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SNC NEWS

We have settled in really well to the Shirley Library and are so grateful to the team there for welcoming us. It is great to be in the community and have so many clients, volunteers and new faces popping into the office. In April we ventured to Polhill Garden Centre which is always a really enjoyable trip, we hope to plan another trip soon so please keep an eye out in the next newsletter for this date.

The Rotary hosted the Metropolitan Police choir at St Francis Church in West Wickham and raised much needed funds for SNC. The evening was wonderful and the auction and raffle helped raise more funds. We are so thankful to everyone at the Rotary for their continued support and nominating SNC for one of their charities for this event.

SNC had a stall at the first Croydon Central East Local Community Partnership resource fair held at the Shirley library. It was a great networking event and a way to find out what other services are available in the local area.

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

Medical Drives

Did you know that we can help you to get to and from local medical appointments in and around the Shirley and West Wickham areas? We can also take you to appointments in Beckenham, Selsdon and as far as hospitals in Croydon and Orpington. We have an amazing band of volunteer drivers who are happy to ensure you get to your appointments safely and on time. All we ask when booking a drive is for approximately 7 to 10 days notice so we can do our best to secure a driver for you

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 Beckenham or Kelsey Park or Selsdon
- £8 each way for the PRUH, CUH, Purley
- £8 each way for Orpington Hospital
- £10 each way for the Royal Marsden Sutton

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.

SNC – Your gift is our future

Making a donation to charity, especially in memory of a loved one, is a meaningful way to celebrate their life while creating a lasting and positive impact. At SNC, we are proud to be at the heart of our local community, supporting our older residents to live independently through a wide range of essential services.

Choosing to give to charity in memory of a loved one not only honours someone special, but also offers a thoughtful and environmentally friendly alternative to flowers—one that continues to make a difference beyond the day itself. Many people find comfort in making a contribution that helps others during a difficult time.

If you are considering making a donation in memory of a loved one, or would like to donate to a charity that supports our community, we would be honoured if you would choose us.

If you are a UK tax payer and willing to register for Gift Aid, SNC will receive a 25% boost to your original donation. Just call the office and we will arrange for you to fill in a Gift Aid form.

In addition to direct donations you can also support us through the Croydon Lottery Croydon Community Lottery. Tickets are just £1 and you could win the £25,000 jackpot !

Visit their website below to sign up:

www.croydoncommunitylottery.co.uk

FILM CLUB



JULY 2026 Film club – Friday 17th JULY

Showtimes – 2.30pm

6.30pm

To book your tickets please call on 0208 662 9599 or email. Tickets are £7 for clients and £8 for non members. Everyone is welcome to either screening

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
June	Thursday 4 th June	D Day
June	Monday 15th June	Royal Ascot
	Thursday 18th June	
July	Thursday 2 nd July	Wimbledon
	Monday 6 th July	



Shopping Bus



Shirley Neighbourhood Care offers a friendly door-to-door shopping bus service fortnightly on Tuesdays that helps our older residents to shop with ease and enjoy some company along the way. We offer door-to-door support – collected from your home and brought back safely; volunteer assistance – help with shopping, bags and getting everything inside if needed; social time – a chance to chat, relax and enjoy the outing.

Our Shopping Bus goes to Sainsbury's on West Wickham High Street in the morning, where you are collected between 9 -10am and dropped home between 11am – 12pm. We go to Tesco's 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 to cover the cost of the mini bus hire and we will call you the day before to confirm if you would like to come to either Sainsbury's or Tesco's.

This isn't just a shopping trip — it's a lifeline for connection, independence, and community. Many people look forward to the chats, the laughs, and the familiar faces as much as the shopping itself.

If you would like to join the clients already enjoying this service then please call our office on 0208 662 9599 to book your place on the bus or find out about any of our other services. We can also be contacted by e-mail at info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk

Fraud Prevention

We have unfortunately had some clients report fraud issues recently, particularly with banking fraud. We felt this would be a good time to remind you of the issues with fraud and how to best protect yourselves from this happening to you.

Here are some important facts and information about fraud.

Scammers are cold calling households and reporting to be from banks or government bodies asking for personal information.

Fraudsters have also been offering advice and treatment for the coronavirus and other illnesses, as well as setting up fake websites selling products and offering 'cures'.

