

## Summer Barbecue

Wednesday 16th July



With the sun shining brightly, it's time to look forward to our eagerly anticipated summer barbecue. It is shaping up to be a major social and networking event and all businesses in Brentwood are invited. You don't have to be a Chamber member to join in but the Chamber and BID members will of course have discounted tickets so bring your colleagues and friends.

This year's Summer Barbecue will be held at [Brentwood Brewing Company](#) on Wednesday 16th July and [JP's Kitchen](#) will be catering. What better place for a summer social and barbecue than a brewery! Don't worry if you are not a beer drinker, they have a well stocked bar with a good selection of gins, spirits, wine and non-alcoholic options too.

This will be a great event and we look forward to enjoying the sunshine with you.

A variety of sponsorship packages are available. Please contact us at [Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk) for further details.

[BOOK TICKETS](#)

## Meet The Neighbours with Barry Hearn

Last month, the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure of co-hosting a truly successful networking event alongside the [Havering Chamber of Commerce](#). The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly our esteemed guest speaker, the local legend himself, Barry Hearn OBE.

The atmosphere at the [Holiday Inn, Brentwood](#), was warm and welcoming. The room buzzed with lively conversation as new professional connections were forged and old acquaintances happily rekindled their relationships. As President of [Matchroom Sport](#), Barry Hearn OBE captivated the audience, sharing wisdom drawn from his extensive experience. He illuminated the three crucial stages of business life, complementing his insights with inspiring and often humorous anecdotes from both his remarkable career and personal family journey. His words resonated with everyone in attendance, offering both motivation and practical lessons.

Janet Smyth, Chair of Havering Chamber of Commerce, remarked, "What a great opportunity to connect with our Brentwood business neighbours. Many thanks to the Brentwood Chamber team for organising the event." This sentiment was echoed by numerous attendees who praised the collaborative effort and the quality of the networking opportunities.

Given the success and positive feedback, we are genuinely excited about the prospect of continuing this fruitful partnership. Please keep an eye out for future collaborations between the Brentwood and Havering Chambers. Should you have any suggestions or ideas for upcoming events, we warmly invite you to share them with us at [office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk).



(From left to right) Janet Smyth, Chair of Havering Chamber; Barry Hearn, President of Matchroom Sport; Paul Mason-Hughes, Brentwood Executive Committee Member; Colin Barber, Chair of Brentwood Chamber.

## Vote for the People's Choice Award



Take a moment to consider the local businesses that consistently go above and beyond, provide exceptional service, or simply make Brentwood a better place to live, work, and visit. Whether it's your go-to coffee shop, the friendly independent retailer, or the local service provider you rely on – your vote truly counts.

By actively engaging in these awards, we're not just celebrating individual successes, we're investing in the collective prosperity of Brentwood. We're helping our local businesses gain the recognition they deserve, encouraging them to continue innovating, creating jobs, and contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our community. Now is the time to vote – your support is their key to thriving.

The People's Choice Award winner 2024, Donna Parrish from [Hanz & Tanz](#) said, "It was such an honour to win the People's Choice Award. It has made a great impact to my business as people know that they can trust us to provide them with the best service and treatments possible after receiving such a prestigious title and award. Trust from our new and former clients is a reward in itself that we are so grateful for."

[VOTE HERE](#)

## AI Workshop

A huge thank you to [David Bell of Simboc](#) for leading an incredible workshop on harnessing the power of AI in business. David shared elements of his extensive experience and knowledge across communications, IT solutions, and technology, all while demonstrating a strong grasp of business management and leadership in applying AI to business.

A full-day workshop on the hot topic of artificial intelligence is coming soon – keep an eye out for details.



