

## Shine at the Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony 2024

Friday 8th November

The Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony is a place to shine. Congratulations to all the category finalists!

Join us on Friday 8th November at Stock Brook Manor for this year's glamorous black tie event where the winners of each category will be revealed. The 2024 Awards includes 11 categories with an additional overall "Brentwood Business of the Year" award category. Each one is proudly judged and sponsored by local businesses.

Tickets include a 3 course dinner and welcome drink. There will also be entertainment during dinner, a DJ and an opportunity to dance after the presentations.

In addition to all the category sponsors, we would particularly like to thank our Headline Sponsor [Pinney Talfourd Solicitors](#) and our Media Partner [PhoenixFM](#), both of whom have supported the event since its launch in 2018.

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## Lower Thames Crossing Decision Delayed

The Lower Thames Crossing is a proposed new road connecting Kent and Essex. Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) in length, it will connect the A2/M2 to the M25 with two tunnels (one southbound and one northbound) running beneath the River Thames.



Graphical representation of the proposed Lower Thames Crossing.

We are disappointed to hear that the decision on planning permission for the Lower Thames Crossing has been delayed until May 2025. The new road is very much needed and will have a tremendous benefit to the people of Brentwood who regularly use the Dartford Crossing. The knock on effect of this delay will undoubtedly lead to an increase in costs of the project, and makes it difficult for businesses to plan for the construction phase.

The Chamber is planning to work closely with this project to ensure that the businesses of Brentwood can be involved in the supply chain as much as possible.

FULL MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards		BUSINESS OF THE YEAR PREVIOUS WINNERS	
<b>2018</b> Ignite Business Communications	<b>2019</b> Baker Labels	<b>2021</b> SNAP	
<b>2022</b> Zest Recycle	<b>2023</b> MJ Bushell		

## October Breakfast – Sponsored by Essex Private Doctors

The Chamber's October Business Breakfast was sponsored by [Essex Private Doctors](#). They have a surgery in Crown Street, Brentwood. Dr Alice Scott talked about the services they offer including same day appointments and workshops on various health related topics.

Business Manager, Keith Hayward, talked about how they can work with local employers including subscription packages.

Dr Scott is a menopause specialist, and we have asked her to run a 'Menopause at Work' workshop for our members.



From left to right: GP and Menopause Specialist Dr Alice Scott with Manager Keith Haywood

## Speed Networking

Together with Brentwood Council, we hosted another popular Speed Networking event in October. This form of networking enables you to meet a lot of people in a short space of time, with the objective of finding a few people who you would like to connect with further.

Speed Networking encourages networking outside of your normal industry circles. It's not just about gaining new contacts for yourself, but also being able to recommend services to wider circles. It also helps you to discover other local businesses, form new friendships and catch up with old friends.

Come along to our next Speed Networking event on Wednesday 22nd January at Old Brentwoods Club.



Speed Networking

## Menopause at Work: A Strategic Business Investment

Coming early 2025

Dr Alice Scott is a GP and recognised menopause specialist with the British Menopause Society. She will be presenting on this topic and covering aspects of management and treatment of the perimenopause and menopause. In particular she will focus on the approach and management of menopause as it relates to individuals in the workplace. The talk will be informative for both men and women, for individuals, and for business leaders.

This event, supported by the Chamber, is a unique opportunity to hear from an accredited expert and obtain a greater understanding of this key area of health.

## Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December



Join us for an afternoon of networking opportunities in a relaxed environment around a traditional Christmas Lunch. At last year's Christmas lunch many of you will remember enjoying delicious food and singing the 12 Days of Christmas led by our sponsors, [Tees](#). This year's Lunch will again be at Warley Park Golf Club, on Tuesday 17th December and will again be sponsored by [Tees](#). If you run a small business, why not make this your main Christmas celebration.

Tickets are now on sale to members at the Early Bird price of £39 (if booked before 30th November). Full price tickets are £45. We are also taking whole table bookings for tables of between 8 and 12 people at a discounted price of £37. If you would like to book a whole table please email us at [office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk).

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## M25 Junction 28 Scheme Progresses

The M25 Junction 28 project is making significant strides. Surfacing works commenced on the new M25 B Track Entry Slip and Anti-Clockwise Loop Road in late August and will continue over the coming months as well as the installation of new communications and technology infrastructure. Whilst the planting of over 21,000 shrubs and hedgerows will commence in November.

