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Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

# Newsletter

All the latest news in Brentwood – including special announcements, events and much more

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## Brentwood Business Awards

Entry deadline: 30 June 2018

[www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards](http://www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards)

### What are the awards?

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of the 2018 Brentwood Business Awards, sponsored by Pinney Talfourd Solicitors.

The awards will recognise the best of local organisations and employees at a black tie dinner on 9 November.

### Who can enter?

- Sole traders
- Businesses
- Charities
- Social sector organisations
- Individual employees/apprentices

### How do we enter?

Self-nominate your organisation or staff for any of the 8 categories listed on [www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards](http://www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards). This is a great

opportunity to shine a spotlight on all of the great work you are doing! Entries are FREE and you can enter as many categories as you like.

### Does my business need to be based in Brentwood?

Entries are open to organisations based in - or doing business in - the Borough of Brentwood.

### Who will do the judging?

Each sponsor will shortlist the applicants for their category in early July and conduct interviews in person during July and August. Finalists for each category will be announced in September.

### Can I attend the black tie dinner even if I'm not a finalist?

Of course! The awards ceremony on 9 November will be a great opportunity for you to network and to celebrate the achievements of your peers. £40 tickets, inclusive of a 3-course meal at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, will be on sale in September.

### Key Dates

**10 April**

Nominations open

**30 June**

Nominations close

**1 to 15 July**

Shortlisting

**15 July to 31 August**

Judging

**15 September**

Finalists announced

**9 November**

Black tie awards dinner

### Terms and Conditions

To read the full terms and conditions, visit [www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards](http://www.brentwoodchambers.co.uk/business-awards).

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## BRENTWOOD BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Brentwood Business of the Year will be chosen by Pinney Talfourd Solicitors from all of the finalists in each category. The Brentwood Business of the Year winner will be selected because they have excelled in every part of the Awards criteria.

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## APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

This Award is open to an apprentice who has shown significant achievements and progress within a recognised learning scheme.

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## BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

This Award will acknowledge a leader who has achieved significant success in their organisation during the past 12 months, showing strong leadership and strategic vision.

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## EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

This Award will celebrate organisations who value their employees by creating a positive, inclusive environment that attracts, retains and develops talent.

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## EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

This Award will recognise for-profit businesses and not-for-profit organisations striving to exceed customer expectations on a daily basis.

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## GROWING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This Award is for businesses that can show a growth in turnover and profit and either employees, products or services, over the last 3 years.

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## NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

This Award highlights the best of Brentwood's charitable and social sector organisations that make a positive impact on the community.

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## SALES AND MARKETING AWARD

This Award will recognise companies that have demonstrated sales and marketing excellence over the past year and have a clear vision for the future of their business.

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## SMALL TO MEDIUM BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This Award is designed for sole traders or businesses with fewer than 250 employees that are making an impact within their field.

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## A message from your Chairman



*Photo by Carmel Jane*

As you will have seen on pages 1 and 2, our major area of focus at the moment is the Brentwood Business Awards. This is the inaugural year for the Awards, and one of the key contributing factors to their success will be the number of entries we receive.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite every single one of you to enter the Awards, whatever the size or nature of your business. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain, with the possibility of the prestige and publicity which the winners of each category will receive. Also, could I please ask you to tell your suppliers and customers about the awards, and to recommend that they enter? The Awards are open to Chamber members and non-members, provided that they are based in Brentwood or doing business in Brentwood.

The Chamber Executive Committee had a productive meeting recently with the Leader and Chief Executive of Brentwood Borough Council together with our local MP, Alex Burghart. Various issues were discussed including the Town Centre Plan, Rents & Rates and even potholes. These meetings take place every six months and are an excellent opportunity for us to pass on members' views and concerns about local issues.

Our next major social event is our Summer Barbecue on the evening of 4 July, which is one of the few days when there are no World Cup matches! The gardens of Orsett Hall Hotel are the perfect location for a summer barbecue, and in addition to selling individual tickets, we are also offering corporate packages – visit our website for more details.

Finally, a word about our monthly Business Breakfast. Thanks to your continued support, the Breakfast has sold out for the past three months, so do remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

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## Netwalking is back for the summer

We will be running our popular Netwalking events this summer, with the first one scheduled for this month. They will take place once a month throughout the summer, giving you the opportunity to enjoy some of the countryside around Brentwood.