*David Bell of Simboc leading an insightful workshop on artificial intelligence.*

## Brentwood Business Awards: Recognising and Boosting Local Success



*Amy, owner of Smiths Cat and Dog Grooming, receiving her award at the prestigious Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony after winning the Best Sole Trader category.*

The Brentwood Business Awards spotlight outstanding local enterprises, featuring 11 distinct categories and the coveted "Brentwood Business of the Year" award. Each category is expertly judged and sponsored by local businesses, with winners revealed at our highly anticipated awards ceremony. This year, we're thrilled to have [Pinney Talfourd Solicitors](#) as our Headline Sponsor and [PhoenixFM](#) as our Media Partner, both steadfast supporters since the awards began in 2018.

The recipient of last year's Best Sole Trader Award, generously sponsored by Brentwood Council this year, was Amy from [Smiths Cat and Dog Grooming](#). Amy's experience truly highlights the award's transformative power. She shared, "Thank you again for honestly changing my life. The extra customers I gained from the award winning has led me to opening a new unit." Her journey stands as a powerful testament to the incredible growth and new opportunities that winning this award (or any of our other awards) can bring to local sole traders.

[MORE AWARDS INFO](#)

## Workshop: CPR Familiarisation by SADS UK

**Thursday 3rd July**

If you would like to know how to do CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and/or use a defibrillator in the case of an emergency, please join [SADS UK](#) for a workshop on Thursday 3rd July between 6pm – 7pm at the Holiday Inn.

SADS UK (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) is a National Cardiac Charity based in West Horndon, Essex. SADS UK provide Defibrillators, Cabinets and Bleed Kits throughout the UK. The Charity supports and offers counselling to people who have been sadly bereaved and affected by SADS. They support those who have been diagnosed, living with an inherited cardiac condition and those who have witnessed and/or performed CPR.

[BOOK HERE](#)

## Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast at FIGO

Join us for the the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast at FIGO  
Brentwood – 92 High St, Brentwood CM14 4AP

Meeting:  
Tuesday  
5th Aug 2025  
7:30am – 9:00am



### What's New?

- ✓ New Format
- ✓ Open to Non-Members
- ✓ A Newly Structured Leadership Team



Whether you're a long-standing member or new to the Business Breakfast, this is a brilliant opportunity to connect, collaborate and grow your local business in a welcoming and professional setting.

For more information and to book your place, please go to:

[brentwoodchamber.co.uk/chamber-events](https://brentwoodchamber.co.uk/chamber-events)

✉ [office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk](mailto:office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk)  
📱 WhatsApp – 07849 704037

£15 Chamber Members  
£20 Non-Members/Visitors  
Italian Continental Breakfast

## Speed Networking

Wednesday 1st October

Looking for a better way to network? Our Speed Networking events, a partnership with [Brentwood Borough Council](#) at the [Old Brentwood's Club](#), prove to be incredibly popular. Participants find them invaluable for building networking confidence, discovering new business connections, and finally putting faces to the names they knew.

Speed Networking is your chance to meet numerous professionals efficiently. The structured approach takes the guesswork out of introductions, ensuring you connect with plenty of people in a short amount of time. Enjoy complimentary tea and coffee when you arrive, and feel free to stay for relaxed, informal networking at the bar after the main event.

Mark your calendar for our next session on Wednesday 1st October. It's the perfect opportunity to step out of the office, re-energise your networking efforts, and grow your professional community. We can't wait to see you there!

BOOK HERE



Speed Networking June 2025

## Welcome to Our New Members

### Classic Interiors



Creating the perfect space to relax, entertain and work from home. Classic Interiors supply and fit beautiful bespoke curtains, blinds, shutters and soft furnishings as well as floorings, furniture and light fittings; all to complete your stunning room with a fresh new look whilst keeping up to date with the ever changing fashions and latest innovative techniques. Classic Interiors has over thirty five years of interior design experience covering all of Essex, Hertfordshire and London. They pride themselves on their friendly and professional in-house service.

### Rotary Club of Ingatestone



Rotary Clubs exist to foster good relations and friendships within their communities and to raise funds through events to support local, national and international charities. The Club's motto is "Service above Self".

