



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2023

Date	Artiste	Doors
21 st Nov (3 rd week)	Mark Spafford	1-45pm
12 th Dec	Chris Stanbury	1-45pm
23 rd Jan 2024	Chris Jones	1-45pm
27 th Feb 2024	Andrew Nix	1-45pm

Other Clubs

Club	Date	Artiste	Doors
WA	8 th Nov	Brett Wales	7-50 pm
MO	13 th Nov	Rod Pooley	7-00 pm
CL	11 th Nov	Lee Dewsnap	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	12 th Nov (SUN)	Elizabeth Harrison	Start 2-30 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
 CL - Clacton Tel 01255 428628
 CO - Colchester Tel 07903 804603

Concert - Tues 24th October 2023

Nicholas Martin B.E.M

A family visit to Blackpool in 1969 (at age five), had given Nicholas the chance to hear the Wurlitzer organ being played in the famous Tower Ballroom by "Mr Blackpool" - Reginald Dixon.



At nine years of age young Nicholas turned to developing his interest in playing music. He learned to play the piano.

At the age of eleven it became his ambition to one day perform at the most famous of venues, the Tower Ballroom Blackpool.

Nick's ambition was achieved in 1981, he accepted a post as resident organist – and was then just 17. Later appointed as the resident Wurlitzer organist at "Turner's", and remained there until its closure in June 2004.

Nick recorded over thirty albums on the "TURNER'S" Wurlitzer - as well as Video's & DVD's. He was regularly heard on BBC Radio 2's "The Organist Entertains" programme (recorded at "TURNER'S"), and has made several appearances on TV over the years.

For his relentless and tireless support of the "Miracles to Believe in" charity, helping those with autism, Nick was awarded the B.E.M.

November concert 2023

To better even spacing between Oct/Nov/Dec concerts please make a note:- Next concert date is:- 21st November 2023

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 -Oct 24th Jean, Barbbara Cornish

Tues -Dec 12th Jean, ????

Tues -Nov 21st Jean, Janet Cox

Tues -Jan 23rd Jean, Janet Cox

Birthdays

Club members celebrations



Oct Simon Botwright, Peter Bouchard, Christine Brown, Janet Cox,
James Eringa, Stephen Morl, Gwendoline Stockwell

Nov Ronald Annis, Brian Hayward

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)

Mark Thompson

26th Sept 2023

Audience that afternoon

39 members 18 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£59.00 p**

Donations **£19.90 p**

Concert position.

Loss on evening of:-

-£23.52

Voluntary - refreshments box.

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

NEXT MONTH

Mark Spafford 21st Nov 23



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Next Concert - **Mark Spafford** - 21st Nov 2023

Mark was born in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire and has been playing for over 30 years. He like so many started by taking piano lessons, he passed exams there before moving to the organ, His keyboard learning continued by taking lessons at the 'Yamaha Music School'.

His first 'Public' appearances, at the age of 18, were in local public houses and clubs providing backing for singers. His music evolved, changing his playing to accommodate ballroom and sequence dancing. It's still his passion today, playing for dances as he travels up and down the country' Mark began playing concerts in 2011. He has performed many times at clubs and societies throughout much of the north of England and has always played Yamaha organs during his career, changing keyboards with a view to making transportation life easier along with the fantastic sounds generated from the latest Yamaha equipment. Mark's current instrument is the Yamaha Genos.

Last concert - Mark Thompson 26th Sept 2023

Mark Thompson, with us 22nd Jan 2018, then we missed him on 23rd March 2020 due to the pandemic but he returned to be with us 27th Sept 2021 and was our first performing artiste post the pandemic lock down. Mark, an appreciated musician by many, brought for us his usual great concert filled with sound, music and not a little youthful humour with a northern air. A change of suit for the second half rippled a few cheers from the audience, shall we say it was a little 'brighter'! than that worn in the first half. Mark's music performed on his trusty Yamaha EL90. Overall an afternoon of well applauded entertainment.

From the 1st half

When you're smiling, Love, Beer barrel polka, A River Dance medley, Just the way you are, Stand by me, When you told me you loved me, Five finger boogie, I'm still standing, The white cliffs of Dover, Cheek to Cheek, Somewhere in time, Besame Mucho, Perfidia, Mumbo Jumbo, Mumbo Jumbo, Tico Tico,.

From the 2nd half

Rag time band, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, When The Saints Go Marching In, And The Waltz Goes On, Czardas, Medley 1950s - 1970s, My girl, Living Doll, Do You Wanna Dance, There goes my first love, The wonder of you, Come fly with me, My way, Crocodile rock, La Bamba, Go Johnny go, and a medley of more Rock and Roll,

Audience calls for:- 'More More'

Encore, - 'We'll meet again.'

For further review comment please view our website

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