



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

**Shirley Neighbourhood Care
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LUNCH CLUB

SNC SERVICES

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PUZZLES

QUIZ NIGHT

CHRISTMAS





**Shirley
Neighbourhood
Care**

Free Coffee Morning



Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for new volunteers to join us helping older people in our local community

**Join us at our Recruitment Coffee Morning
Shirley Methodist Church on
Friday 7th November 2025 - 10.30 -12:00
to find out more.**

Many Roles Available including:

- **Helping at our lunch club**
- **Going out on the shopping bus**
- **Film club**
- **Driving clients to medical appointments**
- **Helping with outings**
- **Chatting to clients on the phone**

**Can't make the coffee morning? Why not call us on
0208 662 9599**

Come and make new friends and get involved.

SNC QUIZ NIGHT

Shirley Neighbourhood Care



FRI
28TH
NOV
2025

Profits
go to
SNC
Charity

Put your minds to the test and join us for the Quiz at St Georges Church, Elstan Way CR0 7QJ on 28/11/2025, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are £10pp or £72 for a table of 8. Book now on 0208 662 9599 or email sncts@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk

**FUN GAMES - BIG QUIZ -
REFRESHMENTS**



<https://shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk>

CHRISTMAS FILM CLUB



DECEMBER 2025 Film club – Friday 12th December

Showtimes – 2.30pm £6

6pm £7

**To book your tickets please call on 0208 662 9599 or email
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
November	Monday 10 th Nov	Armistice Day
	Thursday 13 th Nov	Lunch
December	Thursday 18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch



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.



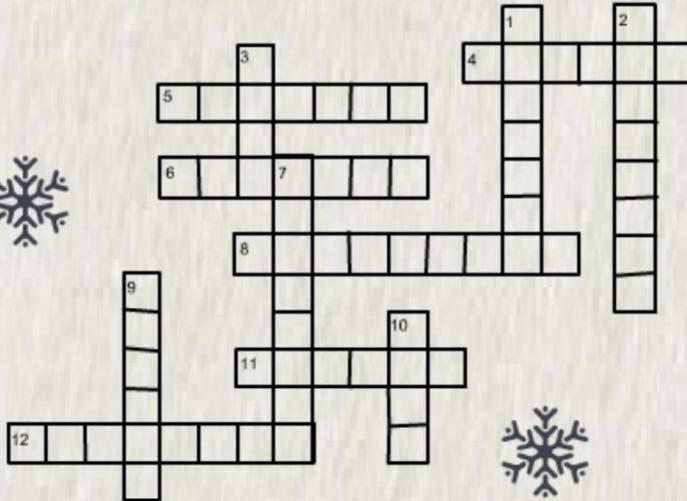
POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE TRIP – Christmas shopping in store

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

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 snccs@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.



Winter Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. A large piece of woolen or similar material used as a covering on a bed or elsewhere for warmth.
2. The twelfth month of the year in the northern hemisphere usually considered the first month of winter.
3. Burning
7. A severe snowstorm with high winds.
9. Shake slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold.
10. Make or become liquefied by heat.

Across:

4. A covering for the hand-worn for protection against cold or dirt and typically having separate parts for each finger and the thumb.
5. A vertical channel or pipe which conducts smoke and combustion gases up from a fire or furnace and typically through the roof of a building.
6. A large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea.
8. (of an animal or plant) spend the winter in a dormant state.
11. An outer garment extending either to the waist or the hips typically having sleeves and a fastening down the front.
12. Wood that is burnt as fuel.



Answers at the end
of the newsletter

Christmas Carols anagrams

FIND EACH CHRISTMAS CAROL (1 POINT EACH)

TONY GIL OHH

GIL SETHINTN

FLORE NTIN HIDE AKI ETMBW

MICHEAL TOLLY OF UEAF

EL WOOD TROY HJT

CORTNEY ORVALC

TIMOTHEE OT HELLO LNTEFWB

FLETCHER LA LO OBS

SERGEI KEN TTHH

MANNY REG WA IAA



Answers at the end of the newsletter



Christmas Opening Hours

Lunch Club - Our last Lunch Club will be on **Thursday 18th December 2025**, which is also the Christmas Lunch. Lunch Club will be closed until **Monday 5th January 2026**. Therefore, if you have a regular Dial-a-ride you will need to cancel these bookings whilst we are closed.

We may open on Monday 29th December but this is TBC and all Lunch Club clients will be informed accordingly.

SNC Office – The office will be closed from Monday **22nd December 2025** and will re-open on **Friday 2nd January 2026**. Emails and voice messages will be checked intermittently over this period. If you have an urgent medical appointment to attend, we would advise booking hospital transport or a cab during these two weeks.

Support SNC whilst you shop



We're delighted to let you know that Co-op Members can officially support Shirley Neighbourhood Care (Cause ID: 93020) as part of the Local Community Fund. The more members that choose our cause, the more money our project will receive.

The link to the SNC Cause Profile Page is
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/93020>

If you are a Co-Op member or are interested in becoming one, then please do vote for us as the more support we receive, the more funding we will receive to go towards transport cost. Our bus hires allow us to run a fortnightly shopping trip to Sainsburys and Tesco and to run outings and events, such as trips to Polhill Garden Centre.

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:

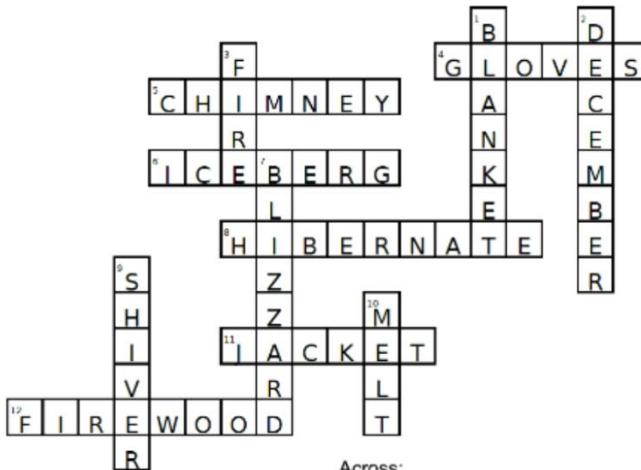
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Anagram Answers

1. O Holy Night
2. Silent Night
3. In the Bleak of
Mid Winter
4. O Come All Ye Faithful
5. Joy to the World
6. Coventry Carol
7. O Little Town of
Bethlehem
8. Carol of the Bells
9. The Three Kings
10. Away in a manger



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. Thank you for being wonderful clients and volunteers and supporting us in keeping our Charity going and offering these valuable services.