At the start of next year, traffic signal upgrades at the junction will begin, followed by resurfacing and finishing works. To accommodate increased traffic flow, two new super-span gantries will be installed across the M25 carriageway in March 2025.

Once complete the scheme will improve safety and connectivity, increasing capacity at the junction, delivering a modern and efficient transport network that will benefit both local communities and commuters alike.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Progress of M25 junction 28 scheme.

## Member's News

### Council Survey : Which Council Services are Most Important to You?

Brentwood Council would like your views on how it spends its money before setting its budget for 2025/26. Should they spend more, less or the same on maintaining parks and open spaces? Is the Council delivering initiatives that create a cleaner and greener Borough important to you? Or do you agree or disagree we should build more affordable homes and invest in homes in the private rental market?

Councillor David Kendall, Brentwood Borough Council's Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee said: "In setting our budget, we must balance our income with our spending by either increasing income or reducing our spending. And this is what we want your views on. Just 10% of the Council Tax you pay every year comes to Brentwood Borough Council, so to help us make the right decisions, we want to make sure that the priorities of the Council, align with those of our residents."

[COUNCIL BUDGET SURVEY](#)

## Christmas in Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone

Brentwood Connected, the Business Improvement District (BID) across Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone is working in partnership with Brentwood Borough Council to host three free Christmas events for families this festive season.

**Lighting Up Brentwood** : Saturday 23 November from 12-6pm

**Festive Shenfield** : Sunday 1 December from 12-6pm

**Ingatestone Christmas Market** :  
Sunday 8 December from 12-6pm

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Oktoberfest Comes to Brentwood

Brentwood Brewery recently hosted their annual Oktoberfest at their brewery in Brentwood. As well as the excellent range of Brentwood's own beers, they also served a selection of draught beers from the Paulaner Brewery in Munich, including the popular Weiss Beer.

Catering at the festival was provided by the Brentwood / Landkreis Roth Town Twinning Association, with a selection of traditional German Bratwurst sausages followed by home made apple strudel. Entertainment was provided in the form of traditional German beer festival music performed by a local band.

After a week of rain, the sun shone for the whole day and well over one hundred people attended the event.



Oktoberfest 2024 at Brentwood Brewery

## Nuffield Health - Free Events



Nuffield Health, Brentwood Hospital are again offering free events throughout November. They are proud to make experts available to share insight and answer your health and wellbeing questions both in person and online.

Their evening events cover topics on haemorrhoids, prostate health, cosmetic surgery, varicose veins, acid reflux and urology.

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## Pepperell House Memories

Mike Hawkins reflects on when the Chamber first operated from Pepperell House, 20 years ago, "When I took over the Chamber from Frank Wildman in 2004, I said I would not wish to work from home (as Frank did) and that we needed to update Chamber's operations. We negotiated with the Council and moved into the top floor that year.

From there we produced approx. 130 editions of the Newsletter, all posted or delivered, conducted Chamber business on a variety of computers and printers - and generally enjoyed our time there. The rickety stairs were always a challenge! but we had the premises gratis, for which we were grateful (Mrs Pepperell had bequeathed it for community use so we were all fulfilling that stipulation)."



Pepperell House today.



Our former office as it is today.

## Member Spotlight Opportunity

We are introducing a new 'Member Spotlight' feature in our newsletter, which will give you the opportunity to share what you do best with other members and also find out more about other chamber members.

If you would like to be featured in this series, please contact our Newsletter Editor, Gillian Brooks at [GillianBrooks@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:GillianBrooks@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk).

## New Chamber Members Welcome

If you are a local business and have not yet been to a Chamber of Commerce event, you are very welcome to come along to take advantage of the Chamber's programme. To find out more visit the website at [brentwoodchamber.co.uk](http://brentwoodchamber.co.uk). If you would like to join the Chamber email us at: [office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)

### Upcoming Chamber Events

**8 November** **Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony** [BOOK HERE](#)  
Friday

**13 November** **Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel** [BOOK HERE](#)  
Wednesday  
Sponsorship available

**11 December** **Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel** [BOOK HERE](#)  
Wednesday  
Sponsorship available

**17 December** **Christmas Lunch** [BOOK SOON](#)  
Tuesday  
Warley Park Golf Club

### Upcoming Member's Events

**5 November** **Bonfire Night** [EMAIL HERE](#)  
Tuesday  
RCH Care Homes,  
Brentwood Care Centre

**11 December** **Christmas Market** [EMAIL HERE](#)  
Wednesday  
RCH Care Homes,  
Brentwood Care Center

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