Council budget for the year

Residents in a Band D property in Brentwood will pay £972.36p Council Tax for the year April 2002 to March 2003.

BRENTWOOD COUNCIL has kept its part of the Council Tax increase to £11.25 for the year, around 22p a week.

The level of Government grant has increased by £105,000 which does not meet the increase in costs associated with falling interest rates, increased insurance premiums as a result of September 11th, inflation and increased responsibilities prescribed by Government. It will have to be met by local taxpayers.

Residents in the parishes will pay slightly more Council Tax to include precepts to their parish councils.

Of the £972.36 that will be paid by a resident in a Band D property:
- £767.88 goes to Essex County Council
- £77.67 goes to Essex Police Authority.
- £126.81 goes to Brentwood Borough Council.

DAFFODIL DAY came early with a special presentation of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care by the Council. A new cycle path being laid along Chelmsford Road coincided with the blooming of the daffodil display which brightens up the road each year, so the daffodils were picked and donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care in early recognition of their Daffodil Day, 9th March. The bulbs will be replanted alongside the new track.

Bob McLintock, the Council’s Chief Executive and Town Clerk, was delighted to hand over the daffs to Hannah Chapman, the charity’s Community Fundraising Coordinator for Hertfordshire and South Essex.
Benefit Bulletin

For those who claim help with rent or Council Tax

A regular feature, Benefit Bulletin will keep you updated on claiming benefit and let you know of any important changes to the benefit system

The Personal Allowances, Premiums and non-dependant deductions for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit are increasing from the 1st April 2002. The new rates are shown below.

**Personal Allowances**

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**Child or Young Person:**

From birth to the first Monday in the September following the 16th birthday: £33.50
From the first Monday in the September following the 16th birthday: £14.25

**Applicable Amounts for Hospital In-patients**

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**Non Dependant Deductions**

**Housing Benefit**

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Others - aged 25 or over and on Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, or aged 18 or over and in remunerative work: £7.40

**Second Adult Rebate**

Second Adult(s) in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance: 25%

Gross income of the second adult(s) is: Less than £131 15%
Gross income of the second adult(s) is: £131 to £169.99 7.5%

The Council is determined to encourage Brentwood residents to apply and receive their full entitlement to help with housing costs. Look out for more information about Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit next month!

Please contact Sue or Catherine on 261111 ext 217 for help and advice on claiming Housing and Council Tax Benefit

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**Council Tax Benefit**

Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work:

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Others - aged 18 or over (except where in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance): £2.30

**Le Chat Noir**

FRENCH AND EUROPEAN CUISINE

Five-course lunch
Daily Specials Board
Business Lunches by arrangement
Semi-private dining
Fully Licensed Restaurant

Open daily lunch till 2.30pm
Closed Saturday dinner
Open for Sunday Lunch 12noon-2.30pm

The Theatre Club of Great Britain has closed for business after more than 20 years, but Brentwood people are not without a service. Established in 1993 the Fair Stage Theatre & Concert Club is local and run in association with Clithona Minicoaches. Three or four trips a month are organised to a variety of mainly West End shows, picking up at convenient points throughout the Borough. Their policy is to book good seats but keep the cost, including coach travel, whenever possible below £40. Members receive a monthly newsletter giving details of the Club’s activities over the next couple of months.

Coming up in the near future are such shows as ‘The Full Monty’, ‘Riverdance’, ‘Lady Windermere’s Fan’, ‘ Bombay Dreams’ and ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’, together with visits to Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, the National and the RSC.

Membership costs £16 a year. For further details please ring Rob Staines on 215526.

New Theatre Club

THEATREGOERS Club of Great Britain

New open for Sunday Lunch
12noon-2.30pm

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Brentwood 372949
LAST MONTH almost 2000 local school children descended on the Brentwood Centre to attend this year’s 2 Smart 4 Drugs roadshow. The Essex Police/Essex FM production offers pupils from Years 7 and 8 an opportunity to receive an anti-drugs message with a difference. It was presented by singer Tina Cousins and Essex FM presenter Chris Brooks and featured the Chain Reaction Theatre Company, MC’s Sparks and Kie, featuring DJ Ray Hearley, and The Leopards basketball team.

The message is a serious one geared to its audience. You don’t need drugs to enjoy yourself.

St Charles Youth Centre gets go ahead

THE COUNCIL was disappointed to learn on Friday, 22nd February, that the Government has upheld the appeal by the Youth Justice Board to build on the land at the former St Charles Youth Treatment Centre, Weald Road, Brentwood.

The Inspector’s report and the Secretary of State’s decision will now be examined closely by the Council.

The Government decision follows local residents’ and Council opposition to the intention to build a ‘secure custodial institution’ for offenders aged 12 to 17 years on the site.

The Council and local MP Eric Pickles met with Charles Clark, then the Home Office Minister responsible, two years ago and voiced their strong opposition, but two years on and following a public enquiry last September the Government has decided to go ahead.

Twenty two houses, in Calcot Close and St Charles Road, actually about the intended site. Leader of the Council, Councillor David Gottesmann, said, “The Council will continue to seek a meeting with the Secretary of State because of the Council’s concern about the impact of building a secure unit for young people in Brentwood, and the need to make representations on behalf of local residents at the highest level.”

