

Welcome to the October 2026 New Era Newsletter

September was a packed month of events across our local communities, and the Bennetts team were delighted to be involved in so many wonderful occasions.

From Smashing the Stigma and the Dr Bill Seminar, to Life, Death & Cake and the Older Persons' Fair in Billericay, hosted by The Rt Hon Richard Holden MP, it has been a fantastic month of meeting people, sharing experiences and supporting our local community. All of these events had a wonderful turnout.

Here are a few pictures from some of the events, including Anna and Tracey's visit to Phoenix Radio and our Dr Bill Seminar.



Our Life, Death & Cake event was held at Brentwood Bowls Club and turned out to be a fascinating and very informative afternoon.

We were joined by a number of local providers who were on hand to answer questions and offer advice. The sessions on probate and solicitors were particularly interesting, with lots of questions from attendees – and thankfully, lots of answers too!

It was also lovely to see so many conversations taking place between everyone, all enjoyed over plenty of coffee and, of course, cake.

The feedback we received was fantastic, so we are delighted to announce that we will be holding another Life, Death & Cake event. More details will follow soon!

Christmas Carols at the Queen's Theatre

Queens Theatre are once again hosting a wonderful charity Christmas carol event, and Pinney Talfourd are delighted to be playing their part in this joyful occasion.

Please see the link below for more information:

<https://queens-theatre.co.uk/shows-items/pinney-talfourds-christmas-at-queens-charity-carol-concert-2/>

Our Community Dances

Our community dances have been as popular as ever!

At our Billericay Community Dance, our Kevin was lucky enough to win first prize in our free raffle.

We're not quite sure how impressed he was with his healthy fruit basket – but it certainly raised a few laughs! 😄

Meanwhile, at our Brentwood Community Dance, we enjoyed a much-loved rock 'n' roll session. Every table was taken, and there were so much fun, dancing and laughter throughout the afternoon.

Come along, enjoy some music, dancing, good company and, of course, a lovely cup of tea. We'd be delighted to see you there.



Jacky Froggatt joined us at our Billericay New Era, sharing her fascinating Courtroom Tales.

I think I can speak on everyone's behalf when I say that Jacky's talk was incredibly interesting and gave us plenty to think about!

We are delighted that Jacky will also be joining us at Brentwood New Era on 14th October, where she will once again share her Courtroom Tales.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Our Ongar office is now fully open, which is fantastic news.

And, as if that wasn't enough, we thought we'd start a little project of our own! Our gents have now taken on the role of painters and decorators at our Billericay office.

We're looking forward to seeing the new colours and giving the office a fresh new look. We'll share some pictures of the transformation once it's complete!



Supporting Renew Counselling

On 30th October, Bennetts will be supporting Renew Counselling at their charity coffee morning at Brentwood Theatre.

Please come along and join me for a cuppa — it would be lovely to see you there!

With over 120 years of experience, Renew is a trusted local charity providing tailored support to people in our community. Their counselling service can help with anxiety, stress, low mood, grief, life changes, relationship issues and much more.

If you live in or around Chelmsford, Basildon or Brentwood and are looking for counselling support, please come along and find out more about the services available.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events, joined us for a coffee, shared a conversation or simply stopped by to say hello. Our New Era events are all about bringing people together, creating connections and making sure our local communities have a place to meet, talk and enjoy themselves.

We look forward to seeing many more of you throughout October.

Warm regards,
Anna, Jane, Bridget & Tina



Billericay Men's Shed

An award winning Voluntary Group
situated in Lake Meadows, by the Bowling Green
Charity Number 1198139

Happy Wednesday Dementia Friendly sessions

For men and women living with dementia plus their partner,
friend or carer.

Volunteer supported sessions with singalongs, fun musical activity,
craft, quizzes and so much more.



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A great community space for men to share life experiences and make new
friends. A place to learn practical skills to design, make and repair items.



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Billericay Men's Shed

Monday: 10 till midday - Coffee & chat

Tuesday: 10 till midday - Woodworking
12.30 - 2.30pm - Woodworking

Wednesday: 10 till midday - Dementia
supported sessions for men & women.
Please see overleaf for more information.

FIT FOR LIFE WITH LISA



Move Better • Feel Better • Live Better

Age is just a number but movement is the key to staying active, independent & living your Best Life every day. Join
in the fun at an all-encompassing functional fitness class at a venue near you.

What to Expect

360° body workout including -

DANCE MOVES - to pulse up the heart as we move and groove together & 'Stay Young at Heart'

STRENGTH MOVES to work on all key muscle groups using small equipment for resistance to 'Stay Stronger for
Longer'

BALANCE MOVES using a chair for support to work on stability & posture to help us 'Stay Steady on our Feet' in
the home and when we're out and about

STRETCH & RELEASE MOVES to help to improve ROM, and help with joint pain & stiffness to 'Stay Flexible &
Adjustable'

Only one house rule 'KEEP MOVING & KEEP SMILING!'

Time & Locations

Mondays	Maple Hall, Ingrave	11:30-12:30
Tuesdays (seated only)	Bentley District Village Hall Pilgrims Hatch	1:45-2:30
Thursdays	Hutton Community Centre	11:10-12:10
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Join Us

For all enquiries & to book your free trial contact

Lisa 07764 390705 or email lisapilates325@gmail.com

Mens Woodland Wellbeing Group

Reconnecting With The Outdoors

Make time for you
Meet new people
Learn new skills
Have a brew



Easy going
Relaxed
Friendly
Atmosphere



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Enhance DBS

Free To Attend

Fully Insured



Bennetts Community Dance

All are welcome

DANCING WITH MICHELLE FROM DANCING FUSION.

Nightingale Centre, Pastoral Way,
Warley, Brentwood CM14 5GB

Every fourth Wednesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm
2026



For more information or to pre-book a place please (preferably) email:
info@bennettsfunerals.co.uk or call: 01277 210104

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Billericay Community Dance

All are welcome

Run by:



bluebird
care

DANCING WITH MICHELLE FROM DANCING FUSION.

The Chantry Centre
Chantry Way, Billericay, CM11 2BB

Every first Wednesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm



2026

4th March
1st April
6th May
3rd June
5th August
2nd September
7th October
4th November
2nd December

Supported by:



For more information please email either Anna on anna@bennettsfunerals.co.uk
or Jo on jo@bluebirdcare.co.uk
No booking required

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Good Companions Club

The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month
2pm - 4pm

Come along and join our much loved Senior Citizen Club
Enjoy 1 hour of entertainment, followed by time to chat and
socialise with others while enjoying tea, coffee, cakes and
sausage rolls.

£3 PER MEETING

2026 DATES

9th Sept
23rd Sept
14th Oct
28th Oct
11th Nov
25th Nov
9th Dec

Please contact

Billericay Town Council
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