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# MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

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# SNC NEWS

What a fantastic end to 2025 we had and that is thanks to our donors and the local community who helped us raise enough money to go ahead with our Christmas gift bag project. We were on the verge of having to cancel but with this overwhelming support, we were able to create and deliver 180 Christmas gift bags to our clients. Each bag represented far more than festive treats; it carried a message of care, connection, and belonging. Our local community donated over £1200 through JustGiving which is quite unbelievable and very generous. We were also able to host Christmas dinner at lunch club which was fully booked and a wonderfully festive afternoon.

Big news for SNC in 2026 is that we have moved to a new office. We are absolutely delighted to announce that we are now located inside the Shirley Library. We are thrilled to be part of the re-opening and support the library to bring the community together and provide much needed services to so many. Please do come along and visit the library.

## **SNC Opening Hours**

Monday 10am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 10am – 12.30pm

Wednesday – Office closed but working from home and still available

Thursday – 10am – 12.30pm

Friday – 10am – 12.30pm

# FILM CLUB



**MARCH 2026 Film club – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Showtimes – 2.30pm**

**6.30pm**

**To book your tickets please call on 0208 662 9599 or email. Tickets are £6 for clients and £7 for non members. Everyone is welcome to either screening**

**[info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk](mailto:info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk)**

**Due to licensing restrictions, we are unable to publicly advertise the film we are showing but if you call or email, we can confirm with you directly.**

**Film club is held at the Shirley Methodist Church CR0 8SD. If you require transport then we will try to book a drive for you for £5 return. Please advise us if you require a drive when making your booking.**

# Lunch Club

**Good food – Fun – Sociable – Friendly –  
Wholesome - Togetherness**

Held in the West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church, Wickham Road, CR0 8EH, on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from 12pm-1.30pm. Our Chef Tania produces a fabulous 3 course meal and Donna, our kitchen assistant, supports Tania in keeping the kitchen to a high standard. Together they make Lunch Club a great place to be! Our brilliant volunteers assist you to your seats, serve you the meals and follow up with teas and coffee...and a good chat. The cost for Lunch club is £10 which can be paid on the day by card. If card is not possible then we can accept cash or cheque.

Please call us to join the Lunch Club on 0208 662 9599. We call weekly to confirm attendance and offer seats to those on the reserve list where space is available. This is a great place to socialise, build new friendships and eat good food in company with likeminded people.

We have lots of themed lunch clubs coming up in 2025 where we decorate the room, host games and get dressed up so feel free to call and book for one of the themed lunches which are always great fun.

Month	Lunch Club Date	Theme
March	Monday 17th March	St Patricks Day
	Thursday 20th March	
April	Monday 14th April	Easter
	Thursday 17th April	
April	Thursday 24th April	St George's Day



# Shopping Bus



No need to shop alone or struggle to get to the shops, join us **every other Tuesday** on the Shopping Bus to Sainsbury's and Tesco.

Our Shopping Bus will collect you from your home, take you shopping with the wonderful assistance of our volunteers who can also help carry your shopping. You will then be dropped back to your home and our volunteers can help get your shopping inside if needed.

The Shopping Bus goes to Sainsbury's on West Wickham High Street in the mornings, where you are collected between 9-10am and dropped home between 11am-12pm. We go to Tesco in Elmers End in the afternoons where you are collected between 12-1pm and dropped home between 3-4pm. During the visit to Tesco we spend time in the Costa Coffee located in the store to enjoy a hot drink, cake and a good chat!

The trip is £7 per person and we will call you the day before to confirm if you would like to come to either Sainsbury's or Tesco. If you would like to join the clients already part of this service then please call our office on 0208 662 9599

## Medical Drives

Our lovely team of volunteer drivers allow us to provide a service where we can drive you to your local medical appointments and return you home if required. We ask that clients contribute a cash donation for the drive with the recommended amounts:

- £6 for a local return journey in Shirley/WW
- £6 each way for drives to Croydon, Beckenham or Purley
- £7 each way for the PRUH
- £8 each way for Orpington Hospital

If you require a medical drive, please call our office and if possible, provide at least a week's notice to allow us time to book a driver. If you are a blue badge holder, please bring this along on your drive. Please note that any parking charges are to be paid by the client.

# POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE TRIP

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

Book your space to come along to Polhill Garden Centre. We have 2 x buses available that can collect you from your home between 10-11am and once the trip is finished, they will drop back home at approx. 4-4.30pm. We have a wonderful team of volunteers ready to escort you on the trip. This outing has limited spaces so please call or email to book asap on 0208 662 9599 or email [sncs@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk](mailto:sncs@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk). Due to space restrictions, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs or larger walking aids that cannot be folded. This trip costs £10pp and we can take card or cash payments on the day.

