

# Crowborough News

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## Crowborough and Horwich commemorate 25 years of twinning

Crowborough and Horwich made history in 1990 by becoming the first towns in the country to twin.

At a signing ceremony in Crowborough on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Ron Reed, Town Mayor of Crowborough and Cllr Richard Silvester, Town Mayor of Horwich pledged to continue the special relationship by signing a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary charter.

Cllr Silvester was also presented with a painting of the town by local artist David Peacock.

Cllr Reed visited Horwich in January where he met with representatives from the town's community and voluntary groups.

Both Mayors are keen to establish a stronger link between the towns and there are plans to commemorate the anniversary by having inter-town sports matches this year.



The Town Mayors of Horwich & Crowborough, Cllr. Richard Silvester and Cllr. Ron Reed at Horwich Heritage Centre.



Cllr. Ron Reed receives a painting of Horwich by artist Gerry Halpin (centre) from Cllr. Richard Silvester at Horwich Heritage Centre.



The Town Mayors of Crowborough and Horwich, Cllr Ron Reed and Cllr. Richard Silvester visit Crowborough Close in Horwich.



The Town Mayors of Horwich and Crowborough, Cllr. Richard Silvester and Cllr. Ron Reed in Crowborough Town Hall.

25 years of twinning continued...



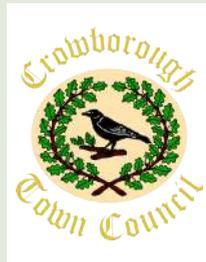
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Cllr. Richard Silvester receives a painting of Crowborough by Artist David Peacock from Cllr. Ron Reed in Crowborough Town Hall.



Cllr. Ron Reed and Cllr. Richard Silvester sign the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebratory Town Twinning document in Horwich Public Hall.



Cllr. Richard Silvester visits a development site in Crowborough off School Lane proposed to become "Horwich Close" with 16 properties.



Cllr. Richard Silvester at one of Crowborough Town Council's welcome signs showing the Horwich Coat of Arms.

## School Children visit the Town Hall

Pupils from St John's Primary School had a taste of democracy at work when they visited the Town Hall in March. As well as learning about how the council works, The Town Mayor, Cllr. Ron Reed, chaired a meeting where the children debated the practicalities of holding lessons outside.

Town Clerk, Philippa Hewes, said "It was great to welcome the children to the Town Hall and to be given the opportunity to give them an insight into how decisions are made, particularly in view of the forthcoming elections in May".



## The Mayor's Charities 2014 - 2015

Every year the newly elected Mayor will decide which charities will be beneficiaries of the Mayor's fund for his or her civic year. The Crowborough 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and Sussex High Weald Dementia Social Group were chosen by the current Mayor, Cllr. Ron Reed, and both charities received a cheque at the Town Conference in March.

### Sussex High Weald Dementia Social Group

About thirteen years ago a Crowborough resident decided to hold regular coffee mornings to talk about the issues surrounding the care of loved ones with dementia. Carers of people who suffer with dementia often feel isolated and lonely, and the meetings helped those who had to cope with the demands of the illness.

This was the beginnings of Sussex High Weald Dementia Social Group, and in 2012 a formal constitution was drawn up stating the aims of the group, which was to provide social activities for dementia sufferers in North Weald area, and their carers. The social group, which is run by volunteers, meets once a month providing tea and cakes and a friendly chat to discuss various matters. Outings for the group are also organised on a regular basis and are free of charge.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 2pm -4.30pm at Heather View Care Home, Beacon Road, Crowborough, TN6 1AS.

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## Crowborough Lions host a free diabetic screening session at the Town Hall

In 1974 twenty or so Crowborough residents, driven by a desire to put something back into the community and have fun in the process, formed Crowborough & District Lions Club. Having first established a charitable trust, the club's Community Service committee then began to research, make contact and respond to a wide range of requests for assistance from local good causes. The assistance can be either for financial support or for resource in terms of members' time and effort.

The club's Community Service programme includes supporting the needs and aspirations of young people e.g. Scouting & Guiding groups, sponsorship of Crowborough & District junior football league, schools and sports associations, assisting disadvantaged members of the community, and ensuring the inclusiveness of senior citizens through its annual summer tea party and Christmas luncheon. Most recently the Club hosted a free diabetic screening session which the Town Council was pleased to host in the Town Hall. 90 people were tested with 2 being highlighted for further investigation. Another session is planned for later on in the year.

The club also supports specific causes in particular the fete run by The Friends of Crowborough Hospital, the collection at the town's fireworks display in aid of The Town Mayor's Charities, the Kent, Surrey, & Sussex Air Ambulance and

the town's Christmas festivities.

