



BRENTWOOD Chamber of Commerce

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from Brentwood*

Summer BBQ confirmed as events calendar fills out through 2019

As you will have seen by now, the Chamber has drawn up a very full and varied list of events during 2019. And also we're now pleased to confirm the date and location of this year's Summer Barbecue.

Ashwells Country Club will be hosting the event on Wednesday July 3, from 6-9pm. And this year the Chamber is looking to utilise the BBQ as an opportunity for members to promote and showcase their business or organisation.

We will be offering a limited number of exhibitor places, providing an excellent opportunity to entertain clients, staff and guests in the perfect setting of Ashwells' beautiful grounds

It'll give you the chance to enjoy a balmy summer's evening with good food, drink and entertainment - and some relaxed networking too.

Full details of the Exhibitor places will be confirmed in due course, as will individual and group ticket prices. But stick the date in your diary for now.

Also remember that the Chamber's Open Meeting and Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday May 16 at Brentwood Cricket Club, welcoming non-members as well as Chamber members - with The Rt Hon. the Lord Pickles our main speaker.

We will be electing Chamber officials and members of the Executive Committee. If you would like to put yourself forward, you can download an application form at brentwoodchambers.co.uk/executive-committee - to be returned to us by April 26.

Meanwhile, as part of our ongoing events partnership with Brentwood Borough Council and the Brentwood Business Partnership, we will be holding a Brentwood Business Briefing in early September.

The event will include a panel discussion, exhibitor stalls and networking. Full details of the Briefing will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

To get first notification of ticket sales for all Chamber events, make sure you are signed up for our email updates and follow our social media channels - see brentwoodchambers.co.uk/contact-us for full details.



Ashwells Country Club will be the stunning location for our Summer BBQ on July 3

Also, if you are you looking to extend your branding to Brentwood residents and businesses, you will interested to note that the Council has released details of its 2019 events sponsorship packages.

These provide a wide range of opportunities (from as little as £50) to promote your business at large community events such as Lighting Up Brentwood, Strawberry Fair and the Brentwood Business Showcase.

For more details, email business@brentwood.gov.uk to request your copy of their sponsorship guide.

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## Is your business imagery fit for purpose? Get help now!

Increasingly we are consuming our news and social media solely by images. You only have to look at the huge rise in popularity of Instagram, from its launch in October 2010, to 1 billion monthly active users in June 2018.

Tina Wing of Chamber member Tina Wing Photography truly believes that your business deserves to showcase itself with beautiful imagery.

“With there no longer being any photographers directly employed by any weekly newspapers in Essex, your business needs to be able to supply high-quality photos from your events, and of your products and staff for press releases too,” said Tina.

“To give Brentwood Chamber’s members an advantage over their competition, I am offering them a 10 per cent discount for my business and food photography services during April and May.

“I will work closely with you to identify your business values, brand, colours and ethos.

“I will then create you a toolkit of stunning images for all your marketing needs, including publications, websites and social media.”

Tina adds: “I was delighted to recently achieve my first silver medal with The Guild of Photographers for one of my food images, to add to my collection of bronze medals.

“It’s a visual world, so make sure you invest in high-quality, professional photography to showcase your business and tell your visual story.”

Tina started her working life in the family photographic processing business in the pre-digital age, before starting her own photography business.

She is a member of the SWPP (Society of Wedding and Portrait Photographers) and the Guild of Photographers - offering a range of services across wedding photography, gourmet food photography, business portraits and headshots.

*To find out more and contact Tina visit [tinawingphotography.co.uk](http://tinawingphotography.co.uk)*

## Being spurred on by a Chamber in San Antonio

We are always looking to improve the range of services, which we offer to our members, and one source of ideas is to check what other chambers are offering to their members.

With this in mind, our Chairman Colin Barber, on a recent visit to San Antonio in Texas, decided to visit the local Chamber of Commerce in search of ideas and inspiration.

Brentwood certainly does not compare in size to San Antonio, which is the seventh largest city in the USA, and their Chamber has more than 2,000 members! But their philosophies and goals are very similar to ours.

What impressed Colin most was how the Chamber seemed to be at the centre of everything which could affect business in the city, thus giving them a strong influence over all major decision-making in such areas as transportation, planning, tourism - and even military affairs.

