



"The Listening Club"

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# Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Dear Friends

**Monthly Newsletter 416**

Sep-21

## Club Diary 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mark Thompson	7pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chris Stanbury	7pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Steve Hubble	7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rod Pooley <b>Christmas concert</b>	6-45 pm

## Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pete Shaw	7.50 pm
CL	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	David Thomas	7 pm
MO	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tony Stace	7 pm

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

[www.organfax.co.uk/events/](http://www.organfax.co.uk/events/)

Club contact number

CL- Clacton Tel 01255 428628  
WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717  
MO -Medway Organ and Keyboard Club  
Tel 01322 274541

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 -Tonight's Concert

### 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.

**Yes your club is back!**

The doors are open again for members & Non members.

**But COVID is still with us.**

For the safety of all please.

Wear a mask, Sanitise your hands, keep social distance.

Chat with friends in the open air.

Performance time 7-45 pm

## Refreshments

*Jean could do with you on her team ?*

**Sept 27th** Jean, and volunteers please  
**Oct 25th** Jean, and volunteers please

## Birthdays

Club members celebrations



*Sept*

Peter Eaton, Shirley Palmer, David Nye

*Oct*

Stephen Morl, Peter Bouchard, Christine Brown, Simon Botwright,  
James Eringa, Irene Ellis, Janet Cox

## Notices

**Temporary Entrance  
charged concert evenings:-**

**£5.00  
for members & non-members.  
Until January 2022  
membership renewal.**

Thank you Sharon & Barry  
For the essential  
Raffle

Please support our club by buying a  
raffle ticket once available again.

Next month

25<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Chris Stanbury

**Additions to newsletter?**

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

**Website**

[WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk](http://WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Concert

**Chris Stanbury 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Chris is an accomplished keyboard player on the professional circuit. He's playing extends comfortably across the latest electronic instrument, jazz or classical piano to theatre or classical pipe organ, he dedicatedly applies skill and musicianship whether he's playing at a concert, social dance, theatre show or wedding party,

Chris was classically trained yet he is equally at home playing jazz and pop music, his music qualifications from the London College of Music include Bachelor of, and Master of Music degrees. His career has led him to perform at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, playing a premiere of a jazz organ piece at the Duke's Hall, Royal Academy of Music, corporate functions and various tours of the Far East, both as a solo performer and session musician, and performances on national TV and BBC Radio 2.

Chris combines a performing career with that of a music examiner for the London College of Music and that of teacher.

At home he keeps an extensive collection of new and vintage instruments. His present concert instrument is the Yamaha ELS-02X Stagea organ.

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## Club Membership

For all members of the BOKC. Annual membership should have renewed in March 2020 but due to the pandemic it has been extended to January 2022. As no membership fees have been charged for the present year all concert attendees will be charged the same **£5 fee at the door** until membership renewal in January 2022.

**Are you a visitor tonight?**

**Please complete a 'Covid'  
contact form.**

## Club news

**Corona Virus** - This is affecting us all personally and the viability of our monthly concerts. Please check the website or phone a committee member to confirm the concert is going ahead before you attend

For further review comment please view our website

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