



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Dear Friends

Monthly Newsletter 399

November 2018

Club Diary 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
26th Nov	Steve Allison	7 pm
17th Dec	Rod Pooley	6-45 pm
28th Jan 19	Elizabeth Harrison	7 pm
25th Feb 19	Paul Carman	7 pm

Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	12th Dec	Brett Wales	7-50pm
CL	12th Dec	Chris Powell	7 pm
CH	15th Dec	Steve Hubble	7.15pm
CO	7th Dec	Michael Wooldridge	7 pm

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

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Sadly we learn of the untimely passing of Chiho Sunamoto after an inspirational personal fight with a long term illness. Many amongst her audiences will have been oblivious to her poor health as despite those health issues she had continued to provide first class keyboard performances along with her husband Jon.

Chiho would have been our artist for 26th Nov 2018 and as a club we will hold her in thought at that evening's concert.

Our condolences and expression of sympathy go out to her husband Jon and all her family facing this tragedy together.



Tonight's Concert

26th November 2018

Steve Allison

Chiho having passed away so recently has left BOKC struggling to find an artist willing to perform for us tonight with almost no notice.

Steve Allison has agreed to provide us with an evening of music and from his 'Bio' he tells us this about himself.

Steve studied piano from a young age, in his exams with the Royal School of Music, he passed grades 1-5 at Merit and Distinction. His parents recognised his keenest and ability and bought him his first keyboard. Steve progressed and 2003 he attended his first music festival held at Sandford Park. As an 'upcoming new face' to the circuit he performed a 'warm up spot' before the professional. Steve was well received and in consequence was booked by that Organ Society for a 2 hour concert.

By 2013 Steve found himself booked for 30 concerts with venues including the Channel Islands.

Performance time for Christmas concert 7-30pm

Club members celebrations Birthdays

Nov Ronald Annis, Terry Baugh, John Blake, Graham Crockett, Daphne Hawkins,
Brian Hayward
Dec Eunice Archer, Megan Baker, Roy Barker, Barry Brockbank, Jean Harrison,
Carole Jacobs, Gordon Richards, Christine Smith, & Val Worrell

Refreshments

Our thanks as always to those
looking
after us with our
Tea, Coffee & biscuits.

2018

Nov 26th John & Audrey Blake and Megan Baker

Dec 17th The committee.

Jean would appreciate more names on the refreshment rota!

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

Notices

**Entrance charged on concert
evenings:-**

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

Finance - Last Concert

(to keep you informed)

Thank you to our visitors!.

For 22nd October 2018

46 members and 20 visitors

Attended.

The club made a small Profit for
the night **-£17**

But.. We wont forget...

'one swallow doesn't a summer
make'

Please help support your club and
buy BOKC Raffle tickets during the
concert.

Prizes drawn during the evening.

Could you consider serving on the
committee or refreshments rota?

Christmas Concert 17th Dec!

Yes it will soon be that time again.

Doors 6-45pm

Performance

7-30pm.

Tea, coffee, mince
pies and more dur-
ing the interval.



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

BOKC has its own local website.

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert

Rod Pooley 17th Dec 2018 (back by popular demand!)

Born in Welling, Kent, in 1966, the youngest of three sons of Michael and Sheila Pooley. Rod started playing electronic organ at the age of seven years studying under the very capable guidance of John Norris (Principal of the Southern Music Training Centre Bromley). Rod furthered his playing skills by starting piano from the age of ten. Rod at this time was very fortunate to be taught the piano by a top London jazz pianist James Fagg which is no doubt why Rod is an extremely fluent jazz player. Rod passed the eleven plus and went to Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School which at that time had one of the largest school music departments in the UK. The school had three full orchestras and Rod's claim to fame was to perform solo in concert at the school in front of former prime minister Sir Edward Heath who was the Bexley MP at that time. While at Grammar School Rod also formed the first jazz band the school had ever had. During and after leaving full time education, Rod has won many major titles in the organ world

Review of our Recent Concert

Tony Stace Oct 22nd 2018



Maybe Tony's reputation preceded him; it must have been a good one? His concert brought a welcome 20 guests along too. Tony produced an evening of entertaining music and perpetual humour. His audience found themselves frequently participating, at times clapping along with the music, swaying in their seats and singing too.

Tony played his trusted 32 year old Yamaha HX1 organ, one of 8 he owns, though he tried his hardest to sell it to us, along with his CDs and his wife's cakes.

As usual Tony told us exactly how long the next piece would take. We had 8 minutes (with the option of a shorter medley if we didn't like it) of the HX voices turned off and all the sounds coming from an attached midi "Theatre Organ in a Box". Tony hinted that he might pack up touring in 2020, but would carry on doing the Organ Holiday Breaks with Andrew Nix. After a sing along medley for his "last" piece, he ended on an encore medley of patriotic British songs including; Rule Britannia, There always be an England, In an English country garden, White cliffs of Dover,

At the end of the evening the performance had drawn quite a few to their feet to applaud.

For further review comment please view our website

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