Colin explained: “It certainly re-enforced my belief in the importance of close relationships between the Chamber and other key organisations in the town.”

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas on what the Chamber can do to help ‘Build Better Business in Brentwood’, then do let us know. Or if you have experienced other Chambers elsewhere on your travels.

## New date for Meet the Neighbours

The Meet the Neighbours event due to be staged by Stansted Airport Chamber of Commerce last month was unfortunately cancelled late in the day.

Several Chamber members had booked to attend, and all will be glad to hear that the innovative networking event has been rescheduled for September 10.

The afternoon attracts businesses from a range of sectors from start-ups to corporates from around the region, with SACC working closely with us and other neighbouring Chambers.

*Tickets from £18 for members, at [brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events](http://brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events)*



## Lucky 13 for Chamber as a baker's dozen new members join

**The Executive Committee's March meeting approved 13 more applications as yet more new members joined the Chamber:**

**AMAC Solutions** are a cost-saving solution provider helping SME's to buy better - be it mobiles, stationery, energy, VoIP, Janitorial. AMAC can save businesses between 10 to 20 per cent using their corporate spending power.

**Heartcentred Wellbeing** cover Brentwood and surrounding areas offering yoga, pranayama and meditation, all with an Ayurvedic influence, for individuals and businesses - passionate about helping others find ways to lead a more harmonious life through the use of conscious breath work, yoga, meditation and diet/herbs rather than from prescribed drugs.

**HR Department** specialise in the needs of SMEs, offering a personal service with practical support and pragmatic advice on all aspects of people management - ranging from advice on employment law, producing contracts of employment, dealing with performance issues, developing policies and procedures, and providing training and development.

**PLH Utilities** are Essex-based commercial energy brokers, who find the best possible contract for your energy needs. As a Premier Broker they can access the whole market, looking after energy procurement and find the best time to renew businesses' future contracts.

**Radiantlife Lettings and Management** is a Rainham-based property solution provider. An independent letting agent, they specialise in managing landlords' and investors' properties in the local area.

**Self Health Oils** are Billericay based, and work alongside a number of other therapists educating on how to live a healthy, plant-based lifestyle that incorporates a complete holistic approach. This includes showing how to use pure grade therapeutic essential oils to replace toxic over-the-counter medication, and the impact this can have on health.

**Sienna's** is a Shenfield restaurant, a family-run business serving British locally-sourced produce. They offer an intimate dining experience, and cater for a variety of events - bringing the key elements of the current London dining scene, but within an Essex location.

**S Potter Talent Ltd** specialises in apprenticeship scheme management and career development strategies; a Brentwood consultancy with a vision to create learning cultures within business, and a mission to motivate, inspire and empower people to do things they never thought were possible.

**The Chiropractic Centres** are based in Brentwood and Billericay, offering an outstanding level of chiropractic care, supported by their massage therapists, all of whom undergo regular and continued professional development. They also have options for referral for MRI scans and X-rays if necessary.

**The Fete Lounge** is a unique afternoon tea lounge and cocktail bar in Upminster, inspired by the Caribbean 'Rum Shop' culture. The word 'fete' (pronounced 'fet' in the Caribbean) means to party, celebrate and enjoy - whatever the occasion or time of day!

**Travel Counsellors** is an independent travel company based in Brentwood. You need look no further for the holiday of your dreams, whether in the UK or further afield, as they take the time and stress away from searching the Internet or visiting a high street travel agent.

**UK Freephone Ltd** is a supplier of telecoms to businesses - everything from standard landline to broadband, and non geographic numbers. They have now added PA, administrative and business services to our portfolio, partnered with a leading global provider.

**Will Protect** are based in Chelmsford and offer the complete list of their extensive services - wills, estate planning, specialist tax planning, and conveyancing - separately and specifically for personal and business requirements.

## SNAP hosting breakfast event

After receiving the Brentwood Business Award for Best Not-For-Profit Organisation of the Year in 2018, Chamber member SNAP is hoping to build on the achievement and further develop their links with businesses in the area by hosting a breakfast networking event next month.

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year - having now supported more than 5,000 families since the charity formed in 1994 - SNAP is also looking forward to the opportunity to showcase the valuable work they do in the community.

The informal Business Community Breakfast takes place on May 22, from 8-9.30am, at The SNAP Centre in Pastoral Way, Warley.

