

## Meet The Chamber & AGM

Thursday 13th May 7pm – Online  
via Zoom

As reported in April's newsletter, next month's virtual 'Meet The Chamber' event will include the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

We are delighted that Alex Burghart, MP will be joining us as a guest, alongside additional speakers from Savills Place and Brentwood Connect.

This is your chance to hear from and chat to members of the Executive Committee. It usually meets on the second Thursday of every month, and is headed by Colin Barber.

"It is a great way of giving something back to the business community of Brentwood, but also offers increased opportunities to network and showcase your business," he said.

You can find out more about the volunteer members at [www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/executive-committee](http://www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/executive-committee). If you are keen to get involved, email [info@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:info@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk).

As well as giving Chamber members the opportunity to reflect on the ups and downs of the past year, the AGM will also be your chance to find out what the Chamber expects to do for you in the coming months.

The Meet The Chamber event and AGM are both free, but we do request you register in advance ([www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-chamber-including-annual-general-meeting-tickets-150543757431](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-chamber-including-annual-general-meeting-tickets-150543757431)) so we have an idea of how many people we can expect.



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Pinney Talfourd is delighted to announce its merger with Sackvilles Solicitors which took place on 6th April.

All Sackvilles' staff members will join Pinney Talfourd, while partners Paul Robins, Carol Poole and Roger Norrington remain as consultants. The partners of both firms are very excited about the merger and the excellent opportunities it brings to their clients and employees.

Sackvilles was formed 35 years ago and provided a range of legal services to private and business clients. It developed an excellent local reputation and established a solid, loyal client base.

As an expanding firm, Pinney Talfourd felt that the addition of Sackvilles to its practice was a positive step for clients looking for a personal approach, while also offering the breadth and expertise of the Pinney Talfourd team.

Philip Cockram, managing partner of Pinney Talfourd, said: "It was immediately clear from our discussions that we shared the same outlook and focus on expertise and client service.

"I look forward to working with the partners and all of the Sackvilles staff to start building our own relationships with their clients and contacts, which I hope will last for many years to come."

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Baker Labels – Brentwood Business of the Year 2019

## Business Awards

As we reported in the previous newsletter, the Brentwood Business Awards will be going ahead this year, with a gala celebration on Friday 12th November at Orsett Hall. Our hope is to hold a dinner similar to our 2019 event but will, of course, be led by any government guidance and restrictions in place at the time.

The Brentwood Business Awards are open to organisations of all sizes and sectors, as long as they are based in or doing business in the Borough of Brentwood. Entries close on the 6th of June.

We have put together a handy guide on how to enter here ([www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/brentwood-business-awards-top-tips](http://www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/brentwood-business-awards-top-tips)) that also offers several reasons why taking part in the competition could also give your business a boost.

This year's awards include a new category that we think will attract a lot of interest: the Community Hero Award for 2021.

It has been an unprecedented year and we felt it was important to acknowledge the great work individuals and/or businesses have achieved in that time.

The candidate may have supported our local community with initiatives to help businesses continue to trade through lockdown, provided support to local charities and/or support groups, or have lent their resources or premises to those in need during the Coronavirus outbreak.

It's going to be fascinating to see which names come up and the reasons they are nominated.

Entering the Brentwood Business Awards not only offers the opportunity to win the overall Best Business Award - judged by our headline sponsor Pinney Talfourd LLP - it can also send a positive message to your existing clientele and provide untold opportunities to grow and attract new business.



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This year's categories include:

**Best Micro or New Business Award** - Sponsored by Nuffield Health

**Best Growing Business Award** - Sponsored by You and I Care Ltd

**Best Sales and Marketing Award** - Sponsored by Blue Serif Limited

**Best Charity/Community Interest Company Award** - Sponsored by Rainer Hughes

**Best Customer Service Award** - Sponsored by Bennetts Funeral Services Directors

**Best Innovative Initiative Award** - Sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council

**Best Business Person of the Year Award** - Sponsored by Tees Law

**Employer of the Year Award** - Sponsored by ERB Insurance

**Community Hero Award** - Jointly sponsored by Hutton View Care Home and Hallmark Care Homes

You can submit your maximum two entries here: [www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/business-awards](http://www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/business-awards)

If you would like to find out more about the Awards or are interested in sponsoring a category, then please contact our co-ordinator, Leah Burke – [leah.burke@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:leah.burke@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)

Being a member of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce has many benefits, from the networking opportunities and being a larger voice for business in the region, to using the Chamber logo as a kite mark on your website and letterhead.

In addition, you can promote your products and services to a targeted B2B database via our monthly newsletter and help drive traffic to your website.

We are delighted to welcome these new members to the Chamber, please do follow them on social media and say hello.

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## New members directory

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**Aaron Pottle joins Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors**

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## Aaron Pottle joins Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors' Dispute Resolution team

Essex law firm Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors (FJG) is delighted to announce the further expansion of their Dispute Resolution team with the arrival of new solicitor Aaron Pottle.