- NEVER provide personal data such as your full name, address and date of birth – scammers can use this information to steal your identity
- DO NOT BE PRESSURED into donating money, and never make donations by cash or gift card, or send money through transfer agents such as Western Union or Moneygram
- DO NOT BUY INTO 'TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE' SCAMS – Some scammers are contacting to offer free goods or opportunities to get a discount on your bills if you click a link and provide your personal information



Fraud Prevention: Best Practices

How to protect yourself from Banking Fraud

Do:

- Treat all unexpected calls, emails and text messages with caution. Don't assume they're genuine, even if the person knows some basic information about you.
- Hang up on calls and ignore messages if you feel pressured to act quickly. A genuine bank or business won't mind waiting if you want time to think.
- Check your bank account and credit card statements regularly.
- Consider getting independent financial advice or guidance before a big financial decision (MoneyHelper has information on [how to find a financial adviser](#)[Link is external](#)).
- Check overseas regulators if you're dealing with an overseas firm (you should also check the list of [scam warnings from overseas regulators](#)[Link is external](#)).

Don't:

- Give out your bank account or credit card details unless you're certain who you're dealing with.
- Share your passwords with anyone (including your social media passwords).
- Give access to your device by downloading software or an app from a source you don't trust. Scammers may be able to take control of your device and access your bank account.

If you think you've been the victim of a scam, then speak to your bank immediately and report any fraud to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

What's on locally



FREE



Gentle Sport & Games sessions

For People Living with Dementia,
Family Caregivers &
Anyone over 70



Register Your Interest TODAY

Tuesday AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4pm	Saturday AFTERNOON 1 - 2:30pm
12 May	1 August
26 May	8 August
9 June	15 August
23 June	22 August
7 July	29 August
21 July	5 September

SCAN
or email
info@symbiosia.org.uk



or 07458 034756

symbiosia.org.uk/sport

WHERE

Sparrows Den
Corkscrew Hill
BR4 9BB
Next to Beccehamian RFC
'Courtfield Rise' 119 bus stop



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FREE
Guided Woodland Walks



For People Living with Dementia,
Family Caregivers & Bereaved Carers

Anyone over 70 is
welcome too!

Sign Up for Your Walk TODAY

Saturday MORNING 11am for an 11:20am start	Wednesday AFTERNOON 2pm for a 2:20pm start
11 April	22 April
25 April	6 May
9 May	20 May
23 May	3 June
6 June	17 June
20 June	1 July
4 July	15 July

SCAN
or email
info@symbiosia.org.uk
07458 034756



symbiosia.podia.com/walks

START & FINISH

The Railway pub
Red Lodge Road
BR4 0EW
Close to West Wickham station and
bus stop: 194 & 352



Saturday 18 July
Special Sunset Walk
followed by
Comedy Night at The Railway
(Free Entry for All Walkers & Sporters)

FREE
Tea & Coffee
afterwards &
Trekking poles available for support

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Please book at library front desk in
Shirley Community Library

14th July Neal Richardson jazz pianist -
1-3pm - cake and tea

17th October - Beth Rowley - acoustic
solo performance

28th November - Neal Richardson Jazz
pianist show -evening

11th December - Robert white and
guests comedy night (adults only)

16th December- Christmas Carol

Shirley Community Library
Wickham Road, Croydon, CRO 8BH
presents
A NIGHT OF ACOUSTIC BLUES
DENMARK
with Dennis Greaves and Mark Feltham from
NINE BELOW ZERO

LICENSED BAR • AUCTION / RAFFLE
26 | 09 | 26 DOORS 7PM
 Limited tickets
 book early at:
TICKETS £22.50

Coming soon...Biggin Hill Museum trip – Reserve your interest now

We will be organising a trip to the RAF Biggin Hill Museum for September/October 2026

We will be looking to attend one of their events which includes talks from pilots, the Life and Times of Winston Churchill and many more.

The date and time will be confirmed in the next newsletter but please do contact us now to put your name down to reserve your interest. Call us on 0208 662 9599



Our Mission

Helping older residents in Shirley and the local areas to live independently and combat loneliness. We are always open to new clients, volunteers and donations so we can continue striving in our mission. If you are able to donate to us, not matter how big or small, please make it to the following account:

Account Name: Shirley Neighbourhood Care

Account No. 00036690

Sort Code 40-52-40



