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Pinney Talfourd's new office at 30 High Street - opened up for members to see on September 16

Chance to see new Pinney Talfourd offices at Members Celebration Networking Event

The old Post Office on Brentwood High Street had been empty for a long time but, after much speculation and an extensive refurbishment, Pinney Talfourd has opened the doors to its new office in the premises at 30 High Street.

And Chamber members are invited to a special Members Celebration Networking Event to mark the opening, on Monday September 16.

The firm is already a well-known member of the local business community, having first moved into the High Street in 2007. As they grew, they eventually expanded into New North House on Ongar Road in 2016.

Never a firm to stand still, they decided to open a second office in Brentwood - and would like to invite you all to come and have a look, at this special networking event.

Pinney Talfourd is a full-service law firm with significant commercial, commercial property, and business litigation teams which are based at New North House.

Their new High Street office houses the private client, family and residential property teams, providing ease of access for private clients. As with many of their neighbours, they offer evening and Saturday morning opening to ensure that life on the High Street continues to flourish and clients come first.

Come and see how they have sympathetically restored this iconic building over drinks and nibbles later this month! Registration and event details can be found at brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events.

Awards tickets on sale from late Sept

Tickets will go on sale for the Brentwood Business Awards black-tie dinner at Orsett Hall Hotel on the morning of September 23.

Ticket prices have been finalised and, with category finalists soon to be named, they will go on sale that Monday at 9am.

The full ticket price (and price for non-members) is £66 - but there will be an Early Bird members-only price of £56 until October 14.

See brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events for further info and online ticket sales - and remember, last year's event sold out within days!

Meanwhile, Chamber members should note that registrations are now open for another major autumn event - the Brentwood Business Showcase on October 31 at Brentwood School.

Now in its fourth year, the Showcase is attended by hundreds of visitors from across Essex and the South East.

Register now at brentwoodbusinessshowcase.co.uk - where you can also express your interest in being an Exhibitor at the Showcase.

Brentwood Borough Council are looking for a wide variety of Brentwood businesses to exhibit at the Showcase, which includes keynote speakers and workshops.

The day also includes plenty of networking opportunities to help you make new contacts.

For as little as £70 (+VAT), your company can be part of this year's exhibitor display, and exhibitor stands are booking up quickly.

Mullis & Peake scoop national award

Mullis & Peake LLP Solicitors' Residential Property team won the 'Innovation of the Year' award at the Modern Law Conveyancing Awards.

The residential property team showed they were leading the way in finding unique solutions for their department and clients.

In particular they introduced the New Business Team earlier this year and invested in online solutions such as Perfect Portal and Powered By Pie to help monitor and improve the service to clients.

Clare Butcher, Roger Clark and Manzurul Islam attended the glittering award ceremony at the Rum Warehouse in Liverpool on behalf of the Chamber member.

Clare, Head of the Residential Property team, said: "The New Business Team is very much a work in progress for us and is already a great success. We look forward to seeing how this develops as time goes on.

"Moving forward we are looking to expand this team so we can develop on our already acclaimed standard of service to clients.

"For now, it is fantastic to have been recognised as leaders in our field at these nationwide awards and we look forward to passing on many of the changes we have already made to our clients and others in our industry."

Please call the Residential Property team if you are buying or selling a property on 01277 245015 or 01708 784000 for further information or a no obligation estimate of charges.

Council seek feedback on Corporate Vision

Brentwood Borough Council is asking residents for their views on its new Corporate Vision.

Four new themes have been chosen and businesses and residents now have the chance to chip in and prioritise what they think matters most.

The Corporate Vision is a document that provides a backbone to ensure all the Council's work is in line with the priorities it outlines from 2020-2025.

The four themes are:

- Growing the economy
- Improving our housing
- Protecting and improving the environment
- Developing communities

The survey is short and simple and in tick box form. Email business@brentwood.gov.uk if you would like more information.

The consultation started on July 29 and runs for six weeks - see brentwood.gov.uk.

Nuffield Health Brentwood Hospital provide a perfect Meet The Members setting

The Chamber's Meet The Members event for August was very kindly hosted by Nuffield Health Brentwood Hospital, and there was a very good turnout from both members and non-members.

The atmosphere was buzzing, with a room of like-minded business people from a variety of industry sectors who were in conversation, passionate about promoting their businesses - not just on social media channels, but face to face; getting to know the person behind another's business.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely buffet that was laid on, so a big thank-you to those that organised it within the Nuffield. Attendees heard that they are a charity and all monies are ploughed back into the establishment to make it a place that cares for helping people's health.

These events enable individuals representing SMEs to larger companies to meet and talk, not just about their businesses but other subjects as well. We have two events in September so if you would like to come along booking details are on the Chamber website.

We are now taking reservations for hosting in 2020 - so if your business is interested please email sally.sykes@brentwoodchambers.co.uk to reserve your month. If you don't have premises but would like to host one, we can find a venue.

Harness social media power for your business

Chamber last month divulged some of the secrets to creating a powerful LinkedIn profile - thanks to our collaboration with Brentwood social media agency, 24 fingers.

A practical social media workshop, hosted at CREATE Business Hub, gave attendees an insight into how LinkedIn has changed, the new features business owners can take advantage of, and the do's and don'ts to networking on the platform.

The workshop was very well received, with one business owner sharing that he got an enquiry via LinkedIn during the workshop itself after implementing some of the recommended changes.

Next up in the series of training workshops is 'Using Facebook for Business' on Friday September 20. This session will detail how the world's biggest social media network can be used to connect with more of your target customers, help you plan content quickly and efficiently, and show how you can make the Facebook algorithm work for your business.

Tickets for all the sessions are £40 for Chamber members and £50 for non-members. See brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events to book.



