

A busy summer ahead: a round up of Brentwood Chamber of Commerce's AGM

The Chamber recently held its annual general meeting, and in case you couldn't make it, here's a recap of what was covered.

It began with a welcome from Chairman Colin Barber, who thanked the members for their continued support, as well as our host Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, and the Chamber's sponsors throughout the year.

Colin also welcomed new Committee Members Molly Haley of HS Estate Agents and Steven Roach of Phoenix FM, before sharing that Helen Knox and Julian Beard would be stepping down from the Committee. He took the opportunity to thank them for their hard work and support.



Paul Gulley and Leah Burke were reappointed to the Committee for another term, while Treasurer Peter Clements delivered his report, showing reduced expenditure and a return to 2019-level Chamber membership.

The Chamber is also planning visits to Lloyds of London, the Houses of Parliament and Shepherd and Neame Brewery, and the summer BBQ will take place at Warley Park Golf Club on Thursday 14th July (the booking link will be confirmed soon).

Attendees were also reminded about this month's Business Breakfast and Meet & Eat events, before Barry Hearn OBE delivered an inspiring keynote speech

He encouraged Chamber members to remain resilient ahead of the difficult times ahead, to continue to listen, embrace and learn new ways of doing things in order to not only survive but thrive.

Get your votes in for this year's Brentwood Business Awards 2022

The clock is ticking and there are just a few days left to register your vote for this year's Brentwood Business Awards, as applications close on 24th June.

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



For 2022, we have also introduced our 'Recommendation' process alongside the standard application, offering an opportunity for anyone to suggest a business/person they feel should consider applying, especially with the creation of an additional four categories:

- The Brentwood Open People's Choice (www.facebook.com/groups/Brentwoodopen/permalink/768270377474427)
- Rising Star
- Best Sole Trader
- Best Large Business

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

Entrants that are shortlisted will be interviewed at their place of business where the category sponsor will identify three finalists to be invited to the awards evening.

The finalists from each category will then have the opportunity to be considered for Overall Winner as judged by our Headline Sponsor, Pinney Talfourd.

Find out more or submit your entries at www.brentwood-chamber.co.uk/business-awards



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The Brentwood Showcase confirmed for October

The Brentwood Business Showcase is back on 5th October for its sixth year. Businesses in Essex are invited to register as an exhibitor by 7th June to get an early bird discount!

Brentwood Borough Council hosts this annual networking event at the Brentwood Centre, and is inviting established businesses, budding entrepreneurs and charities in Essex to come along to promote their businesses.

The event is attended by hundreds of visitors and the Council is supported this year by headline sponsor, Chamber member Tees.

The Showcase provides a great opportunity to network with over 90 exhibitors, be inspired by keynote speakers, attend informative workshops, visit the Sustainability Zone and enjoy a complimentary drinks reception.

Leader of Brentwood Borough Council, Chris Hossack, said: "This year the Brentwood Business Showcase is returning in October and it will be bigger and better than ever. Many businesses are looking to move on from the tough challenges of the past two years and this Showcase is a great place to start.

Tickets for the event are FREE. Exhibitors registering by 7 June will receive a £15 discount on a standard stand. Pricing starts from as little as £80 during the early bird window.

Visitors can register now and exhibitors can apply for an early bird discount through the Brentwood Business Showcase website: www.brentwoodbusinessshowcase.co.uk

A boosted Brentwood Community Fund is open to bidders in 2022

Not-for-profit organisations and individuals have been invited to bid for funding of up to £5,000 for community projects from the Brentwood Community Fund.

To apply, projects must benefit Brentwood communities and be delivered in the borough. They should show volunteer and community involvement, be sustainable and support community criteria. Projects supporting health and wellbeing should involve people with lived-experience.

Previous applicants can apply with new projects, however, priority will be given to those that have not received previous funding from the Community Fund or the Mental Health Small Grants Scheme.

If you or your organisation would like to apply for the funding and would like to find out more information, visit the Council's website at www.brentwood.gov.uk/funding, and for any further queries, contact the Community Services Department on 01277 312500 or email localism@brentwood.gov.uk.