Don’t forget!

As from April 2002, instalment due dates for both Council Tax and Business Rate payments will be on the 1st of each month, not the 15th. The first instalment for the financial year 2002/3 will therefore be due by 1st April 2002.

To ensure that your instalment reaches the Council by the due date, please allow 5 working days. Direct debit payers need do nothing.

I would like to pay my Council Tax/Business Rates by Direct Debit in future, please send me a Direct Debit instruction.

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Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY

Wards                                      No. of councillors
Brentwood North                            3
Brentwood South                            3
Brentwood West                            3
Braes & Doddinghurst                     3
Herongate, Ingrave & West Horndon        2
Hutton Central                            2
Hutton East                               2
Hutton North                              2
Hutton South                              2
Ingatestone, Fryeming & Mountnessing     2
Pilgrims Hatch                            2
Shenfield                                 2
South Weald                               1
Tipps Cross                               2
Warley                                    3

Total                                     37

THIS RATHER unusual occurrence is a result of the ward boundary changes implemented last year by the Secretary of State, following the review by the Local Government Commission of England of the electoral arrangements in Essex.

The existing 17 wards are to be reduced to 15 and the total number of councillors reduced from 39 to 37.

The changes

For the first time since the re-organisation of local government in 1974, all the councillors are to be elected and, on this occasion, most electors in the Borough will be able to vote for up to two or three candidates, depending on the number of vacancies for their particular ward.

In future years, the Council will continue to be elected by thirds, as before.

Due to the new warding arrangements it has also been necessary to change some of the polling station locations and all eligible electors will be sent a polling card one/two weeks before polling day telling them where to vote.

Voting will take place between the hours of 8am and 9pm and anyone who is likely to be away on polling day can apply for an absent vote. Application forms for postal or proxy voting can be obtained from the Town Hall, or downloaded from the Council’s website.

Under new rules intro-
**Centre gets firemen’s lift**

**THE BRENTWOOD Centre has stepped in to help keep our firemen fighting fit!**

Brentwood Fire Brigade is currently without a gym facility while a new fitness suite is being built as part of a big restructure at the station. Until the new facility is built at the end of the summer, the boys have been invited to use the equipment at the Brentwood Centre to keep up their fitness levels.

Their presence gives an opportunity to develop projects such as public information and fire safety sessions during the Centre’s children’s summer holiday programme. As well as using the Heartbeat Fitness Centre twice a day, the Brigade is also using the hard court facility and the International Hall.

Kelly Hopwood, Health Promotions Officer at the Brentwood Centre, puts Brentwood’s firemen through their paces.

**Sybil takes gold... and again... and again... and again**

**BRENTWOOD RESIDENT, Sybil Warn, won an outstanding five gold medals at the French Masters Swimming Championships, in January.**

Held on the beautiful island of Martinique, Sybil’s events were 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle, all of which she won comfortably and in personal best times. Sybil is a founder member of Albyns Swimming Club and an ex-president of the ECASA. She has been involved in masters swimming for many years, both in an official capacity and as a competitor. Sybil trains with other Albyns members at the Brentwood Centre and is one of the top swimmers in her age group.

**New rowing machine**

**THE HEARTBEAT Fitness Centre at the Brentwood Centre has introduced a new piece of equipment for real fitness enthusiasts.**

The Heartbeat gym already houses four Concept II rowers which have always proved very popular. Now a single slide runner has been added to the bottom of one of the machines to give customers an extra challenge.

The slide means that instead of pulling the cable whilst the whole body travels backwards and forwards, you now push the rowing machine back and forwards whilst you stay relatively still. This makes the action more like water rowing. Your legs and bottom do a lot more work and your back can be kept more upright.

If you fancy yourself as the next Steve Redgrave, then pay a visit to the Heartbeat Fitness Centre, and put yourself on the Concept II league table.

**Cycle culture’s on its way**

**VARIOUS CYCLE schemes are to come around the Borough which will eventually provide a network of routes for cyclists to enjoy.**

**Mounthawking Roundabout to Alexander Lane**

Already under way (see front page). Funding of £60,000 is available from the minor capital schemes programme.

**Robbin Hood PH to Kelveden Hatch**

A design is complete and ready for formal safety audit. Difficulties with providing adequate space for a cycle path within the existing carriageway will require the removal of many traffic islands. Funding of £70,000 is available from planning agreements associated with the BT development.

**St Faiths**

A design is under way to provide a cycle route across the land from London Road to Weald Road. Planning approval has been granted for the path. Funding of £90,000 is available from planning agreements associated with the BT development.
Walkabout in Warley

Only a mile from Brentwood High Street on the edge of Warley, there is some quite attractive rolling countryside with woods, commons, small fields and quiet lanes. Within this countryside lies Great Warley with its attractive buildings around the green.

