

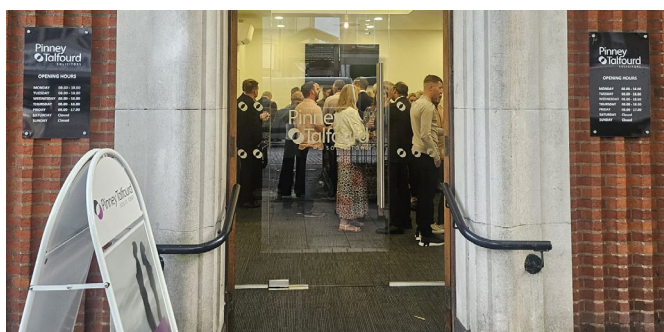
A Night of Networking and Anticipation: Meet the Finalists Event



The excitement is building for this year's awards ceremony! Recently, we brought together the finalists for an exclusive networking event, designed to celebrate their achievements and foster new connections.

The event, hosted by our headline sponsor, [Pinney Talfourd](#), was a resounding success. There was a palpable "buzz" in the room as representatives from the best local businesses mingled. A friendly atmosphere mixed with a healthy dose of anticipation, as no one knows who will take home the awards at the ceremony on 10th October.

Finalists seized the opportunity to network, strengthen existing relationships, and make new ones. The evening was a true testament to the vibrant and collaborative spirit of our local business community, leaving everyone energised and looking forward to the big reveal.



Brentwood High Street Is Open For Business While Road Is Closed

[Brentwood Connected](#) the Business Improvement District (BID) in Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone announces that Brentwood High Street will be open for business, but closed for traffic, from Monday 15 September for six weeks, while essential gas works from Cadent take place. Metal gas pipes will be upgraded to tough, durable long-lasting plastic pipes, which are expected to last over 80 years, and help reduce the likelihood of unplanned repair works in future. Essex Highways will also use the opportunity to resurface areas of the High Street, replacing the granite setts between Crown Street and St. Thomas Road.

For the duration of the works, Brentwood High Street will be closed to traffic from the junction of Kings Road to the junction of Ongar Road, with diversions in place. Pedestrian access and car park use will be unaffected.

Brentwood Connected is supporting businesses throughout the period by installing extra signage in the area, as well as using digital display boards, to remind residents and visitors that the High Street is very much open for business. An awareness campaign is also running online, featuring a variety of businesses, including independents and nationals in the High Street, while a series of social media assets have been created to help others spread the word.

Visitors to Brentwood High Street will be able to use the town centre car parks as usual while the road is closed, and pedestrian access to businesses will be unaffected.

MORE INFORMATION



Brentwood Connected BID Manager Sarah Walmsley with an Open For Business sign.

The 2025 Havering Chamber Showcase

Wednesday 8 October

**HAVERING
CHAMBER
BUSINESS
Showcase'25**
Wednesday 8 October 4-8pm
Lumiere, Mercury Centre, Romford

The Havering Chamber Business Showcase was created to enable Chamber members promote their businesses to other members and businesses in Havering.

Previous Showcases have been very much B2B events at venues such as Queen's Theatre,

Havering Bowls Club and Romford & Gidea Park Rugby Club but this year they are offering something different with the opportunity to promote B2C at a more public venue in the Mercury Shopping Centre.

The Showcase will be located on Level 3 outside the Lumiere Cinema and there is also an exciting opportunity for some exhibitors to take a stand on Level 1, the main shopping concourse with its high volume of shopper footfall. Both Levels are open to the general public. During the Showcase there will be presentations from local, high-profile speakers, free refreshments on offer and the Lumiere bar.

Book now for an Early Bird Discount specifically for Brentwood Chamber members.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Workshop: SADS UK



A huge thank you to [SADS UK](#) for running September's workshop. We enjoyed a wonderful introduction to SADS UK and the work they are doing. Thank you for showing us the invaluable skill of how to use the different types of defibrillators in the case of an emergency.