The Summer BBQ and Networking event is back for 2022

We are pleased to announce the return of our Summer BBQ and Networking event, taking place from 6pm until 9pm, on 14th July at Warley Park Golf Club.

We plan to soak up a balmy summer's evening on their new terrace, which looks out across the beautiful grounds, while enjoying good food, drink and company. In the unlikely event of rain, we do have rooms indoors reserved!

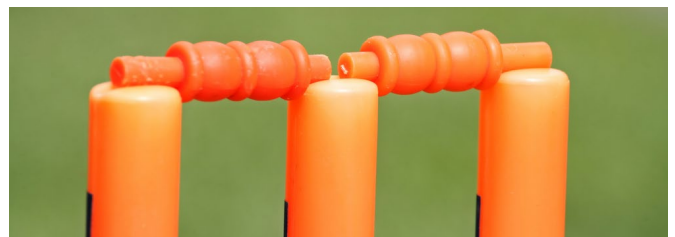
There's also an excellent opportunity for one of our Members to be the headline sponsor for this event, so if you are interested in this marketing and promotion package - which costs £250 and includes five free places - please let us know as soon as possible.

Tickets cost from £17 to £90, and include a barbecue buffet with drinks available to purchase from the bar.

Group tickets of five have been set at a discounted price for both Members and Non-Members. Individual tickets can be purchased at early bird price for Members before moving to full price which applies to Non-Members.

Read the menu and book your tickets at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-bbq-tickets-351124782677?aff=ebdsoporgprofile.

Please tell us about any specific dietary or access requirements so that we can notify the venue. We look forward to seeing you!



Kwik Cricket Tournament

As we continue to offer an increasing range of events for our members, we are pleased to announce the launch of the first ever Brentwood Chamber of Commerce 'Kwik Cricket' Tournament.

Kwik Cricket is a fun version of cricket suitable for people of all abilities, played on a smaller pitch with plastic bats. There are 8 players in a team and each player gets the opportunity to bat, bowl and field, making it a vibrant and exciting game.

The inaugural tournament will take place at Shenfield Cricket Club on the afternoon of Thursday 25th August, followed by a barbecue and a chance to socialise.

We are looking for 8 teams to participate. Each team will consist of 8 players, which must include at least 2 females.

If you are interested in entering a team, then please contact us.



Julian Goode helps everyone enjoy the great outdoors

Former Chamber executive committee member Julian Goode has launched a new business as a walk leader - called Goode Walks.

Re-joining Chamber three years after being diagnosed with leukaemia, Julian explained: "It was while I was undergoing treatment in Barts Hospital during 2019 that I came up with the idea of a complete career change, and starting up as a walk leader.

"My mission for Goode Walks is to help everyone I possibly can to enjoy the great outdoors – leading guided tailored walks for individuals and groups of all kinds in the local Countryside," he said.

Julian, who previously worked as a journalist and in digital media for more than 30 years, is now a Mountain Training qualified Lowland Leader.

While Goode Walks organises guided walks for anyone wanting to get outside, a key offering is for businesses looking for bespoke team bonding or away day experiences for their employees.

And as sponsor of this summer's Chamber NetWalking events, Goode Walks is also well positioned to arrange company NetWalking days for clients or suppliers - giving everyone the chance to network in a relaxed outdoors environment.

"Being outdoors is good for everyone's physical and mental wellbeing, and means staff can engage with each other without the inhibitions or distractions of the everyday working environment," said Julian.

"You can grow your business by inviting potential new clients to a bespoke NetWalking event for your company, and boost supplier relationships too, as participants bond while they exercise."

Later in 2022, Julian is taking on a 500-mile sponsored walk - 'A Really Goode Walk' - to fundraise for Barts Charity and Anthony Nolan, with a six-week trek coast-to-coast across all four countries of the UK in October and November.

See www.goodewalks.co.uk and email julian@goodewalks.co.uk to discuss your corporate walk requirements.