Aaron is a general litigator and his expertise spans a broad mixture of civil and commercial matters, with a particular specialism in injury and medical negligence. In addition to his personal injury work, Aaron also advises on employment law matters, such as unfair and wrongful dismissal, discrimination and business reorganisation.

Paula Cameron, Managing Partner at FJG commented, "As we approach, what we hope is, the end of a difficult time for many businesses, I am proud to acknowledge FJG's resilience as we emerge in many ways stronger, fitter and more efficient.

"The firm has a heightened ambition to continue to grow and therefore I am very pleased to welcome Aaron to FJG and our expanding Dispute Resolution team."

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## New Facebook group for Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

Next month's Annual General Meeting is going to be a bumper edition, but we can give you a heads up on one subject that will be included: we're going to be launching a new Facebook group for the Chamber.

Communication is the lifeblood of business and social media has done wonders for bringing various communities together. Millions of entrepreneurs, small businesses and large corporations have benefited from the platform and its massive, local, national and worldwide audience.

However, as Facebook's algorithm slows organic reach, we want to make sure communication between members remains as easy and direct as possible, and so we decided launching a new Facebook group was the way to go.

Naturally, we want you to be part of the conversation, alongside as many other members as possible. More details about the group will be revealed in the coming weeks, so watch this space for information about how to join in.

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## Brentwood boreholes drilled at Masefield Court

After eight months struggling with only a minimal mobile signal, EE and Three customers will be pleased to know that a borehole was supposed to be drilled in the roof of Masefield Court, Victoria Road on 18/19 March by the mobile operator to check if the roof is strong enough to take the load of all the equipment needed in addition to the mobile mast, said Susan Kortland of the Reconnect Brentwood campaign.

When that has been confirmed and it has been verified the flats below were not damaged, installation of the boxes, masts and the electrical connections will begin, although the Council does not yet have a timescale. We have been assured that the Health and Safety Officer is monitoring all procedures.

The Council is close to agreement with another mobile operator – probably Vodafone/O2 – for temporary masts on Coptfold Road Green next to the multi-storey car park, and on Pastoral Way, as you enter from Warley Hill on the left by the trees. The Council is looking to reach agreement with the companies to find alternative permanent sites, as the masts in Coptfold Road and Pastoral Way are in particularly visible and sensitive areas.

For more information about the Reconnect Brentwood campaign, visit [www.susankortlandt.org/wp/campaigns/reconnect-brentwood](http://www.susankortlandt.org/wp/campaigns/reconnect-brentwood)

## Chamber Events Calendar 2021

### April

#### Monday 26 - Member Spotlight Webinar: David Strelitz Video Productions

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### May

#### Thursday 13 - Meet the Chamber and AGM 2021

Online - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Book events in advance at:  
[www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/events](http://www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/events)

## Newsletter Content

If you have any news or articles you think would be of interest to our members, we would love to hear from you: [info@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:info@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)

## Sponsor an Event

With the Virtual Business Breakfast and Lunchtime Networking both established as monthly events, we are offering sponsoring opportunities. The benefits of sponsorship include:

- Event branding with sponsor's name and/or logo included on Eventbrite, Chamber Website, Zoom, Social Media posts and in the Chamber Newsletter.
- A follow up article in the newsletter.
- A 10 minute presentation during the event with the opportunity to include a video
- Live Q&A providing interaction with attendees.
- Option to record the presentation for YouTube.

If you would like more details then do contact us:  
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BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRINGS YOU

# #MemberSpotlight

Social distancing has presented challenges and opportunities for all of us. While it is not currently possible to run our popular 'Meet the Members' networking events, this does not prevent us from getting to know other members. In this series of webinars, Chamber Chairman, Colin Barber, will be talking to one of our members, to hear all about their story and learn some of the secrets to their success. It will be a great opportunity to explore member businesses and to look for possible future collaborations.

MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021 | 5 PM | 30 MINS | ONLINE

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BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITES YOU TO

## Meet the Chamber

Members & Non-Members are invited to 'Meet the Chamber' which we will hold alongside our AGM, to hear all about what the Chamber has been doing over the past year and the exciting plans for the future. Guest speakers include MP Alex Burghart, Savills Place and Brentwood Connect, followed by informal networking.

Thursday 13 May 2021 | 7pm - 8.30pm  
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Marygreen Manor

## Live Events from 21 June

After months of peering into our computer screens and making sure our microphones are not muted, we are excited to announce that - subject to the all-clear from the government - our regular schedule of live events should be returning from 21st June.

The virtual alternatives have been well attended, massively productive and hugely informative, and it goes without saying they have offered members a crucial support network during what has been a very challenging time. But we're also aware that many of our members have sorely missed the cut-and-thrust of face-to-face networking.

So, from 21st June, we will be back at Marygreen Manor, bringing members together for our popular Business Breakfasts and Business Lunches.

If you have never previously attended these events they offer attendees the chance to catch up with members old and new, as well as expand their connections and keep their finger firmly on the pulse of what's happening in Brentwood's vibrant business community. Don't miss out!

Keep an eye on our events page for more details: [brentwoodchamber.co.uk/events](http://brentwoodchamber.co.uk/events)

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