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.

Workshop: Martyn's Law

Thursday 2 October

Rob Brettell, founder of [1705 Consultancy Ltd](#), is a recognised specialist in risk management, counter-terrorism preparedness, and event safety. With over 25 years' policing experience, including senior command roles, and now advising some of the UK's most prestigious venues, Rob has become a leading voice in helping organisations prepare for the forthcoming Protection of Premises Act—better known as Martyn's Law.

In this session, Rob will cut through the noise and focus on what the legislation really means for businesses, venues, and the public. Is it a vital step forward in protecting people, or just another layer of red tape? Drawing on real-world case studies and frontline experience, he will examine both sides of the debate, highlight practical steps organisations can take now, and share insights that go beyond compliance to genuine safety.

If your organisation operates a public-facing space, this is a talk you cannot afford to miss. Expect clarity, challenge, and a roadmap for turning legal duty into operational strength.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Workshop: Body Language

Thursday 6 November

Body Language or 'non-verbal communication' happens irrespective of whether we are aware of it. It is one of the most influential factors in successful (and unsuccessful) communication.

It therefore follows that if we increase our awareness of non-verbal communication, then we can utilise it to help us communicate more effectively.

Colin Barber, [The Management Mechanic](#) has spent many years studying and teaching communication skills, and in this workshop he will share some revealing insights into effective non-verbal communication and how to understand body language.

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Chamber Newsletters are Printed

The latest issue of our monthly Chamber newsletter has been printed and is now ready for distribution. We want to extend a huge thank you to all the members who have already offered to share copies. Your support is invaluable in helping us reach more people in our community.

If you would also like to receive some copies to share with your staff or clients, please let us know at office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk. We're happy to provide them for you.

Grow Your Business by Joining the Chamber

If you're a local business, we invite you to take advantage of the Chamber's valuable program. It's a great way to connect locally and expand your opportunities.

Ready to join? Email us at: office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk

Join Us For The New Look Business Breakfast



Wednesday 8 October

This month, we're serving up breakfast a little earlier than usual, from 7am, at [The Barnyard Cafe](#), Calcott Hall Farm.

Whether you're a long-time member or new to our Business Breakfasts, this is a great chance to connect, collaborate, and grow your local business in a professional and welcoming environment. Both members and non-members are welcome.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to [Brentwood School](#) for hosting last month's breakfast. It was their first time hosting, and there was a great atmosphere in the room. Special thanks to [Sharon De Torres](#) for capturing so many fantastic photos, including the one above.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Speed Networking



Wednesday 1 October

Looking for a better way to network? Our Speed Networking events, a partnership with [Brentwood Borough Council](#) at the [Old Brentwoods 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.

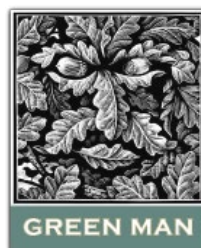
Speed Networking is your chance to meet numerous professionals efficiently. The structured approach takes the guesswork out of introductions, ensuring you connect with plenty of people in a short amount of time. Enjoy complimentary tea and coffee when you arrive, and feel free to stay for relaxed, informal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

Welcome to Our New Members

The Green Man



A traditional village pub dating back to the 17th century, the Grade II listed Green Man counts oak-beamed ceilings and inglenook fireplaces among its original features. Once a family home, then a greengrocer's shop before becoming a pub, the Green Man has retained a homely feel. It's a friendly and relaxed place to enjoy good food and Cask Marque-approved real ales, with a warm welcome guaranteed.

E&G Compare



A trusted UK-based commercial energy third party intermediary dedicated to helping businesses of all sizes secure competitive and cost-effective energy contracts for both gas and electricity. With years of industry expertise, they're committed to navigating the complexities of the energy market on your behalf. They aim to provide their clients with tailored energy solutions that help reduce costs and streamline energy management, allowing you to focus on what matters most—growing your business.