THE WHOLE of Warley area was once a large military camp with a permanent station dating back to 1804. It was home to several garrisons and regiments and was used as a training centre for several years after the war. In the 1960s most of the buildings were demolished to make way for the Ford works. Only the former officers’ mess which is now the Marillac offices. Only the former offices. Only the former officers’ mess which is now the Marillac officers’ mess which is now the Marillac

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Great Warley Village Green is the old centre of the village. Around the green stand several picturesque and interesting houses. There used to be an annual fair and roaring held on the green. There now stands a cross and memorial to the local men who fell during the two World Wars. Overlooking the green is Wallets, which dates back to the 15th century. Essex Wildlife Trust now lease the site which is managed as a wildlife reserve.

Dark Lane runs behind the pub. It is a sunken green lane which is protected to ensure it keeps its character. Keep an eye out for the girders in the bank on your right hand side - those were put in by Miss Willmott to screen the cottages in Dark Lane.

From Green Lane there are attractive views over rolling farmland. At Warley Road cross and follow the path to the pond past the Headley pub. The area is Headley Common. Continue along Warley Gap to finish the walk.

About the Walk
Please follow the yellow waymarkers and keep dogs on close control at all times. Park carefully in roads around Eagle Way. There is a small carpark by the parade of shops at Warley. Length - 2½miles/1hour
Terrain - Woods, roads, crossfield footpaths. Footwear - Wear stout footwear, paths can be muddy.

THURROCK YACHT CLUB

Use vacancies for Club members, with optional boat movements, deep water moorings, and storage. The club also has a roomy meeting room with a licensed bar (that can be used by club members for certain private functions) and facilities for small boat repairs.

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Name this space!

BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS are invited to get involved in the naming of one of the Borough’s newest public open spaces at the former Warley Hospital site. Brentwood Countryside Management Service is looking for ideas which encompass the very special elements of the site. Almost 35 hectares of land were given to the Council to provide areas for recreation, amenity and community purposes. The site has areas of mature woodland, designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, some well established secondary woodland, a large area of farmland which has now begun to revert to woodland, and areas of former playing fields and other amenity areas. Many suggestions which have already been received for a name have been drawn from local history, as well as from the natural world and important ecologists.

It does not matter where you draw your inspiration from, just as long as you get your ideas in writing to Sam Richardson, Brentwood Countryside Management Service, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY, or e-mail samantha.richardson@brentwood.gov.uk

Centre’s going green

ESSEX-BASED company Aztec is planning to turn the Brentwood Centre into a green and verdant oasis at their garden show in July. With many of the two hundred exhibitors based in the county, this must for local people. Whether you are keen on gardening or not, there is something for everyone. Aztec is keen to encourage local horticultural societies and flower clubs the chance to promote their club with free space at the Brentwood Garden Show. If you are interested and a member of a local club call Pam Upson on 01702 549623.
Dawn’s in housing

DAWN SHEPHERD is part of the Housing Needs section, a team responsible for confidential housing advice, allocations from the Housing Register and transfer list, housing the homeless, sheltered housing and domestic violence.

Dawn has been a Housing Needs Officer for the Council, responsible for the allocation of properties, for the past eighteen months, in which time she has rehomed countless families, couples and individuals into more suitable accommodation.

Legal background
Before joining the Council, Dawn studied for a degree in law and had previously worked for the Court Service. Since the Council assesses applications under the Housing Act 1996, Dawn understands the legal background and has greatly aided Dawn in her current role.

Once a property has been handed back to the Council, it is Dawn who determines who is next on the list to be moved into that particular property. Working with a points system, which determines the eligibility of applicants to assess needs priority, it is Dawn’s job to guide tenants and prospective tenants through the process of rehoming.

The number of points a prospective tenant can accumulate determine their housing needs. The more the points the higher up the list the tenant is placed.

Points are awarded for a number of different reasons, such as medical need, shortage of bedrooms, condition of property, economic circumstances, and so on.

Dawn is able to advise those on the Housing Register of the points system and how it will affect the likelihood of being rehomed. A similar points system works for those wishing to transfer from one Council-owned property to another. This scheme is heavily weighted towards those wishing to downsize their home, from a three bedroom house to a two bedroom flat, for example.

Each week Dawn processes around four to five housing register and housing transfer list applications, although her workload has dramatically increased lately as eighty new properties have become available at the Clements Park development at Warley.

Working with other agencies
In addition to rehoming families, it is Dawn who is the Council’s representative on Brentwood Domestic Violence Forum, an organisation which comprises a number of agencies who work together to combat domestic violence. These include: the Citizens Advice Bureau, Victim Support, Home-Start, Essex Social Services and Basildon Women’s Council.

Careline
Through Dawn, Brentwood Domestic Forum provides personal emergency alarms for those who have left their abusive partner but still feel at risk. The Domestic Violence Careline provides people with reassurance that emergency police assistance can be summoned quickly, without the need to get to a telephone. As part of the scheme, users can call for help by pressing the button on a pendant, which may be worn around their neck or kept close by. Once pressed, a unit, which is connected to their telephone, will be silently activated. The Careline operator receives an emergency call, and will alert the Police to come to their assistance as soon as possible. Users need not talk to the operator, as he/she will know the address from where they are calling.

