

New Era

November 2025 Newsletter

Autumn is truly here! I love watching the seasons change—from warm, sunny days to cosy, beautiful autumn afternoons filled with comforting food and candlelight. 🍂🕯️

In our October Brentwood meeting, we had the lovely Audrey visit us for some candle painting, and we also did some poppy painting. Afterwards, we had great fun playing conkers! As always, our raffle was a highlight with lots of prizes to be won.



At New Era Billericay, our fantastic quiz master Mike Lees entertained us with a general knowledge quiz. We divided into teams of three, sparking lots of friendly discussions and laughter.
Thank you, Mike — you were brilliant!



Audrey also joined us in Billericay for another candle-painting session and a lovely chat. We painted poppies to take home, ready for Remembrance Day.



Bennetts will be laying a poppy wreath at both the Brentwood and Billericay memorials on Sunday, 9th November, and we'll also attend some neighbouring services. I usually represent Bennetts at the Ingatestone memorial, but as I'll be away in Poland this year, our colleague Joe will have the honour of laying the wreath there.



Since October had an extra Wednesday, we decided to take a trip to the Brentwood Museum, where the wonderful volunteers Margaret and Martin kindly opened up just for us. It was a fascinating visit and well worth it!



Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Thatcher's Arms in Warley—great food and lovely service as always—followed by coffee and ice cream at Graham's.

It was the perfect way to end a wonderful afternoon.
Thank you again, Graham, for your warm hospitality!



Our next New Era meetings will be:

Brentwood: 12th November

Billericay: 19th November

We'll be painting wooden Christmas decorations this time—
a lovely, relaxing way to chat, paint, and enjoy a cuppa together. 🍷🎄

Don't forget to let me know if you'd like to attend Bennetts' Memorial Service with Carols & Candlelight.



Bennetts Memorial Service with Carols & Candlelight

Brentwood
Thursday 4th December 2025.
Arrivals from 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
The Essex Regiment Chapel, Warley, CM13 3BN
(Parking at The Army Reserve Centre)

Billericay
Tuesday 9th December 2025.
Arrivals from 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
St Mary Magdalen Church, High Street, Billericay, CM12 9BQ
(Local car parks available off the High Street)

Seating is limited, therefore please book your place(s) in advance
during office hours by calling 01277 210104
Alternatively, please email info@bennettsfunerals.co.uk



On 7th December, Bennetts will also have a stand at the Billericay Christmas Market — pop over and say hello if you're nearby!



Billericay Christmas Market

www.billericaychristmasmarket.co.uk

FREE COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENT
BILLERICAY HIGH STREET
11am - 5pm Sunday 7th Dec 2025
Santa's Parade 11am

Rotary
BILLERICAY MAYFLOWER
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Finally, I've attached Colin's blog — it's a wonderful read full of interesting stories. Enjoy!

Stay safe and take care,
Anna, Bridget, Tina, Jane & Lisa