In order to provide the finance for this ambitious programme the club's Fund Raising committee runs an imaginative range of activities in which it connects with the local community through an Easter egg raffle, darts marathon, big quiz, local fairs & fetes, Christmas carols float, and not forgetting the ever-present bookstalls in the town centre and at the station. All these activities are run by members and friends of the club who volunteer according to the time they have available and, with zero administration costs, the club is proud to say every penny of the funds raised goes directly to a chosen charitable cause. The club is fortunate to enjoy wonderful support from the public but above all it is the generosity of spirit from the local community which members find so rewarding.

The club has received recognition for its work and was proud to receive a Civic Award from Crowborough Town Council for service to the local community. Additionally the club's Community Liaison Officer Terry Mason, who is currently Lions District Governor for the south-east region, received an award from Lions International President for service to the local community.

Of course, all work and no play would make the members' life very dull indeed and therefore the club also has an active social programme. Its annual anniversary dinner, numerous other dining occasions, a hugely popular fish

and chips quiz night, country walks with an evening meal and other enjoyable outdoor activities are all great opportunities to have fun and develop friendships.

Become a friend of the club, come along to one of its monthly meetings and find out more about us. We are always seeking new members as they are the reason for the club's longevity and vitality. A wide range of activities is available for aspiring members to express themselves whether in fundraising or community service. It meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm in the clubhouse of Crowborough Athletic Football Club,

Alderbrook Close, Crowborough TN6 3DJ. Do come along and meet us, you will be warmly welcomed by everyone.

Take a peek at our Facebook page, explore our website at [www.crowlions.org.uk](http://www.crowlions.org.uk), or contact the membership secretary David Martin on Tel: 01892 652300 or e-mail: [loxfield@googlemail.com](mailto:loxfield@googlemail.com)

The vision of those twenty or so founder members is even more relevant today and their successors continue with this valuable work, supporting the local community of Crowborough and the surrounding area. As a Lion, you will make life better for others while enriching your own life in the process.



## Wealdlink Community Bus Service

Wealdlink operates a fleet of four 15-seater minibuses, and offers the following services:

- A pre-bookable, door-to-door shopping service funded by 8 parish and town councils and Wealden District Council, which operated 3,670 passenger trips (one passenger shopping journey = 2 passenger trips) during 2014 from the participating parishes (Buxted, Crowborough, Danehill, Forest Row, Frant, Hartfield, Maresfield and Withyham) to Crowborough centre, Tunbridge Wells, and Eastbourne. Passenger numbers are steadily increasing.
- A trips service, including driver, for community groups.
- A youth service, transporting youngsters to an evening youth club, also transport for primary schools to out of school activities.
- A timetabled service, no 226, which has been operating 6 days a week from Town Row, Rotherfield into the centre of Crowborough and round the town (a Rider service supported by East Sussex County Council). This service, along with most other bus services supported by the County Council has recently been reviewed and as a result Wealdlink will be operating a new contract

starting in April 2015, combining routes 224 (Wadhurst-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Crowborough – Monday, Wednesday, Friday), 226 Town Row-Rotherfield-Alderbrook-Crowborough, also serving Palesgate Lane and Crowborough Hospital – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) and 225 (Heathfield Town and Battle Abbey – Tuesday and Thursday).

The services are organised on a day to day basis by a part-time paid Operations Manager (who also drives) and Office Manager. There are two additional part-time paid drivers for the contract work and around 9 volunteers who drive for the shopping and trips services. More volunteers are always needed and there are also limited opportunities for part-time paid work.

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## The Crowborough Boundary Walk

Crowborough's annual boundary walk will be taking place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Crowborough is surrounded by a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the walk takes in some terrific views of the magnificent countryside around Crowborough.

Once you have completed the walk you will have 'Beaten the Bounds'.

Beating the bounds is an ancient custom. When maps were rare it was usual for members of the community to walk the boundaries of the parish. The procession was led by the parish priest and took place on Rogation Day. The parish priest, together with church wardens, would lead the walkers. Armed with birch or willow boughs the processional walkers would beat the parish boundary markers. Priests would pray for the protection of the parish and for the harvest to come. Sometimes young boys of the parish would be violently bumped onto the boundary stones to make them remember where the parish boundary ran.

The ceremony had an important purpose. Checking and remembering the boundary was a way of preventing encroachment by neighbours.

Thankfully we no longer beat young people who want to take part in the walk and you will have to map to guide you.

All are welcome to take part in the ten mile walk which starts at 9.30am from Goldsmiths Recreation Ground. The walk takes approximately 3 hours and there will be refreshments at the halfway point.

### The Crowborough Boundary Walk

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Goldsmith Recreation Ground**

**Registration from 9.15a.m**

**The walk starts at 9.30am**



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