



"The Listening Club"

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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2026

Date	Artiste	Doors
23rd June 2026	Ian Griffin	1-45pm AGM (Follows)
26th July 2026	Clair Greig	1-45pm
25th Aug 2026	Mark Speight	1-45pm
22nd Sept 2026	David Thomas	1-45pm

Other Clubs

Club	Date	Artiste	Doors
WA	10th June	Michael Wooldridge	7-50 pm
MO	8th June	David Ingley	7-00 pm
CL	10th June	Annie Threadkell	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	14th June	Nicholas Martin B.E.M	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 26th MAY 2026

Brett Wales



Brett was born on the 23rd of August 1978 in Nottingham and raised by his grandparents Marianne and Alwyn, (Apparently he still lives and works from that same house.)

Alwyn owned an Elka 707 Organ, He returned from work one day to discover his three year old grandson playing the organ. The family felt Brett's

talent should not be wasted and arranged private lessons from a local music teacher.

Bretts talent was recognised as unusual with some considering him a 'Boy Genius'. He later met with Wersi Stars, Klaus Wunderlich and Franz Lambert. In 1989 that meeting led to a memorable year for Brett and his family, they made a trip to see Franz live at the Felsenkeller. After hearing of Brett's achievements, Franz requested that Brett played for him and his audience. One of the pieces Brett chose to play was one that Franz himself plays, "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometimes" Many were amazed at the ability of this nine year old who played seemingly without a care in the world. It brought the house down.

By the time he was twelve Brett was travelling and demonstrating for Wersi in the U.K. Eventually Brett had to limit the amount of travelling, due to both his school work & musical examination's, more time was dedicated to his grades. At fifteen Brett was accepted for Clarendon College in Nottingham to study music.

Today Brett is constantly in demand and playing to venues all over the country

Acknowledgement - <http://www.organfax.co.uk>

BOKC - AGM

The club will hold its Annual General meeting following the June 23rd 2026 Concert. Please attend if you can.

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

Micheal Tatner - could do with you on his team!

Tues - May 26th Christine & Yvonne

Tues - Jun 23rd -???

Tues - July 28th -???

Tues - Aug 25th -???



Celebrating Birthdays >

May

Frances Alvarez, Keith Barron, Margaret Flatt

Jun

Jean Baugh, Clifford Eighteen, Helen Isaacs, Michael Palmer, Linda Scott

Brief News & / or Comment?

For your Diary

AGM after 23/06/26 concert

Refreshments

Would you help by making the tea and coffee even if occasionally?

Notices

Raffle

Please support your club
By buying raffle tickets.

Interim Finance Position

On our last concert

(to keep you informed)

Michael Wooldridge

28th Apr 2026

Audience that afternoon

37 members 18 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£83.80 p**

Donations **£28.20p**

At the door - Concert position.

Profit on afternoon of:-
(Approximately) **-£10.00p**

Voluntary - refreshments box.

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

NEXT MONTH

Ian Griffin

Tues 23rd June 2026



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to - Secretary
Steve Morl .

Contact via email?
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Next Concert - **Ian Griffin** 23rd June 2026

Ian Griffin, An award winning keyboard player, first appeared on BBC1 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.

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Last concert - **Michael Wooldridge** 28th Apr 2026

Michael used his smaller Roland AT-15 organ, but it had been pre-loaded with sounds from his larger Atelier organ. All were used to great effect. We were treated to an excellent concert with medleys of many genres including some lovely pipe organ sounds.

From the audience, many positive comments voiced on exit.

This was the clubs biggest audience attendance this year to date at 55, the club thanks attendees for good raffle income and generous donation.

From the 1st half

Get happy. The wind beneath my wings. Blackpool medley (I do like to be beside the seaside, Ship ahoy, Hello, hello, Who's your lady friend, all the nice girls love a sailor). La Cucaracha. Moon River. Music to watch girls by. The old rugged cross. Trumpet voluntary. Monty's Csardas. Spanish eyes. Tico Tico. Black and White Minstrel Show medley (Mammy, Baby Face, Four leaf clover, Buddy can you spare a dime, Michael rowed the boat ashore. California here I come, Toot Toot Tootsie, When the Saints go marching in). 60's medley (You don't have to say you love me, What's it all about Alfie, The look of love. Rag Doll. River deep mountain high).

From the 2nd half

Washington Post March. Gershwin Medley (Lady be good, I've got rhythm, Summertime, Fascinating Rhythm, Food glorious food, Where is love, Oom-pap-pa, Who will buy, I'd do anything, Pick a pocket or two, As long as he needs me, Consider yourself). Come follow the band. I won't send roses. History of love. Bolero. Big Band medley. Elvis medley (Heartbreak hotel, Blue suede shoes, Teddy bear, Love me tender, Suspicious mind, Wooden Heart, All shook up, Don't be cruel, Can't help falling in love, American Trilogy).

Encore – In the mood

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