BRENTWOOD ART TRAIL



4 - 26 June 2022



Registration opens for the Brentwood Art Trail

The Brentwood Art Trail is back! This year you can enjoy the work of local artists in Brentwood, Ingatestone and Shenfield from Saturday 4th to Sunday 26th June in an annual event sponsored by the Brentwood Business Partnership.

Exhibitors include abstract artist Jacqueline Deacon, self-taught mixed-media artist Jack Lambert, environmental arts therapy practitioner Irene Malvezi and many more!

There's a wide selection of Brentwood Art Trail events taking place, including guided tours, Walk Talk & Create sessions, as well as a host of art workshops and activities including:

- crochet for beginners at La Pomme
- pom pom workshop with Retro From Scratch
- mini paint party with Express Yourself Paint Parties
- recreate an iconic album cover with Sue Mills
- create a pet.family Portrait with Michael Young

You can register for all the events here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/brentwood-art-trail-33626242465

M25 junction 28 improvement scheme development gets green light

The National Highways announced the Secretary of State has granted a Development Consent Order, allowing plans to improve the M25 junction 28 to proceed.

Brentwood Council Leader Councillor Chris Hossack, said: "This scheme being given the go-ahead is great news. Junction 28 of the M25 is a gateway into East Anglia – into Essex and as a major route it sees a heck of a lot of traffic.

"As people will have experienced, when there is gridlock on that particular roundabout at Brook Street with large HGVs, you physically can't get onto it. This improvement scheme should take about a third of that traffic off it and alleviate the congestion that Brook Street sees daily.

"It's a national infrastructure project that is valued at more than just reducing congestion. By improving journey times and air quality too, it benefits our residents' quality of life and will be a boost to economic growth in the borough."



Tickets on sale for Saint Francis Hospice's Big Heart Ball

Tickets are on sale now for Chamber member Saint Francis Hospice's Big Heart Ball, which will be held on Saturday 12th November at the iconic De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms in the West End.

The event is the charity's most prestigious ball to date, and aims to raise £100,000 for patient care.

According to Mary Anne Donovan, Major Partnerships Manager at the Hospice, there will be a celebrity host, a sparkling drinks reception, a delicious three course meal, and an entertaining quick art show from the talented Dave Sharp.

International showband Jam Hot will be performing live and there will be a secret guest performance from a Grammy-award winning English singer and songwriter.

Hospice fundraiser Andy Furneaux, who is also a well-known local DJ, AKA The Candy Man, will also be keeping guests on their feet.

"We are really excited to put on such an ambitious event, and after two difficult years, we think it's about time for a celebration," Mary Anne said.

"The missing ingredient is you. We want you, your family, friends and supporters of the Hospice to join us for what will be a truly unforgettable night.

"There is no set theme or fancy dress, it is all about getting together to show the love for Saint Francis Hospice."

Individual tickets cost £125, or £1,250 for table of 10, reduced to £1,200 if paid in full by 1st June. Book your tickets at www.sfh.org.uk/the-big-heart-ball.

Netwalking

Tuesday 28 June | Meeting at 6pm
THE GREENMAN | HERONGATE | CM13 3PZ

BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS
BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast Meetings are an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow members and find out what is happening in the world of business in Brentwood.

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FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022 | 7.30AM - 9.00AM
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Brentwood Chamber of Commerce
Summer BBQ

14 July 2022 | 6.00-9.00pm | Warley Park Golf Club

Events

Netwalking

Tuesday June 28th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
at The Green Man, Herongate.

Register [here](#).

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast

Friday July 8th, 7:30am - 9:00am
at Marygreen Manor Hotel.

Tickets cost £14

Book [here](#).

Summer BBQ

Thursday 14th July, 18:00
at Warley Park Golf Club, Warley.

Tickets cost £17

Book [here](#)

New members

The Chamber is delighted to welcome:

- Goode Walks
- Unison IT Ltd
- Leadership and Empowerment Solutions Ltd
- Kingswood Group Ltd
- Easigrass

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