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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2026

Date	Artiste	Doors
22 nd Sept 2026	David Thomas	1-45pm
27 th Oct 2026	Daniel Watt	1-45pm
24 th Nov 2026	Chris & Jo Powel	1-45pm
15 th Dec 2026	Elizabeth Harrison	1-45pm

Other Clubs

Club	Date	Artiste	Doors
WA	9 th Sept	David Thomas	7-50 pm
MO	14 th Sept	Glyn Madden	7-00 pm
CL	9 th Sept	Tony Stace	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	13 th Sept	David Ingley	Start 2-30 pm

Clubs fold? - Please confirm performance by contacting the club by phone prior to attending or View 'organfax' website.

www.organfax.co.uk/events

Other Club contact numbers

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

Concert - Tues 25th AUG 2026

Mark Speight



Mark Speight - His words.

As a young lad in the 1980's, I experienced the magical splendour of Phil Kelsall, Robert Wolfe and Nick Martin playing the Wurlitzer organ in The Tower Ballroom, Blackpool and began learning to play the organ. Many years of hard practise followed as I pursued my dream of being a professional musician. During those years I also listened to Klaus Wunderlich and Brian Sharp. In 1986, two days after my 16th birthday, I played my first sessions for dancing on the Wurlitzer at The Tower Ballroom and I was lucky enough to continue doing so for some time after that. This fortunate start to my working life enabled me to set out as a professional musician This comprised of electronic organ concerts all over the UK in the winter months and various summer season organ playing jobs in Blackpool in the summer months, the latter being with a drummer providing musical backing for shows. That continued until 2002. I must add, these were great years, busy locally in the summer and busy in the winter with the concerts and becoming quite well known and also being featured on Nigel Ogden's 'The Organist Entertains' on Radio 2 regularly.

At the time of writing (spring 2024) and I'm still playing at Blackpool Tower Ballroom, playing at the aforementioned local entertainment venue once a week, selling on Ebay, doing accountancy for family and friends and doing some church organ playing. In January 2024, at the invitation of Elizabeth Harrison, I returned to performing organ concerts with an appearance at her Much Hoole, Lancashire,

My recent concerts featured my Roland AT350C Atelier. However, I've now sold that and ordered a Yamaha ELC-02 Electone to play at my concerts.

Club Email - members and visitors

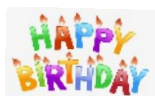
Please let the club have your email address - We will send you club news and club related notices. Email is 'Blind Copied', your address is not revealed.

Refreshments

*Michael Tatner - could do with
you on his team !*

Tues - Aug 25th Michael & Barbara C
Tues - Sep 22nd Michael & Jan C

Tues - Oct 27th Michael & ???-
Tues -



Celebrating Birthdays >

Brief News & / or Comment?

Aug

Sally Banks, Eileen Bartrup, Roy Radford

Sept

Louise Dixon, Peter Eaton,
Malcolm Lindsell, David Nye

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)

Claire Greig

28th July 2026

Audience that afternoon

28 members 8 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£43.00p**

Donations **£11.00p**

At the door - Concert position.

Loss on afternoon of:-
(Approximately) -£134.00p

Voluntary - refreshments box.

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

NEXT MONTH

David Thomas

Tues 22nd Sept 2026



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to - Secretary
Steve Morl .

Contact via email?
Scan QR code

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for Email



Next Concert - **David Thomas** 22nd Sept 2026

Almost a local boy, David was born in Hornchurch in 1963. He began his interest in music at Secondary School where he took up the Trombone, until then he had been limited to the Descant Recorder whilst attending Primary School. The Trombone led him into the School Orchestras, a Dance Band and later the local Youth Orchestra. In the late 70's he discovered an old "Trench", fold-away Harmonium tucked away in his Grandparent's house and after this sparked an interest he decided he would like to try his hand at something a little more up to date. The years have passed and David's keyboard abilities developed. He has appeared along with many of Britain's Top Organists and at many prestigious venues, played on Radio, and been the subject of Personality Profiles in Home Keyboard Review

Last concert - **Claire Greig** 28th July 2026

Another BOKC concert, another heat wave! The third concert in a row with high temperatures and a very low audience attendance, understandable but never the less adversely consequential for the club which again hasn't met its monthly running cost.

As before, Claire played her Wersi Sonic OAX-1 duo. A concert of depth and variety in her music with good humour interwoven. A concert deserving of a larger audience. Claire produced for the us a particularly inspiring rendition of Highland Cathedral. To the ear the 'Bagpipes were very recognisable as 'bagpipes' The secret revealed by Claire, she had uniquely adapted her Wersi Sonic 'Bagpipes sound', assisted by her father a man, very much a piper.

From the 1st half

Beer Barrel Polka, Rosamunde,
Colonel Bogey "The River Kwai
March" Mickey Mouse March, Wallace
and Gromit Theme, Radetsky March,
Sleepy Shores, Peer Gynt Morning,
Orange Blossom Special, Speak Softly
Love, We have all the time in the world,
Winter Games (1988 Winter Olympic
Theme), Nimrod, Elizabethan Sere-
nade, Cavatina, Circus Renz.

From the 2nd half

Vienna Forever, St. Louis Blues,
Goodbye To Love (Carpenters), High-
land Cathedral, Out Of Africa, Mozart
- Rondo Alla Turca, Missing, Chariots
Of Fire (Vangelis), Damaged Goods,
Herb Alpert - This Guy's In Love With
You, Morning in Cornwall,
Offenbach - Orpheus in the Under-
world Overture Extended including
Can Can.

Encore - ET theme.

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