Dawn is responsible for the allocation of all Careline alarms. It is her duty to ensure that the twelve alarms currently available in the Borough are given to those whose situation poses the greatest risk to their personal safety.

Dawn helps a young family with their housing

Feeling as safe as houses

How safe do you feel in your home? You may qualify for free help

YOU COULD benefit from a new scheme set up to help make you feel as safe as houses.

The Security Improvement Project was set up in September last year by home improvement agency Anchor Staying Put, in partnership with Brentwood Borough Council and Brentwood police to help older and disabled people and other vulnerable people to live safely and securely in their own homes by carrying out a free security survey and installing security devices.

You could be eligible for the service if:
you are elderly (over 60), have a physical disability, including long term illness, have sensory impairment, learning difficulties, medical health problems, are on a low income, are a single parent, and are not a tenant of Brentwood Borough Council or Registered Social Landlord.

After completing the security survey, additional door locks, window locks, spy holes and door chains will be fitted free of charge by the Staying Put team, if necessary.

Small donation
The service is free, however a small donation of £5 is requested as a contribution towards the running costs of the project. Thanks to the funding and support the project has received from the police and borough Council and Brentwood Police, Anchor Staying Put is able to offer a pratical service which will make a big difference to your safety.

If you would like more information please contact Anchor Staying Put on 0262646.
The death of Princess Margaret

ON HEARING the sad news of the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, the Mayor of Brentwood, Councillor Alan Davies, wrote to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to express his condolences on behalf of the people of Brentwood.

11th February, 2002

Your Majesty,

With my humble duty, may I, on behalf of Residents, Members and Officers of the Borough extend to you our sincere condolences on the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Our heartfelt sympathies are with you and your family at this sad time. I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty’s most humble and obedient servant.

Councillor Alan Davies
Mayor of Brentwood

Jubilee Diary

**Jubilee Art Exhibition and Sale**

17th and 18th May

The Parish Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood

With the aid of the local community, art galleries and clubs, St. Thomas has staging a major art exhibition on 17th and 18th May 2002 as part of the Jubilee celebrations, and as a fund raiser for St. Thomas' Church Restoration Appeal. In preparation for this exciting event the art departments of local schools are entering a competition to design posters advertising the occasion. The winners, one from each of the schools, will find their posters widely displayed throughout Essex. The young artists, together with their parents and teachers, will be invited to take part in an exhibition preview reception along with dignitaries and special guests.

Canon Father Bob White, the Vicar of St. Thomas and Rural Deal of Brentwood, commented, “We believe this event, in displaying both artistic and musical talents, will bring a touch of culture to Brentwood during the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Year and appeal to corporate sponsorship. I would like to encourage our local schools, art clubs, art galleries and businesses to take the opportunity to get involved”. More details on 220600 and www.st-thomas.org.uk.

**South Weald Golden Jubilee Festival Weekend**

June 28th to June 30th

Starts with a children's Party and Balloon launch at St. Peter’s School on Friday June 28th at 3pm.

**Celebration of the Golden Jubilee Ingatestone Village Event**

on the Fairfield

Monday 3rd June 6pm - 10.30pm

A village evening of celebration and family fun for all ages, combined with ecumenical thanksgiving services in Ingatestone Parish Church: open air music and drama events, sideshows and traditional fare and major fireworks!

**Children’s Jubilee Party**

Special Golden Jubilee party for up to 100 children aged 3 to 12 years on Shenfield Common as part of the

Saturday 15th June

Tea party at 1pm

Teddy Bears’ Picnic at 2pm

Tickets £2 per child from Carol Dyer, Information Centre

Planning something to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee? Let us know and we’ll publicise it for you. Call 261111 ext. 306 or email shelly.vanner@brentwood.gov.uk.

October 1952, and Warley Old Folks Club celebrated the Queen’s visit to Brentwood in style!

If your Jubilee celebrations need a road closure you must apply before 1st April

Celebrate in style!

PLANS ARE being made to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee and the Brentwood Borough News will be publishing news and information about events from now until June.

If you are planning something and need help, advice, publicity or whatever, let us know and we will do our best to help.

Road closures

If you are hoping for a road closure, for a street party or similar, then you will have to get your application in before April 1st to give the process sufficient time. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- Closures will normally only be acceptable in cul-de-sac type situations where traffic diversions are not necessary. Bus and through traffic routes are not normally acceptable.
- Closures are not permitted where these conflict with other diversionary routes
- A representative and deputy from each street will need to be identified to act as co-ordinators
- The street co-ordinator must provide reasonable evidence that most frontages are agreeable to the closure
- The co-ordinator must provide a Public Liability Insurance for the event of £5 million (this is the current level of insurance required by all organisations working, performing, works or events on the highway).
- The co-ordinator must prominently display and maintain official closure notices before the event and provide proper closure signs and barriers to close the highway on the appointed day
- A 3.5m (10ft) wide clear path must be provided or be visibly available inside the closed area to allow access for emergency vehicles.

