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HILL MUSEUM

CRAFT FAIR & CHRISTMAS

LOTTERY



SNC NEWS

This year is flying by and we are now preparing for Christmas. So much has happened this year with SNC moving to the Shirley Library, introducing many new volunteers, our trip to Polhill, resource fairs and lots of bidding for funding to help support our charity. We are fortunate this year to have received funding for the Christmas Gift Bag project so will be planning this over the next few months and cannot wait to knock on your door with a gift.

SNC entered the public bid with ANCA for the Croydon Council Community Fund. We presented in the Shrublands Community Hall along with many other charities and organisations which was a great event to be part of. We were successful in receiving enough votes and support that we won our bid and will receive funds to split with ANCA.

We are planning another trip to Polhill so please read the details in this newsletter to reserve a space. We are also heading to the Biggin Hill Museum for the first time. There is lots to look forward to and get involved so please enjoy reading this newsletter and contact us if you are interested in any of our events and services.

SNC Opening Hours

Monday 10am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 10am – 12.30pm

Wednesday – Office closed but working from home and still available

SNC QUIZ NIGHT

Shirley Neighbourhood Care



**SAT
14TH
NOV
2026**



**Profits
go to
SNC
Charity**

Put your minds to the test and join us for the Quiz at St Georges Church Hall, Elstan Way CR0 7QJ on 14/11/2026, 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 sncs@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk

FUN GAMES - BIG QUIZ - RAFFLE



<https://shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk>

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



OCTOBER 2026 Film club – Friday 30th OCT

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.

Lunch Club - 15th Oct

Craft Fair

Come along to our Lunch club on Thursday 15th October to see all the wonderful handmade crafted gifts made by one of our volunteers. Amongst these items are beautiful poppies that you can buy for remembrance day, money from the sale of the poppies goes to SNC and the Royal British Legion.

Stall open from
11.30am for Lunch Club clients only and then open from **1pm-2pm** for all other clients.

Based in the West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church. We take cash and card



Biggin Hill Museum trip

14th October



We will be going to the Biggin Hill Museum on Wednesday 14th October for a guided tour of the museum and chapel and listen to a speaker on **‘The Life and Times of Winston Churchill’**.

The buses will leave to collect clients from their homes between 10am-11am and will return around 3pm-4pm.

The cost is as follows:

Option 1 - £12pp

Option 2 - £15pp inc tea and coffee

Option 3 - £18.50pp inc tea, coffee and cake

Option 4 - £20.50pp inc a cream tea (scones, clotted cream, jam, tea)

There is a café on site to purchase any further food items.

Everyone that has already expressed interest will be called to confirm their space and what option of refreshments they would like to book. Spaces are limited so if you are not already on the list, please call us asap to book your place and confirm your refreshment option 0208 662 9599

SNC Christmas Lunch

PLEASE, JOIN US FOR A

Christmas Lunch Club Special

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO CALL US NOW
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE 0208 662 9599

3 COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH,
CRACKERS AND GAMES £10PP

DEC | 17 | 2 - 4.30PM

WEST WICKHAM & SHIRLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Polhill Garden Centre

– Trip coming soon, reserve a space

We are heading back to Polhill Garden Centre for a Christmas trip. We will aim to go in November and will confirm the date nearer the time.

If you would like to join us on this trip, please contact us to reserve a space. Please call our office on 0208 662 9599 or we can also be contacted by e-mail at info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk



SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of

Shirley Neighbourhood Care (SNC) will be held at

**The Tamberlin Room, St. John's Church, Shirley
Church Road, Shirley**

at 7.30 for 8 pm on Tuesday 6th October 2026

Shirley Neighbourhood Care is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 6th October 2026. We would love it if you can come along and hear about how we have been doing and how we are hoping to take the charity forward for the next year.

Attending an AGM is a valuable way to stay informed about what is happening and it is a once a year opportunity to hear from our Chair, Manager and Treasurer about how Shirley Neighbourhood Care is doing and what difference it is making in the local community.

We will be reporting on our finances and updating on what we have been doing to support our older community, and how we hope to continue for the future.

It is a great forum to ask questions and hold the Trustees accountable for key decisions and this personal engagement helps to maintain good governance and ensure transparency.

We really value input from our clients and the local community into how we can shape our services going forward and you stay engaged and informed about what matters to you.

Please call the office on 02088 662 9599 or e-mail info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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