Tickets are £5 and can be booked at [snapbusinessbreakfast.eventbrite.co.uk](https://snapbusinessbreakfast.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Send us your Council questions

This month's Chamber's Executive Committee meeting is a joint session with Brentwood Borough Council on Thursday April 11.

The Council's chief executive Phil Ruck will be in attendance - and keen to hear any issues raised on behalf of Chamber members.

So please email [info@brentwoodchambers.co.uk](mailto:info@brentwoodchambers.co.uk) if there is anything you would like us to put forward on behalf of your business or organisation.

**SPECIAL INVITATION TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SNAP**

**Business Community Breakfast**

hosted by SNAP Charity in association with Phoenix FM

22nd May 2019 • 8am-9.30am

The SNAP Centre  
Pastoral Way, Warley  
Brentwood, Essex  
CM14 5WF

**Calling all businesses!**

As a local charity awarded the Best Not-For-Profit Organisation of the Year at the Brentwood Business Awards 2018, SNAP would like to invite you to an informal early morning session to meet new business contacts and take a closer look at the valuable work we do for the community. **Please RSVP** [events@snapcharity.org](mailto:events@snapcharity.org) or book via <https://snapbusinessbreakfast.eventbrite.co.uk>

**£5.00**

**Refreshments and pastries provided.**

**SNAP has helped more than 5,000 families since the charity formed in 1994 - join us to mark our 25th Anniversary and help get our Open Day celebration off to a great start.**

SNAP is an Essex charity whose aim is to inform, encourage and support families with children and young people who have any special need or disability, allowing parents and carers to grow in strength and knowledge so they are better equipped to give the best possible help to their children.

**Special Needs And Parents Ltd** [www.snapcharity.org](http://www.snapcharity.org)

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## Chamber Events Calendar 2019

### April

**Wednesday 3 - Managing Growth... and the Unintended Consequences business workshop**

FRP, Jupiter House, Warley

**Friday 12 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Nuffield Health Brentwood Hospital

**Tuesday 23 - Social Media for Business workshop**

Brentwood Borough Council, Seven Arches Road

**Monday 29 - Meet The Members networking event**

Tees Incorporating Wortley Byers Law

### May

**Friday 10 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Mellow Moments

**Thursday 16 - Chamber Open Meeting & AGM**

Brentwood Cricket Club, Shenfield Road

**Tuesday 21 - Meet The Members networking event**

Ashwells Reclaimed Timber, Bulphan

### June

**Monday 3 - Netwalking (location TBC)**

**Friday 14 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Tees incorporating Wortley Byers

**Mon/Tues 24/25 - Meet The Members networking event (TBC)**

### July

**Wednesday 3 - Chamber Summer BBQ**

Ashwells Country Club

**Friday 12 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Howe Chartered Surveyors

**Tuesday 23 - Meet The Members seminar on**

**Self-Defence**

Bennetts Funeral Directors, Brentwood

### August

**Friday 9 - Business Breakfast**

**Thursday 22 - Meet The Members open networking event**

The Olde Dog Inn, Herongate Tye

### September

**Monday 2 - Netwalking (location TBC)**

**TBC - Brentwood Business Briefing**

**Tuesday 10 - Meet The Neighbours networking event**

Novotel Stansted Airport

**Friday 13 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council

**Thursday 19 - Business Planning workshop (Location TBC)**

**Mon/Tues 23/24 - Chamber visit & tour (tour location TBC)**

### October

**Friday 11 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Tees incorporating Wortley Byers

**Mon/Tues 21/22 - Meet The Members networking event & financial seminar (TBC)**



*Our March Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor was sponsored by Aching Arms*

**Thursday 31 - Brentwood Business Showcase**

### November

**Friday 8 - Brentwood Business Awards 2019**

Orsett Hall Hotel

**Friday 15 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by KK Mobile Tyres

**Wednesday 20 - Business Seminar & Workshop (TBC)**

### December

**Friday 13 - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Home Tuition Agency

**Thursday 19 - Chamber Christmas Lunch**

Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite

See [brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events](http://brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events) for latest updates and online ticketing.

Remember, you can add your own member events to our website at [brentwoodchambers.co.uk/add-member-event](http://brentwoodchambers.co.uk/add-member-event)

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