Chamber Strengthens Ties with German Twin Town



Chamber Chairman Colin Barber (left) presenting copies of the Chamber's latest newsletter to Ursula Bohm (right), the Chair of the German Town Twinning Association.

In a recent trip to our German twin town, Landkreis Roth, members of the Chamber met to discuss future collaborations and strengthen their cross-border relationship.

The trip included several members of the Chamber, who engaged in productive discussions about potential joint projects. As part of the visit, Chamber Chairman Colin Barber presented copies of the Chamber's latest newsletter to Ursula Bohm, the Chair of the German Town Twinning Association. This gesture was a symbolic step in fostering open communication and partnership between the two communities.

This exchange highlights the ongoing efforts of the Brentwood Chamber to build and maintain strong international connections, paving the way for future economic and cultural exchanges.

Member's News

Meet the Marillac

Friday 5th December

Join [Marillac Neurological Care Centre](#) for a special festive event. Enjoy seasonal refreshments and relaxed networking, followed by a short introduction to the work of Marillac Neurological Care Centre – supporting adults rebuilding their lives after serious neurological injury or diagnosis.

You'll then be invited on a guided tour of our specialist Centre, beautifully decorated for Christmas and full of seasonal magic for our residents.

Whether you're looking to grow your network or discover ways your business can support a much-loved local cause, we'd love to welcome you.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Rotary Club of Brentwood

Bring Christmas Magic to Brentwood

As the festive season approaches, the [Rotary Club of Brentwood](#) is once again preparing to bring joy and community spirit to our town through the cherished Christmas Campaign—and they warmly invite your business to be part of it. This campaign is more than just festive fun, it's a vital fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds go directly to local charities and community initiatives, supporting those most in need during the winter months and beyond. There is a range of sponsorship opportunities to suit businesses of all sizes.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Brentwood Borough Council: Brentwood Jobs, Skills & Health Event

Thursday 9th October

Are you looking to recruit this Autumn in the run up to Christmas?

Book a FREE stand at the Brentwood Jobs, Skills & Health Event at The Brentwood Centre on Thursday 9 October from 10am to 1pm. This event is in partnership with Brentwood Jobcentre Plus and NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System.

• Promote jobs • Employ local • Network

To book a FREE stand, please email either jane.namulindwa@dwp.gov.uk or Pallavi.thapa1@dwp.gov.uk

Musical Bingo Night in aid of the Marillac

Friday 24 October

Join in on a fun-filled Musical Bingo Night to support the [Marillac](#) bring your friends and family for a musical twist on the classic game - instead of numbers, they'll be playing tunes. It's going to be a night of great music, laughter, and friendly competition for a good cause. Make a positive impact together.

[MORE INFO](#)

Attract & Engage : Podcast

[Attract & Engage](#) are always on the lookout for new people to feature in future podcast episodes with interesting stories & successes, Chamber members are invited to email recommendations to info@attractandengage.co.uk

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Upcoming Chamber Events

1 October Wednesday	Speed Networking Old Brentwoods Club	BOOK HERE
2 October Thursday	Workshop: Martyn's Law Holiday Inn, Brentwood	BOOK HERE
8 October Wednesday	Business Breakfast Barnyard Cafe	BOOK HERE
10 October Friday	Awards Ceremony Stock Brook Manor	BOOK HERE
5 November Wednesday	Business Breakfast Old Brentwoods Club	BOOK HERE
6 November Thursday	Workshop : Body Language Holiday Inn, Brentwood	BOOK HERE

Upcoming Member's Events

9 October Thursday	Brentwood Borough Council Brentwood Jobs, Skills & Health Event	MORE INFO
10 October Friday	SADS UK The Robin Pub	MORE INFO
24 October Friday	Marillac Neurological Care Centre Musical Bingo Night	MORE INFO
5 December Friday	Marillac Neurological Care Centre Meet the Marillac	MORE INFO

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