



"The Listening Club"

Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Dear Friends **Monthly Newsletter 389** January 2018

Club Diary 2018

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Artiste</u> | <u>Doors</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Jan 22nd | Mark Thompson | 7-pm |
| Feb 26th | Janet Dowsett | 7 pm |
| March 26th | Dirkjan Ranzijn | 7 pm |
| April 23rd | Andrew Nix | 7 pm |

Other Clubs

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Artiste</u> | <u>Doors</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| WA | 14th Feb | David Harrild | 7-50pm |
| CL | 14th Feb | AGM | 7 pm |
| CH | 17th Feb | Martin Orbidans | 7.15pm |
| CO | 2nd Feb | Phil Brown | 7 pm |

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

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Tonight's Concert

22nd January 2018

Mark Thompson

Mark's playing of the Electronic organ began at age seven. He joined the Technics Academy at nine; He worked his way through his grades whilst along the way entering local competitions and reached the area finals in 1999.

Mark was a pupil of Chiho Sunamoto at the Yamaha School of Music; and was performing in concerts by the age of fifteen. Mark then travelled the UK and abroad playing the Yamaha EL90 for organ societies, festivals and private functions.

In 2002 Mark won the 'Young Theatre Organist of the Year' competition and has subsequently performed on many of the UK's most prodigious theatre organs.

Mark also plays in a 60s and 70s band, 'Wallstreet', on keyboards and providing backing vocals, he is also the musical director or rehearsal pianist for many North East musical theatre societies. Mark's other works include that of, vocal coach, accompanist or Music Director for many North East stage schools, and musical theatre colleges in both Blackpool and Leeds.

Mark plays 'cocktail piano' at hotels and restaurants across the North East, also for weddings throughout the year. He plays with 'The Fab Dakers Boys' jazz band at Newcastle United's football ground, 'St. James' Park', and features in the 'The Ratpack Vegas Spectacular' band, for shows at theatres around the country.

Acknowledgement <http://www.organfax.co.uk>

The BBC have decided to axe "**The Organist Entertains**", just a year short of it's 50th anniversary. Please consider signing the online petition at the address below:

<https://www.change.org/p/the-cinema-organ-society-keep-theatre-organ-music-on-the-radio>

Or search "Cinema Organ Society" in Google and select the link from there homepage.

Performance time for concerts 7- 45pm

Club members celebrations Birthdays

Jan

Vera Baker, Keith Blackman, Audrey Blake, Sharon Brockbank, Trish Capon,
Richard Curtis and Tricia Haws.

Feb
Patricia Best, Maureen Bundy, Derek & Jean Heath, Hazel Honour, Brenda Hutton,
Joyce Priest, Patricia Sherman, David Sims and Judy Travis

Refreshments

As always we are most grateful for those looking after us with our Tea, Coffee & biscuits.

2018

Jan 22nd Christine Brown, Brenda Hutton & Jean
Feb 26th James Eringa, Keith Blackman & Jean
Mar 26th Kathleen Crockett, Janet & Brian Cox

Please let Jean know if you are unable to help on the indicated evening.

Notices

Newsletter.. want another copy for a friend?

These are printed and available on club nights.

'The newsletter can also be downloaded and printed from the website'

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Just a thought!

It's your club;

Do you enjoy our concert evenings?

Want to help keep them going?

Get your friends and neighbours to come too.

The club needs its members and visitors to keep it viable.

Would you consider joining the committee? You may have just the inspirational idea we need!

Remember Christmas?

We must thank Jean and her team for the Xmas sausage rolls mince pies and goodies we enjoyed.

Thank you all.

Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

BOKC now has its own local website.

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert

26th February 2018 - Janet Dowsett

Janet has travelled the UK and abroad as a performer on electronic and theatre organs. She is both a performer and teacher on organ and keyboards. Yet another of her roles is that of Music Examiner for the Associated Board Of The Royal School Of Music.

She holds both FLCM and LLCM diplomas.

(Fellow, London College of Music & Licentiate of the London College of Music)

Janet worked for Yamaha for 11 years as a demonstrator, presenting concerts, demonstrations and master classes on technique. Additionally her role included that of the Promotions Manager organising Festivals, events, and promoting the network of Yamaha Music Schools.

Review of our Recent Concert

Steve Hubble 18th December 2017

Well what a to-do? Nearly the Christmas concert that never was. We arrived intending an early start to accommodate the Christmas festivities only to find Mountnessing hall had no power. No one had told the committee or any of us that the hall had a system that cut power on excessive noise. This had been tripped at the last event in the hall. Eventually we found the hall caretaker and all was reset.

Steve Hubble's concert; very well applauded, much humour and yes from his play list we knew it was Christmas. He stylised his music by introducing his own arrangements of recognised pieces. Expressed opinions were that it was a very good concert. Just a flavour of the music we heard. Gabriel's Oboe, Grease lightning, the theme from the film – Ice Castles, Switched on Bach, I've got you under my skin, A Pans Pipe style rendition of, The lonely shepherd, Tom Jones's 'Just help yourself', The look of Love, A Christmas assortment began with Steve's favourite, Barry Manilow's 'Because its Christmas', It's the most wonderful time of the year. Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Slay Ride' The Snowman' Jingle Bell Rock, Santa Claus is coming to town, Silent night, Winter wonderland. The theme from the Christmas film – Home Alone, Chris Rea's, Driving home for Christmas. Jean and her team provided an assortment of Christmas fare for our enjoyment during a shortened interval this. - It was a good evening!

For further review comment please view our website

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