- An Essex County Council publication ‘Safety at Public Events - A Guide for Community Events Organisers in Essex’ will be supplied to every street co-ordinator. It gives clear guidance on a number of features you will need to consider.
- Application for street closures cost £100 but if you apply before April 1st this could be discounted.

Council plans

The Golden Jubilee celebrations include designating this year’s annual community events as “Brentwood Golden Jubilee” events. The events include the Fireworks Spectacular, the Strawberry Fair, the Day with Dogs, the Town Centre Cycle Race, and the Lighting up Brentwood event. This year’s Brentwood in Bloom competition will also be included as a Jubilee event.

- Rose Garden
A Golden Jubilee Rose Garden will be created at Courage's Playing Fields. The existing rose beds at the Playing Fields need refurbishing with new and replacement plantings, new landscaping and works on the footpaths. Careful thought will be given to the choice of roses ensuring appropriately named varieties, the golden Gracious Queen being one of them.

Courage Hall

**Fitness Programme 2002**

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Squash and Badminton Court availability

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Are you Going for Gold?

If you haven’t already entered yet, then what are you waiting for? There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in Brentwood in Bloom 2002. Changes this year will encourage even more people to take part.

Best New Entry and Premier Award
As well as the usual prizes for the first three winners, if you have not entered before there is a prize for the best new entry. We will also have a Premier Award for those who have won a prize in this category during the last three years - a real battle of the Titans!

Dry Gardens
Anglia in Bloom is promoting the importance of protecting the environment. One way to do this is to produce schemes that require little watering. The category for villages has been modified to take this into account and the hope is that each village will enter an example of a dry garden project.

Schools
Schools are once again being encouraged to enter a project. This can be any size but the judges really want to see the pupils involved in some way, in the design or actually helping to do the work. There is scope for dry gardens being created here too.

Best Team Effort
The Best Team Effort category is aimed at those people who work together to improve their local area. It can include a group of businesses working together, a number of front gardens in a road or a collection of apartments putting boxes and other planters on their balconies. It also applies to those who tackle an environmental project such as clearing an eye-sore, or tree planting.

This year’s categories are:
- Best Front Garden
- Best Team Effort
- Best Kept Public House
- Best Commercial Premises
- Best School Project
- Best Maintained Religious Grounds
- Best Village Project

For more information please contact Steve Plumb at the Town Hall on 261111 or e-mail: countrysidemanagement@brentwood-council.gov.uk

ST THOMAS’S churchyard is getting a facelift. The holly hedge along the boundary with Queen’s Road has been removed and replaced with railings. The aim is to make people feel safer using this route, by making it less dark and imposing. It will also make this end of the site much tidier.

The work is being arranged by Brentwood Borough Council and is jointly funded with the Town Centre Partnership Board.

Councillor Jim Shawcross, Chairman of the Cultural Panel, said: “The scheme will enhance the area and provide a much improved access to and from the town centre.”

Brighter and tidier
Work has begun on the first phase of improvements to St Thomas’ churchyard
New lease of life for Chapel High

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THE TRANSACTION, following last year's announcement by AXA Sun Life that it was to sell its interest in Chapel High, is an all-important step towards bringing forward a scheme to rejuvenate the shopping centre. It will also breathe new life into Becket House, the associated office building, which has been empty since the early 1990s.

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The award is given to businesses, organisations, groups etc. in recognition of the efforts they have made to improve access for the disabled.

The winner Mason's has recently been completely refurbished to the highest quality since its former days as the Fountain Head public house. Much thought has been given to accessibility for the disabled. The restaurant has parking on the doorstep and easy access, provides wheelchair accessible toilet facilities, has plenty of space between each table so that all visitors including wheelchair users, are able to move about freely, and is largely on one level. They also advertise the facilities.

The judges

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Access Award for restaurant

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**What's On In The Borough...**

### Music and Drama

**...at the Brentwood Centre**

- **Sunday 25th March**
  - **Brentwood Centre Choir**
  - 11am - 11.30am
  - **Saturday 31st March**
  - **Brentwood Musical Society**
  - 2pm - 5pm

### Other Events

- **3rd April**
  - **The Mayfair**
  - FMAG Bollywood Night 7.30pm - 11pm
- **7th April**
  - **The Mayfair**
  - FMAG Bollywood Night 7.30pm - 11pm
- **14th April**
  - **The Mayfair**
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- **21st April**
  - **The Mayfair**
  - FMAG Bollywood Night 7.30pm - 11pm
- **28th April**
  - **The Mayfair**
  - FMAG Bollywood Night 7.30pm - 11pm

### Social

**Brentwood & District Horticultural Society**
- **Tuesday 28th March**
  - 7.30pm at The Quest, Brentwood
  - Contact 01277 261111
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### Clubs & Societies

**Holdem Archery**
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WARM UP this winter with a Warm Front Grant. Brentwood residents are invited to apply for a Government Warm Front Grant for free heating and insulation and make their homes warmer.

Warm Front is a Government initiative for people who receive an income and/or disability related benefit to have a warmer, more comfortable home. The scheme aims to lift four million vulnerable householders in England and Wales out of fuel poverty over a five-year period.

