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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2023

Date	Artiste	Doors
Mar 28	Rod Pooley	1-45pm
April 25	Andrew Varley	1-45pm
23 rd May	Ian Griffin	1-45pm
27 th June	Awaits	1-45pm

Concert - Tues 28th March 2023

Rod Pooley



Rod Pooley, last with us for our Christmas performance 13th December 2021 often requested, an artiste born Welling, Kent, in 1966. He began playing electronic organ aged seven, added the piano to his playing skills aged ten. Tutored by London jazz pianist, James Fagg, whose jazz no doubt influenced Rod, perhaps why he is now an accomplished jazz player. Rod attended Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School. They at that time had one of the largest school music departments in the UK.

Whilst there Rod performed a solo during a concert in front of former prime minister Sir Edward Heath then Mp for Bexley. At the School Rod formed its first jazz band.

During and after leaving full time education he won many titles in the organ world. These included:

1981 at 14 years of age Young Theatre Organist of the Year
 1985 and 1986 at 18 and 19 years of age National Organist of the year
 1988 at 21 years of age Yamaha Electone Festival Winner
 Rod has Grade VIII on Piano and Organ and achieved a performance diploma in electronic organ playing at just 17.

Church organist at St Michaels and All Angels Eastbourne for two years. His professional career was established by the time he left school and he has worked with the Joe Loss Orchestra, the Ken Mackintosh Big Band, Mike Reid and Jimmy Tarbuck.

Other Clubs

Club	Date	Artiste	Doors
WA	12 th April	Tony Stace	7.50pm
WA	10 th May	Mark Brown/Brian Mackenzie	7.50pm
MO	10 th April	Tony Stace	7 pm
MO	8 th May	Chris Stanbury	7 pm

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

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

Club contact number

WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717
 MO - Medway Tel 01322 274541

**Are you a visitor today, Usually visit another club nearby?
 Perhaps we could add their detail to our 'other clubs' list
 for information of our members?**

Refreshments

Jean could do with you on her team !

Tues - Mar 28th Jean, Valerie Nye

Tues - Apr 25th Jean, Brian Benkin

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

Birthdays

Club members celebrations



Mar

Yvette Roberts

Apr

Yvonne Maguire and David Schuster

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.

Interim Finance Position

On our last concert
(to keep you informed)

David Thomas

28th Feb 2023

Audience that afternoon
37 members 10 visitors.

The club - thanks to the
Raffle Raising **£55.00 p**

Donations **£8.35 p**

Concert position.

Loss on evening of:-

£-90.70p

NEXT MONTH

Andrew Varley

25th Apr 2023



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert - Andrew Varley- 25th Apr 2023

Andrew from Southsea, Hampshire lives with wife Sue and two daughters. As a child Andrew's father Frank introduced him to a small Thomas Organ, later changing it for a Lowrey. By age 13 Andrew had become very keen on playing the Electronic Organ. He is largely self taught but received encouragement from the late theatre organist Eric Lord. After awhile in the Retail Business. Andrew joined a Trio playing keyboards in clubs, and provided backing for cabaret artistes in Holiday Clubs.

Married in 1987 he later that year left the Trio. 1988 he started working at 'Bees Music' in Chichester. becoming the Manager of their Southampton branch.

Andrew knew he wanted to be a full time professional so since 1991 he has been playing for dances, private functions, Organ & Keyboard clubs ranging from Yorkshire to the Channel Islands, Cornwall to Norfolk. Andrew has appeared at Organ Festivals at Shorefield, Torquay Bournemouth, Hayling Island and Sandford Park. At the Autumn Cavalcade Festival in 2003, Andrew performed to 1000 people, his largest audience to date. He has played to international audiences in Germany, Italy and Dublin. To date Andrew has made 22 recordings on Yamaha, Technics and Wersi instruments and several tracks have been broadcast by BBC Radios Lancashire, Guernsey, Devon and The Organist Entertains on Radio 2

Last concert - David Thomas 28th Feb 2023

A full and varied concert, David entertained us on his Roland AT100 with its registrations loaded from his larger AT900. At the instrument he produced an extensive range of sounds and styles, and as some said, 'A superb Hammond Organ medley'. He went to some pain explaining and extolling about the instrument, and a short info talk about the development of the Hammond organ, some of which seemed to keep him from the returning to the keyboard. His performance was enhanced by visual images on screen not just of his hands and feet dancing across the keys and pedals but as anticipated, entertaining dancing characters including babies or monkeys.

From the 1st half

On the sunny side of the street, Heaven I'm in Heaven, Lets Face The Music and Dance, Something Wonderful, A Latin Medley, Besame Mucho, Perfidia, Forever and Ever, It's raining in my heart, I hear laughter in the rain, Rain drops falling on my head, A medley in the Hammond style, Over the rainbow, A nightingale sang in Berkeley Sq. Pachelbel - Canon, Solitaire, Stranger on the shore,

the DHOS march,

From the 2nd half

I'll never smile again, Poor Wandering One, The Entertainer, Hello Dolly, Aint She Sweet, A Bossa Nova, Midnight serenade, Rock around the clock, The Stripper, The Hustle, My First My Last My Everything,
Encore A short medley and tribute-
BERT KAEMPFERT

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