



# BRENTWOOD Chamber of Commerce

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latest business news  
from Brentwood*



*Ignite Business Communications were named as Brentwood Business of the Year 2018 by Pinney Talfourd's Managing Partner, Philip Cockram.  
Photo by Tina Wing Photography*

## Awards night shows the way forward

Ignite Business Communications were named as Brentwood Business of the Year at the end of what promises to be the first of many Brentwood Business Awards gala dinners.

A packed Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite enjoyed a superb evening on November 9, with the Chamber getting plenty of positive feedback to take into planning for the 2019 edition.

“The evening was a great success in terms of promoting Brentwood businesses, but perhaps more importantly everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening, particularly the celebrations after the Awards presentation,” said Chamber Chairman, Colin Barber.

“The Awards emphasise that the Chamber is committed to building better businesses in Brentwood. We are already starting to plan for the 2019 Awards.”

The Chamber would once again like to thank Overall Awards Partner, Pinney Talfourd Solicitors, Official Media Partner, Phoenix FM, and all the Awards category sponsors for their support during the year.

*All the photos in this month's Newsletter are from those taken on the night by Tina Wing Photography, all of which are available in the Client Gallery at [tinawingphotography.co.uk](http://tinawingphotography.co.uk)*

## Winners at the 2018 Brentwood Business Awards

**Brentwood Business of the Year** (sponsored by Overall Awards Partner, Pinney Talfourd Solicitors) – Ignite Business Communications

**Runner-up, Brentwood Business of the Year** – Blue Serif

**Employer of the Year** (sponsored by Havering College) – Carmel Jane Photography

**Not-for-Profit Organisation of the Year** (sponsored by Rainer Hughes Solicitors) – Special Needs And Parents (SNAP)

**Excellent Customer Service Award** (sponsored by Bennetts Funeral Directors) – Chicken and Frog Bookshop

**Apprentice/Trainee of the Year** (sponsored by Ardleigh Green Janitorial Services) – Ben Falkingham, FRP Advisory LLP

**Sales and Marketing Award** (sponsored by Spargo Hairdressing and Spargoland) – Carmel Jane Photography

**Growing Business of the Year** (sponsored by AeroBlue) – Howe Chartered Surveyors

**Business Person of the Year** (sponsored by Wortley Byers Law) – Guy Hocking, Ignite Business Communications

**Small to Medium Business of the Year** (sponsored by ACL Essex) – Carmel Jane Photography



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Left: Chicken and Frog Bookshop picked up the Excellent Customer Service Award from sponsor Bennetts Funeral Directors

Right: Ben Falkingham of FRP Advisory was named Apprentice/Trainee of the Year



Left: Guy Hocking of Ignite Business Communications received the Business Person of the Year award from Jane Winfield of Wortley Byers Law



Right: Carmel Jane Photography was named Employer of the Year by sponsor Havering College





*Left: Not-for-Profit Organisation of the Year was Special Needs And Parents (SNAP)*

*Right: Carmel Jane Photography's triple awards haul on the night also included the Sales and Marketing Award*



*Left: Small to Medium Business of the Year went to Carmel Jane Photography, presented by sponsor ACL Essex*

*Right: Christian Howe accepted the Growing Business of the Year award for Howe Chartered Surveyors*



*The Chamber's Business Breakfast in November was sponsored by Legal Mediation, with Sandy Brown giving the sell-out attendance an interesting and interactive presentation*

## Chamber Events Calendar 2018/2019

### December

#### Friday 14 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Kinetic Podiatry Clinic

#### Wednesday 19 - Chamber Christmas Lunch

Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite

Tickets and Tables booking on Chamber website now

### January

#### Thursday 10 - Executive Committee meeting

#### Friday 11 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Brentwood Cricket Club

#### Thursday 28 - A Taste of New York

### February

#### Friday 8 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Mullis & Peake

#### Thursday 14 - Executive Committee meeting

### March

#### Tuesday 5 - Meet The Neighbours

Hosted by Stansted Airport Chamber

#### Friday 8 - Business Breakfast

Sponsored by Aching Arms

#### Thursday 14 - Executive Committee meeting

See [brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events](http://brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events) for latest updates and online ticketing.

## A Taste of New York - for free!

The Holiday Inn in Brentwood recently relaunched their restaurant as 'Marco's New York Italian'. They have kindly invited all Chamber members to come along and sample their exciting new menu - at an evening event, on Thursday January 28 2019.

We were unable to confirm the exact time of the event before going to press, but it will definitely be free of charge for Chamber members!

We'll announce the details via our social media channels and website soon, and will confirm everything in the next edition. Keep your eyes open for more details to follow of what promises to be a great evening.

## Chamber now on Instagram

Ahead of the Brentwood Business Awards we set up a Chamber account on Instagram, allowing us to confirm all the winners via the channel on the night. And to follow up with various pictures of the evening.

If you or your business are Instagram users, then please follow us at [instagram.com/brentwoodessexchamber](https://www.instagram.com/brentwoodessexchamber), or search for [brentwoodessexchamber](https://www.instagram.com/brentwoodessexchamber) in the Instagram app. We're keen to follow back as many members and Brentwood businesses as possible!

## Christmas Lunch tickets on sale

Bookings are mounting for the Chamber's Christmas Lunch, for both tables and individual tickets. It takes place at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite - the venue for last year's Lunch, and of course the recent Brentwood Business Awards - on Wednesday December 19 from 12-3pm.

Ticket prices, including a three-course Christmas meal with several menu options to choose from, start from £30 per person for members. Non-members are also very welcome, at £35 per person. Our two lunchtime speakers have been confirmed as Guy Hocking of Brentwood Business of the Year winner Ignite Business Communications, and Roland Kannon of Brentwood Brewery.

It's also not too late to book a table, of eight, 10 or 12 with a deposit of £50 - so do consider bringing your colleagues, clients and suppliers along for a great end to the business year. Full details and bookings via [brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events](http://brentwoodchambers.co.uk/events).

## Lots of new members joining up

We've had a bumper addition of new members joining the Chamber ranks over the past few weeks, helped in part by our presence at the Brentwood Business Showcase.

Having a stand at the Brentwood School event gave some of the Chamber's executive committee a great chance to spend time chatting to members and prospective members.

Several signed up online on the day, with EmpowerMe winning the business card draw at the networking drinks for free membership in 2019.

Other recent new members include: Entirely Aloe, DSA Connect, Sterling & Law, Delta Recruitment, Pro-actions Business Coaching & Support, Adapt Recruit, 24 Fingers, and CREATE Business Hub.

All will be added soon to the members section on the Chamber website. And we feature all new members on our social media channels, sharing their profiles to our followers.