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# Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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## Club Diary 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Mark Thompson	1-45pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nicholas Martin B.E.M	1-45pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Mark Spafford	1-45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chris Stanbury	1-45pm

**Concert - Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> - Aug 2023**

## Joanne & Chris Powel



Chris & Joanne Powell. Each an accomplished keyboard performance artistes in their own right. Both grew up with a childhood love of music and talent at the keyboard.

Chris Born in Manchester in 1971, for a time at 2 years old emigrated to New Zealand with his parents only to return aged 5. His education and early years were spent growing up in Lancashire. He developed a love of music and his talent emerged at the piano and organ.

Joanne A ten year old when she started learning to play the organ. Mum and Dad were organ fans and bought an old Galanti, and so for her it all began. First lessons by a church organist on a piano, but when an organ shop opened in her home-town of Gainsborough. She took to lessons there from a former theatre organist. Soon her talent led her to join a dance band, playing keyboards.

The fairy tale - The couple met fell in love married and now produce music together on tour as international musicians. BOKC originally booked Chris for this concert but we are hopeful we will hear from them both.

## Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Chris Stanbury	7-50 pm
MO	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Mark Thompson	7-00 pm
CL	13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	David Last	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Mark Thompson	Start 2-30 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

WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717  
 MO - Medway Tel 01322 274541  
 CL - Clacton Tel 01255 428628  
 CO - Colchester Tel 07903 804603

### News - Clubs now added to our 'Other Clubs' list.

CL - Clacton - Clacton Keyboard Music Club. (£8 visitor entry)  
[Community Hall, Valley Road, Great Clacton, Essex. CO15 4AR.](http://www.clactonkeyboardsociety.co.uk)  
 CO - Colchester Keyboard Concerts, (£10 visitor entry)  
[St Margarets Church Hall, Stansted Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8RA](http://www.colchesterkeyboardsociety.co.uk)

### Club Email - members and visitors

Please let the club have your email address - We will send you club news and club related notices. Email is 'Blind Copied' your address is not revealed.

## Refreshments

*Jean could do with you on her team !*

Tues -Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Jean, Maureen Collins

Tues -Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Jean, Yvonne Maguire

*A few times a year, would you help serve tea and coffee?*

## Birthdays

Club members celebrations



*Aug* Sally Banks, Eileen Bartrup, Cornelius Jackson, Roy Radford  
Sidney Sickler & Shirley Sickler

*Sep* Peter Eaton & David Nye

**Its Your Club -We need more 'helpers' at concerts.  
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)*

**Elizabeth Harrison**

25<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023

Audience that afternoon

35 members 12 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£62.00 p**

Donations **£15.66 p**

Concert position.

Loss on evening of:-

**-£77.42**

### Voluntary - refreshments box.

There is no charge for 'Tea/Coffee & Biscuits' but club funds would gratefully appreciate a donation.

### NEXT MONTH

Mark Thompson 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 23



### Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

### Website

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

### Next Concert - **Mark Thompson** - 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

Mark began learning to play the electronic organ age seven. He was a pupil of the Technics Academy at nine; worked his way through his grades whilst also entering local competitions, he reached the area finals in 1999. He was a pupil of Chiho Sunamoto at the Yamaha School of Music; and was performing in concerts by the age of fifteen. Mark travelled the UK and abroad playing the Yamaha EL90 for organ societies, festivals and private functions.

In 2002 he 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, His other works include; 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.

### Last concert - Elizabeth Harrison 25<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023

Now into summer holiday season, it was a disappointing attendance at what most comments referred to afterwards as a 'very good concert'.

Elizabeth's now using the Yamaha Stagea ELC02 along with the 'Theatre Organ in a box V3'. that produces an authentic cinema organ sound.

#### From the 1st half

Can't take my eyes off you, When I fall in love, I left my heart in San Francisco, You made me love you, Raining in my heart, Pennies from heaven, Now I know, Teddy Bears' picnic, The day we went to Bangor, Wonderful Copenhagen, Run Rabbit Run, Bonny banks of Loch Lomond, Memories, Any dream will do, I could have danced all night, Wheels.

#### From the 2nd half

You've got your troubles, Skyliner, Forgotten dreams, Last of the summer wine theme, Sailing by, You make me feel so young, Sons of the brave, Jealousy, O Sole Mio, Check to cheek, Oh what a beautiful morning, Daisy Daisy, Belle of the ball, Bobby's girl, Beautiful Sunday, Zambezi, Don't dilly dally on the way, Bring me sunshine, When you're smiling, She'll be coming round the mountains, The more I see you. **Encore:**  
Cherry pink and apple blossom white

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