



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
23 rd May	Ian Griffin	1-45pm
27 th June	David Ingley	1-45pm AGM
25 th Jul	Elizabeth Harrison	1-45pm
22 nd Aug	Chris & Jo Powell	1-45pm

Concert - Tues 25th April 2023

Andrew Varley



Andrew from from Southsea, Hampshire where he lives with wife Sue and their two daughters. As a child it was Andrew's father Frank who introduced him to a small Thomas Organ, later changing it for a Lowrey.

At 13 Andrew had become very keen on playing the Electronic Organ. He is largely self taught but he received initial encouragement from his father and the late theatre organist, Eric Lord. Andrew's went to many Organ Concerts with his parents where he was influenced by players like Brian Sharp, John Mann' German stars Franz

Lambert and Klaus Wunderlich, for Andrew, all were inspirational. His parents fuelled his interest by constantly introducing different organs bought over the years, including Gulbransen, Eminent and Yamaha.

After a period in Retail Andrew joined a Trio playing keyboards where he provided backing for cabaret artistes in Holiday Clubs. Married in 1987 he later that year left the Trio. In 1988 he started working at 'Bees Music' in Chichester. becoming the Manager of their Southampton branch.

He wanted to be a full time performing 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, he performed to 1000 people, his largest audience to date. He has played to international audiences in Germany, Italy and Dublin. Andrew has made 22 recordings on Yamaha, Technics and Wersi instruments and several tracks have been broadcast by BBC Radios Lancashire, Guernsey, Devon and on the now sadly missed, Organist Entertains on Radio 2

Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	10 th May	Mark Brown/Brian Mackenzie	7.50pm
WA	14 th June	David Ingley	7.50pm
MO	8 th May	Chris Stan-bury	7 pm
MO	12 th June	Andrew Nix	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

**A note for the Diary. It's that time of year!
The Clubs AGM will follow the June concert.**

27th June AGM

Refreshments

Jean could do with you on her team !

Tues - Apr 25th Jean, Brian Benkin

Tues - May 23rd Jean, Eric Harris.

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

Birthdays

Club members celebrations



Apr

Yvonne Maguire and David Schuster

May

Frances Alvarez, Roy Clemance, Maureen Collins, Margaret Flatt

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)

Rod Pooley

28th Mar 2023

Audience that afternoon

40 members 7 visitors.

The club - thanks to the

Raffle Raising **£61.00 p**

Donations **£28.32 p**

Concert position.

Loss on evening of:-

£-93.76p

NEXT MONTH

Ian Griffin

23rd May 2023



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Forthcoming Concert - Ian Griffin- 23rd May 2023

Ian Griffin, An award winning keyboard player, first appeared on BBC 1 TV at the age of twelve in a programme which featured Britain's Young Entertainers. He played a Hammond organ and was voted back a second time by the live studio audience.

In 1980, at the age of fifteen, he appeared in Britain's first Home Electronic Organ Festival and was voted the best player under the age of 18 by the readers of a national keyboard music magazine,

In conjunction with the then Pointinental Holidays, the same magazine produced a series of Spring In Spain festivals resulting in Ian being filmed for Spanish television.

In 1996 he was the musical director on HTV's 'Friday Night Live' – an early form of the X-Factor with famous personalities as judges on talent from Wales.

Last concert - Rod Pooley 28th Mar 2023

With thanks to others for the following information.

Rod used the TRX system based on Genos plus lower keyboard and 20 note Hammond pedalboard.

He brought along his fiancée Rhohima who acted as driver and prompt for the next pieces. Rod produced his usual good concert with plenty of variety,

Audience numbers were low, perhaps due to miserable weather?

From the 1st half

Shiny Stockings, Theme from Young Lovers, Blue Danube, Wichita Line-man, Dambusters, When you say nothing at all, Whiter shade of pale, Sweet Dream Believers, Nimrod, Galloping Home.

From the 2nd half

Conquest of Paradise, Games that lovers play, Sway, What a difference a day makes, Air on a G string, Lying eyes, Jealousy, Looks like we made it, Isn't she lovely?, Superstition, Home, Elan. Encore;- Deed I do

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