



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Dear Friends

Monthly Newsletter 395

July 2018

Club Diary 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
Jul 23rd	Brett Wales	7 pm
Aug 20th	Mike Hall	7 pm
Sept 24th	David Thomas	7 pm
22nd Oct	Tony Stace	7 pm

Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	8th Aug	AGM & Members Night	7-50pm
CL	8th Aug	Mark Thompson	7 pm
CH	18th Aug	Chris Powell	7.15pm
CO	3rd Aug	Chris Jones	7 pm

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

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Tonight's Concert

23rd July 2018

Brett Wales



Brett was born on the 23rd of August 1978 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.

Bretts talent was recognised as unusual with some considering him a 'Boy Genius'. He later met with Wersi Stars, Klaus Wunderlich and Franz Lambert. In 1989 that meeting led to a memorable year for Brett and his family, they made a trip to see Franz live at the Felsenkeller. After hearing of Brett's achievements, Franz requested that Brett played for him and his audience. One of the pieces Brett chose to play was one that Franz himself plays, "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometimes" Many were amazed at the ability of this nine year old who played seemingly without a care in the world. It brought the house down.

By the time he was twelve Brett was travelling and demonstrating for Wersi in the U.K . At fifteen Brett was accepted for Clarendon College in Nottingham to study music.

Today Brett is in demand and playing to venues all over the country.
Acknowledgement - <http://www.organfax.co.uk>

August concert:- Mon 20th August 2018

As published on the membership card. The Aug concert date is a week early to avoid clashing with the August bank holiday.

Performance time for concerts 7- 45pm

Club members celebrations Birthdays

July Brian Benkin, Brian Cox, KathleenCrockett, Alan Grange, Eric Harris, Valerie Nye, Alan Robertys, John Sach, Grace Smith, & Audrey Stewart
Aug Eileen Bartrup, Ivor Cornell, Nigel Harcombe, Cornelius Jackson, Brian Odden, Sidney Sickler, Shirley Sickler, Ron Slade, & Jenny Stilton

Refreshments

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

2018

July 23rd

James Eringa, Elizabeth Berry & Jean

Aug 20th

Christine Brown, Brenda Hutton, Jean

Could you help serving teas & coffees?

Please talk to Jean who would appreciate more names on the rota!

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

Notices

SUBS

Annual subs. Please if you wish to continue as a member of The 'BOKC', ensure you pay your membership fee.

SUBS for 2018 - 2019

No increase this year.

The annual subscription is:- £8.00 for a single membership and £12.00 for a couple at the same address.

The entrance charge on concert evenings will be:-

**£5.00 for members
&
£7.00 for non-mem
bers.**

Last Concert (to keep you informed)

For June 2018 The club again made a loss principally due to attendance figures.

The Raffle

The raffle adds another enjoyable element to the evening; its proceeds help your club meet its financial obligations. Our raffle hosts put a lot of time and effort into sourcing interesting prizes on behalf of the club, and we the club appreciate what they do.

Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

BOKC has its own local website.

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert

Mike Hall - Aug 20th 2018



Mike was born New year's day 1954 to a musical family. His father was a saxophonist in a local band. By age three Mike was picking out melodies on the piano. The family found a teacher for him but he soon moved on to the organ. Eventually being taught by the Lowrey organ exponent Jerry Allen. Along the way... Mike at age 12 played the mighty Compton organ at the Granada Grantham, The pedals though just a little out

of reach as too turning the pages of the music. It was Mike who gave the last performance on that organ before it was removed to make way for BINGO? Mike's career developed and he became associated with several Italian organ manufactures resulting frequent trips to Italy. Mike has travelled all around the UK performing and many will have heard his recitals whilst he appeared on the BBC's The Organist Entertains. Mike now lives in Barrowby; he continues to tour the UK entertaining organ society audiences.

Review of our Recent Concert

Concert Review

Ian Griffin

It was the 25th of June, perhaps the first month of hot weather of; 'the long hot summer of 2018'. Our artist for the evening Ian Griffin had travelled from Wales to entertain us and was, he said, returning to Wales at the end of the performance.

We listened to an evening of good and varied music and of course a helping of Welsh humour. Ian took the trouble to explain details about the instrument he was playing, its history development and other nuances, The speakers he explained were 'Bose' a prestigious US manufacturer but, like so much today, now made in.. China.

Some of the music we heard included:- To begin, I will go where the music takes me, I love how you love me, (Bobby Vincent) This time tomorrow. Hits from Dusty Springfield, Steve Wonder, Neil Sedaker – miracle song. There were big band, musical and orchestral sounds including, I got you under my skin, it had to be you, born free, softly as I leave you, if I were a rich man, as long as he needs me.

As before for us, Ian opened the second half up to 'The audience choice' for an hour he played our choice of music without a written note of music or script, just our request notes passed in the interval.

For an encore he played us out to Ski Sunday.

A thoroughly good evening that surely included something for all and played on Ian's Ketron.

For further review comment please view our website

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