The LinkedIn workshop was the latest in a social media training series run by the Chamber in collaboration with 24 fingers



We thank SNAP for their much-appreciated support as sponsors of our August Business Breakfast

SNAP delighted to raise their charity profile at Business Breakfast presentation

A team from SNAP (Special Needs And Parents) was delighted to have the opportunity to present at August's Chamber Business breakfast, with the Brentwood-based charity sponsoring last month's event.

The team explained to the Marygreen Manor audience how SNAP supports Essex families who have a child or young person (0-25) with any special need or disability, and have been doing so for the last 25 years.

SNAP delivers a comprehensive range of services and activities for children and young people to empower parents and build family resilience.

"Our SNAP approach in supporting the whole family unit means we are a constant in their lives and our experienced team offers an engaging needs-led comprehensive service for families," said Karen Boath, SNAP Director (Family Services).

"We want local families to know that they are not alone and help their children and young people to lead their best lives possible.

"It was great to see so many familiar and new faces and we would like to thank everyone for coming along, especially given the early start!"

Michelle Andrews, SNAP's Events and Marketing Executive, added: "With more than £600,000 to raise each year to run our services, and only 19 per cent of that total coming from statutory funding, we relish the opportunity to team up with community-conscious local businesses.

"Organisations who align themselves with SNAP are rewarded with an enhanced company profile while giving their employees a real morale boost with the knowledge that they have helped SNAP families. It's a business partnership which makes a real difference."

Find out more about SNAP's work at www.snapcharity.org.

If you would like to discuss a possible charity partnership please contact the SNAP Fundraising Team – 01277 245345 or at fundraising@snapcharity.org

SNAP's work will be showcased at their annual Coffee Cake and Catch-up event on Wednesday November 6 at The SNAP Centre, Brentwood CM14 5WF. An ideal opportunity for anyone with an interest in SNAP to drop in between 11am-2pm. To register please email events@snapcharity.org.

The Business Breakfast this month is sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council - and any remaining tickets are on sale via brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events.

Welcome to another 11 Chamber members

We're pleased to confirm another 11 new members approved by the Executive Committee in August.

Nexus HR deliver strategic HR, leadership and management development, change and workplace mediation; **EFS Care Consultancy** offer care planning and care assessments; while **Helen Rollason Cancer Charity** is dedicated to supporting people whose lives are touched by cancer.

RM Horn & Co are chartered certified accountants; **Kevin James Ltd (KJL Group)** provide IT, office technology and print solutions; **Jo Roper Design** offers graphic design and communication; and **Tyler Mortgage Management** give mortgage market advice, organising and arranging funding.

Digital Technology Labs offer website design and development, software creation, digital signage and eCommerce; with **KyC Marketing** providing professional marketing services. **Concept Original** also specialise in website and eCommerce services; while **SY's Couriers** offer a same-day courier service in the UK and to Europe.

Fundraising quiz for CCFfB

Chamber member Community Charity Fund for Brentwood are holding their first fundraising quiz at South Weald Parish Hall on Friday September 20 (7.30pm for 8pm).

Tickets are £7.50 per head, but please bring your own food & drink. Aim is for teams of eight, but Trustees can assist with making up numbers to forge full tables.

By making grants and generally guiding individuals and emerging organisations within our local community, CCFfB has been formed to encourage the involvement of the people of Brentwood to develop their capacity and skills to be better able to provide their own voluntary service to the community.

To obtain tickets please contact: Hinda Frost (07912 057423, hindafrost@aol.com) or Neil Hornsby (07980 941650, neil.hornsby@ukgateway.net) by September 15.

Canine fun for all the family

New Chamber member Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is holding its very first Family Fun Day and Dog Show at the Essex Dog Training Centre in Brentwood on Sunday September 22.

The event starts at 10am, with 13 fun dog classes running from 11am. Entry is: adults £3, children £2, under 5s free. Canine friends can enter free of charge!

To pre-book tickets visit helenrollason.org.uk or cash entry is available on the day.



Our final Netwalking event of the year takes place from the Green Man in Herongate next month. Come along on October 7 and enjoy the fine countryside outside Brentwood - and a networking event with a difference... a friendly chat as you walk along with the attendees. And you can definitely bring your dog! And then stay along for a drink and more networking afterwards in the pub

Chamber Events Calendar 2019

September

Tuesday 3 - Brentwood Business Briefing & Networking Event

ACL Essex (Bishops Hill), Hutton

Tuesday 10 - Meet The Neighbours networking event

Novotel Stansted Airport

Friday 13 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council

Monday 16 - Members Celebration Networking Event for opening of the new Pinney Talfourd offices

Old Post Office, High Street, Brentwood

Friday 20 - Chamber Training Workshop: Using

Facebook for Business; run by 24 Fingers

CREATE Business Hub, Brentwood

Mon 23 - Meet The Members networking event

WPA Healthcare in collaboration with Brentwood Cricket Club, De Rougemont Ground, Great Warley

October

Monday 7 - Netwalking

Green Man, Herongate

Friday 11 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Tees incorporating Wortley Byers

Friday 25 - Chamber Training Workshop: How to Run an

Engaging Instagram Profile; run by 24 Fingers

CREATE Business Hub, Brentwood

Thursday 31 - Brentwood Business Showcase

Brentwood School

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)

Friday 22 - Chamber Training Workshop: How to Use Instagram Stories; run by 24 Fingers

CREATE Business Hub, Brentwood

Monday 25 - Meet the Members networking event

Brentwood Theatre

December

Friday 13 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Tutor Doctor - In-Home Tuition Provider

Thursday 19 - Chamber Christmas Lunch

Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite

See brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events for latest updates and online ticketing.

We also have members' events listings on our website. Remember to add your own events at brentwoodchambers.co.uk/add-member-event to increase their visibility.

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