Networking events can be a little daunting for some, as you 'work the room' in order to network. However Netwalking is a totally different concept, combining 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 start from a pub car park and will be in a different location each month. We will walk 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, you would be very welcome.



Please register in advance through our website, so that we have an idea of how many people to expect. Feel free to bring a guest with you, and dogs are also welcome.

The first walk, on Wednesday 23 May, will start at The Greyhound in Warley and give you an opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside of Childerditch and Warley.

Further dates are:

Monday 25 June – The Viper in Mill Green

Tuesday 24 July – The Green Man in Herongate

Thursday 23 August – The White Horse, Coxtie Green

# Chamber Events Calendar 2018

## May

**Friday 11th - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by St Francis Hospice

**Thursday 17th - AGM and Open Evening**

**Wednesday 23rd - Netwalking**

**Sunday 27th - Essex CCC v Surrey CCC**

A box at the one day 50-over match, Chelmsford

## June

**Friday 8th - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Pinney Talfourd

**Monday 25th - Netwalking**

## July

**Wednesday 4th - Barbecue at Orsett Hall**

**Friday 13th - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Howe Chartered Surveyors

**Tuesday 24th - Netwalking**

## August

**Friday 10th - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Medical Skin Clinic

**Thursday 23rd - Netwalking**

## September

**Friday 14th - Business Breakfast**

Sponsored by Ashwell Timber

## October

**Friday 12th - Business Breakfast**

**Wednesday 31st - Business Showcase;  
date to be confirmed**

## November

**Friday 9th - Business Awards Ceremony;**

Hutton Banqueting Suite

**Friday 16th - Business Breakfast**

**Saturday 24th - Christmas Lighting up in Brentwood;**

See website <http://www.brentwood.gov.uk/index.php?cid=417>

## December

**Friday 14th - Business Breakfast**

## Keep your eye on the website for:

Joint Inter-Chambers Quiz night

Behind the scenes visit to Queens Theatre

A Saturday Lunchtime Event

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# Networking Groups in the Brentwood Area

The Chamber is pleased to bring details of other networking groups to your attention:

**Brentwood Professionals Networking Group (BPNG):** last Friday of the month 1pm to 3pm; O'Neill's, Brentwood High Street; contact Paul Gulley, Handelsbanken, 01245 347906

**The Circle:** third Thursday of the month; 4pm-6pm; The Sugar Hut, Brentwood High Street; contact Dan Sayers, MJ Bushell, 01277 245300, [info@circle-net.co.uk](mailto:info@circle-net.co.uk)

**ebn Brentwood:** every other Thursday (next meeting 3rd May); 8am-10am; George & Dragon, Mountnessing; contact Hayley Taylor, Taylor Made Promotions, 01621 856504; membership and meeting charges apply

**ebn Shenfield:** every other Tuesday (next meeting 9th May) 8am-10am; George & Dragon, Mountnessing; contact Mandy Baker, Insight Coaching, 07946 377970; membership and meeting charges apply

**Word of Mouth, Brentwood:** Free networking event on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Phone 07533 988177

**Round Robin Networking:** Brentwood and Stock; The Robin pub, Ongar Road, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am start, Harvard Inn Stock, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am start. Contact Danielle, 07956 443781.

**The Chamber of Commerce cannot be held responsible for the validity of the above information. Please confirm before attending. Details of other groups or any updates can be sent to [Neil.Hornsby@BrentwoodChambers.co.uk](mailto:Neil.Hornsby@BrentwoodChambers.co.uk)**

# St Francis Hospice – all about your May Business Breakfast sponsors

St Francis Hospice, in Broxhill Road, Havering-atte-Bower, Romford, is an independent charity and one of the largest adult hospices in the UK. Serving Brentwood, Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Abridge, its team of specialist consultant, doctors, nurses and other health and social care professionals provide care and support to people with a life-limiting illness, as well as to their carers and families.

These services are free but although St Francis Hospice also has a team of nearly 700 volunteers, who help to keep costs down, it still needs to raise £7.8 million in voluntary income this year.

To find out about the many different ways of getting involved in fundraising for St Francis Hospice, visit [www.sfh.org.uk/support-us](http://www.sfh.org.uk/support-us)

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