



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2022

Date	Artiste	Doors
Tues 22 nd Nov	Michael Wooldridge	1-45pm
Tues 13 th Dec	Chris & Joanne Powell	1-45pm
Jan 24	<i>Awaits</i>	1-45pm
Feb 28	David Thomas	1-45pm

Concert - Tues 22nd Nov 2022

Michael Wooldridge



Michael, today's artiste won the 1980 ATOS UK Young Theatre Organist of the Year Competition. His music career blossomed and led to international performances in Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Ireland, Dubai and Australia.

He has an extensive repertoire, his concerts exude popular music in all styles, orchestral, big band, shows, theatre organ, classical, rock and roll and much more.

Michael is a show producer, having staged touring shows, summer seasons and pantos throughout the UK. He has worked along

names such as Supersonic Syd Little, Crackerjack and Good Morning Sunday's Don Maclean, stars of the Black and White Minstrel Show, piano entertainer Bobby Crush, master magician Paul Daniels, Jimmy Cricket and Eurovision Song Contest winner, Dana. He spent three years as electronic organ tutor for Sussex University. He has been a private tutor and the principal tutor at the Rye Wurlitzer Academy. His largest audience it seems would have been a potential 5 Million live listeners on BBC 2's Radio show, 'Steve Wright in the Afternoon', was a regular on the much lamented, organist entertains, and has played in the presence of British royalty.

Michael has a range of organs, digital pianos and keyboards, he is touring with a bespoke Roland organ, with a three manual Atelier. It is an instrument in its own right but also as the console controlling a range of Virtual Pipe Organs.

*Its Autumn ! Covid & Flu. Dear Audience -
 Please be aware of the well known precautions.
 Sanitise hands, keep your distance.*

Other Clubs

Club	Date	Artiste	Doors
WA	14 th Dec	Brett Wales	7.50pm
CL	14 th Dec	Chris Powell	7 pm
MO	12 th Dec	Brett Wales	7 pm

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

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

Club contact number

CL- Clacton Tel 01255 428628
 WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717
 MO - Medway Tel 01322 274541

***Yes next month a time for festivities and good cheer!
 Christmas will be upon us.***

Dependant on circumstances; (Covid, Flu & helpers.)
 Refreshments intended to include festive nibbles with tea or coffee
 Concert doors 1-45pm 13th Dec 22



Refreshments

Jean could do with you on her team !

Tues - Nov 22nd Jean, Penny McCully

Tues - Dec 13th Jean, and ?

Jean needs a help at each concert serving tea & coffee. Maybe you?

Birthdays

Club members celebrations



Nov

Ronald Annis, Terry Baugh, Brian Hayward

Dec

Eunice Archer, Graham Bateson, Barry Brockbank, Carole Jacobs, Margaret Radford, & Angela Smith.

Your Club needs more helpers on club nights.

Maybe you would help with refreshments or setting out the hall?

Notices

Raffle

Please support your club
By buying raffle tickets.

Finance - last concert
(to keep you informed)

Kevin Grunill 25th Oct 22
Audience that afternoon
39 members 12 visitors.

The club - thanks to the
Raffle Raising **£80.00 p**
Donations **£16.00 p**
Concert the overall result

A loss for the club
£-18.44p

NEXT MONTH

Chris Powell &
maybe Joanne

13th Dec 22



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert -Chris Powell- 13th Dec 2022

Chris Born in Manchester in 1971 grew up in New Zealand and Lancashire. He developed a love of music playing the piano and organ. At 14 he had strings of performance engagements for concerts and dances. At 18 he had auditioned and joined the organists playing at the Tower Ballroom Blackpool. Additionally he worked as a demonstrator for Farfisa, Orla and Roland. Chris's talent took his performances abroad. After a month long concert in New Zealand in 1996 he took up the post of Resident Organist at 'Baycourt Theatre' in Tauranga. Fame has taken Chris performing overseas in concert tours to Holland, Australia and the US. 2021 was his 17th tour of New Zealand and his 10th of Australia.

He married fellow artiste Joanne and the couple live in the Lincolnshire town of Gainsborough. Together they are trustees at the London Musical Museum in Brentford, the home of the ex Regal, Kingston Wurlitzer. Their other appointments; Joanne is the secretary and Chris Chairman of the Gainsborough organ and keyboard club. Chris is the President of the Lincoln Electronic Organ Society. Tonight's performance may see both Chris and Joanne in concert together.

His !- Last concert - Kevin Grunill 25th Oct 2022

End of an era, This was Kevin's very last electronic organ concert as he now leaves the circuit. As ever he used his trusty 32 year old Technics FN3 together with his PC based Paramount 450 Virtual Theatre Pipe Organ. A superb concert ending with a great Blackpool medley using the VTPO followed by a brilliant medley of Les Mis songs resulting in a standing ovation. A sad loss to the electronic organ circuit. **His encore, Hooked on cancan.**

From the 1st half

Make em laugh, The wind beneath my wings, Medley of traditional organ sounds, Moonlight serenade, I know why, At last, For our Queen - Oklahoma, I cant say no, The Surrey With the Fringe on Top, Oh what a beautiful morning, brassed off grimethorpe colliery band, March of the cobblers, Getting married in the

Morning. The Phantom of the opera, All I ask of you. From the 2nd half

Its all right by me, Want to be like you (jungle book), Something's got to give, This heart of mine, The great Race (Mancini), Pie in the face polka, Aces high, Anchors aweigh, A selection of theatre organ music, (blackpool) Dont want to set the word on fire, Happy days are here again, Blowing bubbles, A selection from Les Misérables.

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