed at the ability of this nine year old. It brought the house down. By the time he was twelve Brett was travelling and demonstrating for Wersi in the U.K. Eventually Brett had to limit the amount of travelling, due to both his school work & musical examination's, more time was dedicated to his grades. At fifteen Brett was accepted for Clarendon College in Nottingham to study music.

Today Brett is constantly in demand and playing to venues all over the country .

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Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	11 th Dec	Brett Wales	7-50 pm
MO	9 th Dec	Claire Greig	7-00 pm
CL	11 th Dec	Chris Powell	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	15 th Dec	Matthew Bason	Start 2-30 pm

Clubs fold? - Please confirm performance by contacting the club by phone prior to attending.

www.organfax.co.uk/events

Club contact number

WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717
MO - Medway Tel 01322 274541
CL - Clacton Tel 01255 428628
CO - Colchester Tel 07903 804603

Club Email - members and visitors

Please let the club have your email address - We will send you club news and club related notices. Email is 'Blind Copied', your address is not revealed.

Refreshments

*Micheal Tatner - could do with
you on his team !*

Tues - Nov 19th Valerie Nye
Tues - Dec 10th Barbara Cornish

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Celebrating Birthdays

Brief News & / or Comment

Christmas concert next moth
10th DECEMBER 2024

Nov

Ronald Annis, Brian Hayward

Dec Eunice Archer, Graham Bateson, Barry Brockbank, Ian Howard, Carole Jacobs, Janet Lindsell, Angela Smith

Refreshments

Would you help by making the tea and coffee even if occasionally?

Notices

Raffle

Please support your club
By buying raffle tickets.

Interim Finance Position

On our last concert

(to keep you informed)

Tony Stace

22nd Oct 2024

Audience that afternoon

39 members 18 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£59.00 p**

Donations **£10.95 p**

At the door - Concert position.

Loss on afternoon of:-

(Approximately) -£32.00p

Voluntary - refreshments box.

There is no charge for 'Tea/Coffee
& Biscuits' but club funds would
gratefully appreciate a donation.

NEXT MONTH

David Thomas

Tues 10/12/24



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Next Concert - **David Thomas** 10th Dec 2024

David was born in Hornchurch in 1963. He began his music at Secondary School where he took up the Trombone, until then he had been limited to the Descant Recorder at Primary School. The Trombone led to the School Orchestras, a Dance Band and later the local Youth Orchestra. In the late 70's he discovered an old "Trench", fold-away Harmonium tucked away in his Grandparent's house and this sparked an interest he decided he would like to try his hand at something a little more up to date. The years have passed and David's keyboard abilities developed. He has appeared along with many of Britain's Top Organists and at many prestigious venues, played on Radio, and been the subject of Personality Profiles in Home Keyboard Review and other magazines. During the 80's he was voted Second in Organ Player magazine's readers poll as "Most Promising Up And Coming Organist." In 1988 David became the resident Organist for The London Borough of Barking at its Broadway Theatre where he began providing the pure "Dance Music" (Ballroom, Latin, Disco, Sequence and Old Time) for monthly Tea Dances. The winter of 2010 saw David & his wife Teresa take over former Wisbech & District Organ Society and re-brand the shows as;

KeyNote CONCERTS

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Last concert - Tony Stace 22nd Oct 2024

The Audience anticipated an afternoon of quality musical entertainment which duly arrived, via as usual, one of his his many 38 year old HX1s, with it he produced a full varied and accomplished programme. Tony now has a new toy, a Roland BK-7M expander which he used mainly to expand into better drum sounds for certain pieces. Overall a great concert from Tony which prompted many very positive comments from members as the concert closed.

From the 1st half

Disney medley inc: Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo, Arabian Nights, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, grenarda overture, Lady of Spain, Spanish Flea, Spanish Eyes, Spanish Gypsy Dance, The Wonder of You, Love me tender, Its now or never, Devil in disguise, jail house rock, Sparks (Kenneth Alford), Pizzicato Polka, España Cañí Paso Doble, Minute Waltz, Portrait Of My Love, Born free, My Kind of Girl, I Will Wait For You, Eye level, Dancing queen, Rasputin, Hot Stuff, YMCA

From the 2nd half

Mr. Sandman, Jeepers Creepers, It don't mean a thing, Phantom medley, The Stars and Stripes, 80's medley, Careless Whisper, Jealous Guy, Only You, What a Feeling, The Final Countdown, To All The Girls I've Loved Before, Enjoy Yourself, Rock Around the Clock, No Matter What, Hot points, Encore medley inc, Magic moments, Wild Rover.

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