## Meet the Members

Meet the Members offers a simple yet incredibly effective approach to networking, featuring a unique twist: each event is hosted by a different member at their very own business premises. This provides a fantastic opportunity for the host to showcase their business firsthand. For attendees, it's an invaluable chance to gain ideas and inspiration by observing how other local businesses operate.

One of the best aspects of these events is that there's no charge to either host or attend. We simply suggest that the host provides some light refreshments to create a welcoming atmosphere. We've seen a wide variety of businesses successfully host recent events, including the Holiday Inn, The Treehouse Club, and Nuffield Health, demonstrating the versatility of this format.

These engaging sessions typically run from 6pm to 8pm on a weekday evening. We're flexible with scheduling dates to accommodate our members.

If you're interested in hosting a future event and highlighting your business, or if you simply want to learn more about what's involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:office@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](https://brentwoodchamber.co.uk). If you would like to join the Chamber email us at: [office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)



# Member's News

## Brentwood Borough Council: Brentwood Business Briefing

Wednesday 9th July



Brentwood Borough Council are offering a free in-person event where you can network, get current insights and access free business support and advice. This briefing is the first in a series of networking events that Brentwood Borough Council will be holding in the coming year.

Topics include:

- The latest on the Lower Thames Crossing, which aims to reduce congestion, improve journeys and unlock growth
- Gain insights into the new Economic Growth Strategy 2025-2028, shaping Brentwood Borough's future
- Hear about Essex County Council's refreshed business support offer

Meet representatives from a range of business support providers in Essex, including Brentwood Chambers, Ambitious Essex Growth Hub, Backing Essex Business, FSB, Greater Essex Careers Hub and SEATS – all ready to offer free advice and resources to help your business thrive.

Whether you're a start-up or an established business, this briefing is your opportunity to make connections in the Brentwood Borough.

A complimentary light lunch will also be provided.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Figo

Friday 18th July

Beverley Stone will be singing the "Old School" disco hits at Figo Restaurant. One for, but not limited to, the teachers. Celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the Summer holidays. Beverley will have you dancing the night away.

Why not start the evening with delicious Italian food and then "Move on Up" to the party in the Loft Bar.

## Attract & Engage Podcast



Attract & Engage in collaboration with Grant Thornton UK and Birketts LLP shares their latest podcast entitled Stories of Essex Limited which offers

practical insight and inspiration for ambitious business leaders across Essex.

In this episode we sit down with Martin Ceres, Director at Foxway UK, to explore how a circular tech business scaled to £103 million - with sustainability, smart growth, and strong values at its core. Whether you're scaling your own business or supporting others to grow, there's plenty to take away.

[WATCH EPISODE](#)

## Upcoming Chamber Events

<b>1 July</b> Wednesday	<b>Business Breakfast</b> Holiday Inn, Brentwood Sponsorship Available	<a href="#">BOOK HERE</a>
<b>3 July</b> Thursday	<b>Workshop: CPR Familiarisation by SADS UK</b> Holiday Inn, Brentwood	<a href="#">BOOK HERE</a>
<b>16 July</b> Wednesday	<b>Summer Barbecue</b> Brentwood Brewery	<a href="#">BOOK HERE</a>
<b>5 August</b> Tuesday	<b>Business Breakfast at Figo, Brentwood</b> Sponsorship Available	<a href="#">BOOK SOON</a>

## Upcoming Member's Events

<b>5 July</b> Saturday	<b>Ingatstone Rotary Club</b> Proms at the Hall	<a href="#">MORE INFO</a>
<b>9 July</b> Wednesday	<b>Brentwood Borough Council</b> Brentwood Business Briefing	<a href="#">MORE INFO</a>
<b>12 July</b> Saturday	<b>SADS UK</b> Summer Fun Day	<a href="#">MORE INFO</a>
<b>18 July</b> Friday	<b>Figo</b> School's Out Party	<a href="#">MORE INFO</a>
<b>24 October</b> Friday	<b>Marillac Neurological Care Centre</b> Musical Bingo Night	<a href="#">MORE INFO</a>

### Let's Connect:

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