Grants of £700, £1,000 and £2,000 are available for cavity wall and loft insulation along with other heating or insulation measures. Those over 60 may qualify for central heating. All works are funded by DEFRA and organised by TXU Warm Front, a non-profit making subsidiary of TXU Energy.

Those who can answer the following questions with a ‘yes’ may qualify for a grant and make a big difference to their family.

Do you have a child under 16 and claim benefits?
Do you claim a disability benefit?
Are you over 60 and claiming benefits?

To find out more contact the Warm Front Grants Line on Freephone 0800 952 1555 Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm.

EASTER IS a time of springtime festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. Many of the celebrations of Easter are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

The name “Easter” is thought to come from the Scandinavian “Ostara” and the Teutonic “Ostern” or “Eastre”, goddesses of mythology who signify spring and fertility.

The Christian celebration of Easter has its traditions in the Jewish festival of Passover.

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Easter is a “movable” feast which can occur as early as March 22nd or as late as April the 28th. The egg is a symbol of fertility and new life and is the most identifiable symbol of Easter. Originally Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After the eggs were decorated the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers.

Crimson eggs, to honor the blood of Christ, are exchanged in Greece. In parts of Germany and Austria green eggs are used on Maundy Thursday. Slavic peoples decorate their eggs in special patterns of gold and silver. Austrian artists design patterns by fastening ferns and tiny plants around the eggs, which are then boiled.

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Egg decorations of this nature are usually more common in the east of England than in the west.

Fouling’s an offence and it could cost you a £1000 fine

If the owner or occupier of a dog fails to clean up after their pet will not be committing an offence. Those who can answer the following questions with a ‘yes’ may qualify for a grant and make a big difference to their family.

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THE FRENCH game of Pétanque has been played at South Weald since 1983, when four regulars of the local pub took to the great outdoors as an alternative to the more usual and essentially British game of darts.

Founder members of The Towers Pétanque Club, Vic Bradbury, Norman Staley and Dave and Sid Lesurf were the first to play the game on the ‘pistes’ or pitches in the rear garden of the Tower Arms pub.

Young and old

Pétanque clubs throughout the region were visited for advice on rules, purchasing of boules, competitions and so on. As pétanque is a game which can be played by young and old alike, its popularity at the Tower Arms grew rapidly. Following some of the members competing in the British Grand Prix, the club soon learnt of the standard of play its members needed to achieve. The Club is now affiliated to the British Pétanque Association, and teams do better in competitions. However, as Vic Bradbury said “We realised that this was a game of luck and the more you practised, the luckier you became.”

The Towers Pétanque Club practises throughout the seasons which gives the team a distinct advantage over its competitors. In 1984, one of teams won the Eastern Region Championship; the team put its win down to “keeping our boules warm on the brazier!”

The Club also has links with a French club in Merckeghem, near Dunkirk. Ever since the first trip across the Channel, when twelve of the Towers Club members were provided with excellent hospitality by their French counterparts, the clubs have maintained annual contact and lasting friendships.

Floodlights

Since its early days, the Club has managed to dig much of the Tower Arms gardens, and has created a further twelve pitches. The Club also provides one of the first indoor boules facilities in the country, as two pitches have been created inside the pub’s 17th century barn. Flood lights installed inside and out allow club members to play pétanque by day or night at the Towers Club. This flexibility of play has made the Tower Arms one of the most popular venues for play. Indeed the Club has hosted numerous competitions which have attracted teams from all over the country.

Around forty to fifty members currently enjoy play at the Towers Pétanque Club. Membership is always changing and new players are always welcome and can be provided with equipment and instruction.

For further information, please call John Cartright on 215272, Jeff Tyler on 227397 or John Smart on 652706, or simply turn up on a Tuesday evening at the Tower Arms from 8pm.

If you would like your club or organisation featured on these pages please give Shelley Vanner a call on 261111

Instead of darts?

Club night is Tuesday night, throughout the year. During the summer months members play on most nights of the week. This family game is accessible for all, and most teams are a mix of men and women, young and old. The cost of joining is just £11 each year. Children are welcome from the age of eight. Full coaching and boules are available.
A walk down Ongar Road, a main artery in and out of Brentwood town centre, reveals its long and varied history. The road runs northwest through Pilgrims Hatch and Bentley to Kelvedon Hatch and Chipping Ongar, although the southern end of the road was formerly called Robin Hood Lane, after the pub that stills stands there. The pub has been rebuilt but was the oldest in Ongar Road. Of the eleven inns in the town in 1788 it was the only one not in the High Street.

Building along the road varies and dates back to the 17th century with Hutchins Farm. Pilgrims Hall, situated on what is locally known as Straight Mile, is a two-storey brick house built around 1800. It was once home to Emanuel Dias Santos, a rich Portugese priest. It was later a boarding school and is now a Christian fellowship centre.

Today the road is a busy main thoroughfare though still largely residential, with the shops, amenities and facilities to cater for its local residents and passing trade. Small shop units yield an impressive range of services and goods.

Here you will find shopping as it used to be with more traditional service from shopkeepers with the time and knowledge to help and advise.

