

Applications are open for The Brentwood Business Awards 2022

We are delighted to announce the Chamber will be hosting the Brentwood Business Awards, at the Brentwood Centre on Friday 7th October.

With headline sponsor and Chamber member Pinney Talfourd LLP and official media partner Phoenix 98fm, this year's event will focus on "Building Better Business for Brentwood".

For 2022, we have also introduced our recommendation process in addition to the standard application, allowing anyone to suggest a business or person they feel should consider applying.

The Brentwood Business Awards are open to individuals, companies and organisations of all sizes and sectors, as long as they are based – or doing business in – the Borough of Brentwood.

Applicants are invited to enter a maximum of two categories and the winners are decided by each of the independent category sponsors.

Shortlisted entrants will be interviewed at their place of business, and the category sponsor will name three finalists to be invited to the gala awards evening.

The finalists from each category will then be considered for overall winner, as judged by headline sponsor, Pinney Talfourd LLP.

The categories are:

Best Sole Trader - Sponsored by Nuffield Health Brentwood Hospital

Best Small/Medium Business - Sponsored by You and I Care

Best Large Business - Sponsored by Easigrass Essex

Best Sales and Marketing - Sponsored by Blue Serif

Best Customer Service - Sponsored by Bennetts Funeral Services

Best Local Charity - Sponsored by Rainer Hughes

Best Community Engagement - Sponsored by Hallmark Care Homes

Best Environmental Initiative - Sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council (BEBA)

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

Rising Star - Sponsored by ERB Commercial Risks

Best Employer - Sponsored by Aces Accounts and Taxation

The Brentwood Open People's Choice Award - Sponsored by Brentwood Open (Supported by Brentwood Business Partnership, which is backed by Tees & Beresfords)

Applications close on 24th June 2022, the finalists will be named on 5th September 2022, ahead of the gala event on 7th October 2022. Find out more and submit your entries and recommendations at www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/business-awards.

Book now for May's Meet the Chamber and AGM

Our annual Meet the Chamber and AGM has an extra attraction this year, with local entrepreneur, Barry Hearn, coming to talk to us about how we can all grow and develop our businesses. Barry is always entertaining, and you can be sure that he will deliver some words of wisdom.



Barry Hearn

The event is open to members and non-members, with an opportunity to network over drinks before the event, and over a buffet at the end of the evening.

The venue is Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, and the evening commences with drinks and networking at 6:30pm.

There is no charge for attending, but please do register on our web site in advance, so that we know how many people to cater for. Places can be booked in advance on Eventbrite at this link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-chamber-annual-general-meeting-2022-tickets-330802568387

We hope to see you there.



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Brentwood Business Growth Grants distributed

Brentwood Borough Council has awarded £250,000 in Brentwood Business Growth Grants, part of the Council's Additional Restrictions Grant allocation, to more than 30 businesses.

The successful applicants were awarded up to £10,000 to support growth projects such as apprenticeships, equipment, marketing campaigns and expanded business premises.

Councillor Chris Hossack, leader of Brentwood Borough Council said: "This grant helped local businesses create or protect more than 130 jobs. It also gave them a meaningful sum of money to make a difference to their plans to grow, invest and develop staff skills. Helping them to build on their achievements and realise their aspirations.

"It has been a tough few years for everyone and businesses have had to adapt. I'm pleased that the Brentwood Business Growth Grant was able to help firms seize opportunities which in turn will strengthen the local economy in Brentwood."

For more information on support and advice available to businesses visit www.brentwood.gov.uk/business



Sign up now for the Saint Francis Hospice Open Water Challenge

Everyone is invited to take part in this year's Maisie and Stanley Burke Charity Swim on Saturday, 18th June at Trifarm in Chelmsford, to raise money for Chamber member Saint Francis Hospice.

Participants can choose to swim distances of 400m, 800m or 1600m around the Trifarm lake. Last year's event was an incredible success and Tina is hoping it will become an annual swim in memory of her parents Maisie and Stan Burke.

Nominate your unsung hero to be Monarch for a Day

Ten years ago, Chamber member Bennetts Funeral Directors searched for a local 'Queen for a Day' for both Brentwood and Billericay, and found two winners, including Nicki from Billericay.

This year, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the firm is looking for a deserving person to be its Monarch for the Day. Any adult can be nominated, and they will be able to bring a 'consort' along with them.

Monarchs should be an unsung hero who deserves to be treated as royalty for a day, and nominated by their nearest and dearest, work colleagues or friends and neighbours. You can nominate them using a nomination form which can be obtained from Bennetts Funeral Directors (details below).

The judging panel comprises Steve Roach from Chamber member Phoenix Radio, former Mayor of Brentwood and Chair of Brentwood CVS Sheila Murphy, and Jane Bennett, managing director of Bennetts Funeral Directors.

The deadline for nominations is 29th May. Collect your nomination form by emailing monarch@bennettsfunerals.co.uk, or pop in to Bennetts Funeral Directors, 120 High Street, Brentwood, CM14 4AS.

On 30th May the shortlist will be selected, with a view to have a shortlisted Monarch's lunch on 8th June, followed by the Monarch's Day event on 22nd June 2022.



"We had such an amazing day last year and all the support we received from family and friends was wonderful," she said.

"There are so many benefits to open-water swimming and this is the perfect opportunity for people to try it if they haven't done so before."



Tina also has a personal connection with Saint Francis Hospice as its Hospice at Home team cared for Maisie before she died in 2018.

"When the Hospice at Home nurses arrived to care for mum, it was like an angel had descended," said Tina.

"They were so calm, they offered us respite in our home so we could rest. Their presence made us feel secure and the comfort that we were doing the right thing to look after her properly."