If you haven’t explored the shops in Ongar Road then it is time you did. You will be pleasantly surprised at the variety; from lingerie and men’s designerwear to mirrors and glass cut to order, carpets, cars, beds and electronics, and even a nightclub!

Further along, by the Robin Hood and Little John pub you will find insurance services and flowers; a bit further and you will be able to buy fresh produce from a farm shop and visit the garage.

Don’t miss the opportunity of a visit to St George’s Church. Designed by local architect Lawrence King and built in 1934, its Odeon Gaumont cinema style of architecture is well worth viewing.
One hundred years later

NOT WISHING for it to be left unappreciated and forgotten on a dusty second-hand bookshop shelf, the book ‘Romantic Essex’ has now been rescued for posterity and republished after one hundred years by local man, Peter Kurton.

The book’s author, R A Beckett spent much of the late nineteenth century exploring the county’s highways and byways noting villages, small towns, farmsteads and churches and towns. He rested overnight in inns, which abounded in the county, where a warm welcome could always be found. His observation of the people he met along the way is truly wonderful, genuine appreciation and full of subtle humour.

The book has been typographically reset as closely as possible to the original and benefits from a large font size, making it particularly suitable for those whose eyesight is not quite what it was.

Illustrated with photographs of some of the places he visited as they are now, Romantic Essex is on sale at Brentwood Information Centre, Essex Record Office and all good bookshops, including Ottakar’s and Swan Books.

Into Court

for your health and safety

Recent successful Council prosecutions include... Visage Fashions

ON WEDNESDAY 23rd January, before the Grays Magistrates Court, Mr Siraj and Visage Fashions (Essex) Ltd were each found guilty of the offence of removal of a caravan

On the same day, before Essex Police, Removal of

Ltd was also fined £500 for this offence, Mr Siraj and

waste receptacle for the

Visage Fashions (Essex) Ltd were each found

Brentwood. For this offence, Mr Cook was fined £150 towards the costs of prosecution.

Barn building

On 13th February, before the Grays Magistrates Court, Mr Jason Jopson was found guilty of an offence of failing to comply with an Enforcement Notice in not demolishing a barn building on the land at Crow Green Farm.

For this offence, Mr Jopson was fined £500 and was further ordered to pay £750 towards the costs of prosecution.

Further enforcement on the site in the immediate future may prove to be a problem as the building concerned is under investigation to establish the nesting of bats.

Indeed the presence of bats was raised by Mr Jopson as a defence for his prosecution.

IT HAS been a month in which the major services have had our attention.

It began when we discovered that Consignia (the Post Office to most of us) treats Ingatestone and Fryerning as a rural area and therefore is entitled to 1 post per day, to be delivered by 2 pm. This was learned from Postwatch in which, on behalf of a number of residents, we had complained about the poor delivery service we were receiving. We have now asked Consignia to reclassify us as on the grounds that we have approximately 100 local businesses and a major secondary school in the area, as well as being a significant small commuter town. Maintaining the theme of services, the Mobile Police Station has now fixed time and location for its local visits. It will be in this area every other Thursday from February 19th:

● Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Centre - 10am to 12pm.

● Priory Nursing Homes - 1pm to 2 pm.

Thank you

The Rotary Club of Brentwood

“The Rotary Club of Brentwood would like to thank all those who supported our collections in the High Street, outside Sainsbury’s store and around the streets of the town. The total collected was a record £6,034.99 with expenses amounting our £737.15, resulting in net proceeds of £6,360.94, to be donated to Rotary charities.”

BRENTWOOD PEOPLE are being asked to cut back on leaks and bursts by calling the Three Valleys Leakspotter hotline on 0800 376 5325. It is important that leaks are fixed as quickly as possible, especially during cold weather spells. Three Valleys Water value residents’ help and hope that continued support will be given if a leak or burst is spotted. In 2001, Three Valleys Water spent £1 million on replacing old mains and more than £1 million on state of the art leak detection equipment; but your help is still needed. If anyone suspects a leak they can call the Leaksporters hotline on 0800 376 5325 or send an e-mail by logging onto the company’s website at www.3valleys.co.uk

Put a Freeze on Leaks

In Gatestone & Fryerning Parish Council

Friends of All Saints, Dodinghurst

Through the Stage Door Monday 22nd April

And more for something completely different! We journey to Covent Garden with its lively atmosphere of street artists, restaurants, shops and lots more.

Have a look around the Floral Hall; take the lift up to the top floor and enjoy the panoramic view across London.

Into organic or vegetarian food? Alternative medicine? Try Neal’s Yard for that something special! Visit the Diary for high quality and unusual cheeses. You are encouraged to have free samples.

St Paul’s Church... the actors’ church on the piazza is full of interest. We meet again at 4.30pm, and the fun really starts!

We are going through the stage door, literally, of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (currently showing My Fair Lady) to enjoy a backstage tour of this lovely old theatre. Professional actors will keep us thoroughly entertained by enacting scenes from the theatre’s long history, which dates back to 1672.

Coach departs from outside the Village Hall at 9.15am, Monday 22nd April. Members £15, non-members £17. Call on 822488 for further details.

To join the Friends of All Saints Church, call Jo Spears on 824157. Membership, for the whole household costs just £3 per annum.

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**Shifting the Balance of Power**

**THE NEW Strategic Health Authority (S SHA)** for Essex is to have Mike Brookes, the current Chairman of South Essex Health Authority, as its new Chairman. From October, when North Essex and South Essex health authorities merge, the new Essex SHA will cover all of the Essex County Council area, as well as that of Southend and Thurrock unitary councils.

Five major acute hospitals, two mental health trusts, ten primary care trusts and three primary care groups are included with the new Essex SHA’s boundaries.

The challenge for all new strategic health authorities is to develop and monitor the changes brought about by the ‘Shifting the Balance of Power’ programme, which is designed to evoke the process of cultural change, to give real power and decision making abilities to doctors, nurses and managers.

The new SHA for Essex will be there to monitor the performance of the trusts and primary care trusts, to ensure they deliver the quality of health care that local people need. Working in partnership with local government authorities, the SHA will provide an opportunity to greatly improve health provision for Brentwood people. For more information, please call 735200.

Partially sighted? Enjoy your Brentwood Borough News on audio tape with Brentwood Talking Newspaper. Call 212122 for details.

**THE BRENTWOOD and District Talking Newspaper** is pleased to announce that Councillor David Minns has agreed to become their new Vice Chairman. The news service for the blind and partially sighted is fortunate to have Councillor Minns, who was Mayor in 2000 joining them, and they look forward to working with him. The position became vacant following the resignation of Frank Harrington who decided to step down due to the many other commitments he now has in the Borough and elsewhere.

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**News from the Talking Newspaper**

**Tiredness can kill**

**Driving when you are tired greatly increases your risk of having an accident. Up to 30% of accidents on high speed roads are probably caused by drivers falling asleep at the wheel.**

Try to avoid journeys between midnight and 6am when you are likely to be less alert.

If you start to feel tired on a journey...

- Plan to stop for a 15 minute break every two hours on a long journey.
- Share the driving.
- Make sure you are not tired before you start to make your journey.
- Don’t eat a heavy meal whilst driving.
- Avoid driving for long distances after a long day’s work.

Tiredness can kill so take a break.

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**Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.**

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**Spring Clean and Recycle!**

There are twelve recycling centres throughout the Borough, which take a variety of recyclable products, from clothes and shoes to cans and glass.

Please recycle responsibly and do not leave other waste materials than those mentioned at each site. The sites are not designed to enable residents to dispose of other household or green waste. This must be taken to the Civic Amenity Sites at Coxie Green or Roman Road, Mountnessing, for safe and convenient disposal.

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The public is welcome to attend the above meetings which are held in the Town Hall at 7.15pm unless otherwise stated

Minicom telephones:

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**Something you’d like to ask?**

Don’t forget public question time at the start of every ordinary council meeting. Questions must be written and submitted in advance. Please pick up a leaflet giving details from the Town Hall.

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**Advice Bureau dates: Eric Pickles MP**

The next date is Saturday 6th April, 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Town Hall.

Please phone Lesley Gaymer on 0207 219 4428 for an appointment.

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Safer Journeys to School

AS PART of the Safer Journeys to School initiative, Brentwood schools are to receive funding to address the traffic and safety issues which surround many of the Borough’s schools.

The long-term objective of the Safer Journeys To School project is to: “Encourage parents to use alternative means of transport to their car in order to reduce congestion and pollution outside schools by addressing the traffic and personal safety issues affecting pupils parents and teachers.”

Mouchel, the consultant who undertook the study of the schools, was commissioned by Brentwood Borough Council in June 2001 and funded by Essex County Council. Mouchel recommended that the schools adopt a range of initiatives to encourage sustainable and safe travel. These include the following measures:

- Car sharing clubs
- Passenger transport improvements
- Safer Journeys To School education as part of the school curriculum
- The introduction of school travel plans
- Pedestrian and cycle training enhancements (for primary schools)
- Walking buses (for primary schools)

Three schools have been selected for engineering and traffic management measures for the Safer Journeys To School project for 2001/2:

- St Peter’s Church of England Primary School, South Weald
- Hogarth Primary School, Brentwood
- Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

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Music Bus launched

THE MUSIC Bus finally rolled into town last month, when the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Derek Hardy, officially launched the project.

Organised by Brentwood Borough Council Arts Development, this project will bring quality music-making experiences to children aged 0-14 in Brentwood and Basildon.

Brentwood residents were invited along to the Brentwood Centre to take a look at the Music Bus. Visitors were able to look in on workshops, meet the artist who will be leading the project and some were even able to join in too!

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Derek Hardy, is pictured with Mark Trewartha, Music Bus artist and budding musicians at the Brentwood Centre.

The Council’s Road Safety Officer organised educational theatre performances for Brentwood’s Year 6 primary school children.

The interactive drama workshop encourages young people to think for themselves about their own transport choices. It is both educational and enjoyable, carrying travel wise and sustainable journeys messages. Pictured here taking part are Hogarth County Primary School and The Endeavour School.

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