Tri-N-Swim Well will donate wetsuits for hire for the event, and all swimmers will receive a special medal to celebrate their achievement!

Click this link to fill in an entry form www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebVSIaLEsJFm2nEEsu9s6JHjmEY-7b5329n_bLOZXPil6Cw_A/viewform

Or email mssfcharityswim@outlook.com for more details.



25+ Miles Walk for 25 years of Hallmark Care Homes

On Saturday 28th May, team members from multi-award-winning care provider Chamber Member Hallmark Care Homes and care home construction company, Savista Developments will be taking part in a gruelling 26 mile walk across London to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

The team said: "We decided to take on this challenge, because dementia affects the people we care for everyday in our roles, and many of us have loved ones currently living with dementia or who have sadly passed away from the disease.

We will also be undertaking the walk as part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations as in May we will be 25 years old.

We would be delighted if you could support us by donating whatever you can afford. Alzheimer's Society is an amazing charity which campaigns for change, funds research to find a cure and supports people living with dementia everyday. Every penny you donate truly makes a difference."

You can read more about the challenge and support the teams from Hallmark Care Homes and Savista Developments here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trek26london202226miles-hallmarkcarehomes



Brentwood FC unveils new website

Chamber member Brentwood Town Football Club has unveiled its new website, designed by Essex-based firm and club partner Green Square.

The site features the latest Brentwood Town FC news and results, details about the first team and reserves, the club itself and commercial opportunities.

Check it out here: www.brentwoodtownfc.co.uk

Temporary mobile mast installed at Coptfold Road Green

Chamber members will be pleased to know Mitie, acting on behalf of Clarke Telecom, has installed a temporary mobile mast on Coptfold Green.

From the 7th April, work began to prepare and install the mobile phone mast, following the removal of mobile phone equipment from the roof of Ewing House on 1st July 2020, close to Brentwood Station.

Since then, there has been a gap in central Brentwood's mobile phone coverage in central Brentwood. Clarke Telecom, acting on behalf of Cornerstone who represent Vodafone and O2, aim to rectify it in the short term.

As always, we will keep Chamber members updated with events as they happen.



Netwalking is back for May with a new sponsor

We are delighted to relaunch our popular Netwalking evenings, held once a month on a Tuesday evening. It kicks off on Tuesday 24th May from The Greyhound in Warley and offers the chance to explore the beautiful surroundings of Thorndon Country Park.

The event, which runs until August, has also gained a new sponsor: former Chamber Committee member, Julian Goode has just launched a new business venture 'Goode Walks' (www.goodewalks.co.uk), so it seemed a natural fit for it to sponsor this summer's Netwalking.

Networking events can be a little daunting for some, as you 'work the room' in order to build up contacts and connections.

Netwalking combines the relaxed informality of a walk in the countryside with a chance to share the experience with some different people. Walking tends to encourage conversation, and there is a natural tendency to chat and mingle with fellow walkers.

The walk will commence from a pub car park, and will be in a different location each month. We will travel at a leisurely pace, for approximately an hour and a half, followed by an opportunity to enjoy a drink. If you can't join us for the walk, but would like to come along for a drink later, we'll see you there!

We're also happy for non-members to join us and discover one of the many benefits of being a member of Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Feel free to bring a guest, and dogs are also welcome.

There is no charge for the event, but we do ask you to register in advance so we have an idea of how many people to expect and that we don't leave without you! Register here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/netwalking-the-greyhound-sponsored-by-goode-walks-tickets-330837071587

Future walks are scheduled for Tuesday 28th June, Tuesday 19th July and Tuesday 30th August.

Events

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast

May 13th, 7:30am - 9:00am
at Marygreen Manor Hotel.
Tickets cost £14.

[Book here.](#)

The Rotary Club of Brentwood Annual Charity Golf Day

May 16th at Thorndon Park Golf Club. Contact Chris Rastin at golf@brentwoodrotary.org.uk

Ride for Helen

May 15th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm starting at Crix in Hatfield Peverel, Essex.
Places cost £10-£20.

[Register here.](#)

Meet the Chamber & AGM

May 19th, 6:30pm at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite.

[Book here.](#)

Meet and Eat

Friday 20th May at the Teriss Bar.

[Book here.](#)

Netwalking May

Tuesday 24th May, starting from The Greyhound in Warley.

[Book here.](#)

This space could be yours

If you have any news you think would interest our members, we would love to hear from you:

info@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk



Meet the Chamber

This event will be held alongside our AGM so that we can share what we have been doing and the plans for the future.

This is a great chance to meet the Executive Committee and we are very pleased to announce that Barry Hearn OBE, will be our guest speaker for 2022.

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

GUEST SPEAKER
Barry Hearn OBE

DATE & TIME
Thursday 19 May 2022
6.30 - 9.00 PM

VENUE
Mount Avenue
Banqueting Suite
CM13 2NS

BOOK NOW
via our website

Guest Speaker
Barry Hearn OBE



BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meet & Eat

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

We are very pleased to announce the return of our lunchtime Meet & Eat events. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow members in person & find out what is happening in the world of business from across the Brentwood Borough.

Friday 20 May 2022 | 12.30-2pm
The Teriss Bar, Hart St, Brentwood CM14 4AX



Netwalking

Tuesday 24 May | Meeting at 6pm
THE GREYHOUND | WARLEY | CM13 3DZ

Warley Park Golf Club confirmed as summer barbecue venue

After scouting the surrounding area for the perfect venue for our popular Summer Barbecue, we can now confirm it will be held on Thursday 14th July at Warley Park Golf Club.

Sponsorship of this event is now available, contact Caroline Judd for more information on: Caroline.Judd@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk

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