

# Crowborough News

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## Pine Grove finally purchased by Crowborough Town Council



On 1<sup>st</sup> June Crowborough Town Council completed on the purchase of Pine Grove, the ex-Wealden District Council office block, which also houses the Library.

Now the challenge is to convert the building into an Enterprise Centre and Community Hub which, when full, should provide direct employment for 150+ people thereby completing the original mission to re-energise the commercial heart of Crowborough.

Cllr Quentin Burch said “This is an important moment in the history of Crowborough. The refurbishment work is extensive but we hope to open for business in the Spring of 2017.”

## The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons



The Queen lit the first of more than 1000 beacons lighting up the UK and overseas as part of her 90th birthday celebrations. Crowborough took part in the historical event by lighting the Crowborough Beacon at 7.30pm.

Long-time Crowborough residents Bunty and Tommy Douglas, who also celebrate their 90th birthdays and their 60th wedding anniversary in 2016, were the guests of honour tasked with lighting the Crowborough beacon.



## Councillor Ron Reed elected Mayor of Crowborough for a third term



Councillor Ron Reed was elected Mayor of Crowborough for a third term at the annual statutory meeting on the 17th May. Cllr Quentin Burch has been elected Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Ron Reed's chosen charities for 2016/17 are Chestnut Tree House and Taylor Made Dreams.

If you would like the support of the Town Mayor by his attendance at your function or event please contact the Town Hall on 01892 652907 or email [caroline@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:caroline@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Crowborough Summer



# Fair



## 9th July 2016

at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground 1pm-5pm

- *FREE entry*
- *FREE rides*
- *FREE activities*
- *Stalls*
- *Beer Tent*
- *Horticultural Tent*

**NEW FOR  
2016**

**The Stannage  
Stunt Team  
and the  
Dog and Duck  
Show!**

**ENTER THE WILD HAIR DAY COMPETITION**

**Don't Miss  
The Great Crowborough Cake Off!**

## Crowborough's Nature Parks



Not only is Crowborough surrounded by beautiful Sussex countryside it is also fortunate to have some lovely walks situated in the Town. Both the Ghyll and the Country Park are easily accessible on foot. The Country Park is a sixteen acre local nature reserve. It is the perfect place for a peaceful walk or a picnic. A walkway meanders through tall trees, ponds and a picnic area. The circular route can take between 30 minutes and an hour to complete. The Ghyll takes in 42 acres of natural woodland which is rich in wildlife.

Both The Country Park and The Ghyll are open 24 hours/ 7 days a week. The car parks are open from 8.15am – 8.30pm until the 1st October when the gate is shut at 3.30pm. Well behaved dogs are welcome but please clean up after them.

Please see the Crowborough Town website for more information or pop into the Town Hall for a leaflet on the Country Park.

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## The Crowborough Boundary Walk

Record numbers turned up to take part in Crowborough's annual Boundary Walk. A glorious day meant that walkers and canine friends were treated to the amazing views that surround Crowborough. New friends were made as walkers took in the views and enjoyed the walk on a beautiful Spring morning.

Next years' walk will be taking place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

BELOW: Jack Newman and Sammy Dawkins who completed the walk in a record time of two and a half hours

BOTTOM RIGHT: 1414 Squadron



## Crowborough and Montargis celebrate 50 years of twinning

Crowborough and Montargis have a 50 year bond that originated from two men with close connection during the Second World War; Colonel Maurice Buckmaster, who was the wartime head of the French section of the Special Operations Executive (amongst Colonel Buckmaster's 480 agents were the two of the most famous SOE operatives, Violette Szabo and Odette Churchill) and Jean Laurent, the highly decorated wartime resistance leader who was closely involved with SOE.

In the 1960's Jean Laurent and the Veterans of the Resistance suggested a link with an English town. They spoke to Colonel Buckmaster, who had become a Citizen of Honour of Montargis and honorary president of the veterans. The Mayor of Montargis, Dr Robert Szigeti and the Chairman of Crowborough Parish Council, Dr William Adam, were keen for the link to take place and the signing of the Charter of Friendship between the two towns took place in Montargis on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1966.

The Society of the Friends of Montargis was formed in 1967 with Colonel Buckmaster as the president and Dr Adam as vice president.

50 years on and the bond forged in 1966 is as close as ever. Since the forming of The Society of Friends of Montargis and Les Amis du Crowborough countless visits have taken place between the two towns and lasting friendships have been made.

Events to mark the 50th anniversary took place in Crowborough in May which culminated in the re-signing of the Friendship Charter by Dr Door, Mayor of Montargis, and Cllr Ron Reed, Mayor of Crowborough.



From left to right: Monsieur Dury, Dr Door, Mrs Hilary Lyon, Cllr Ron Reed - the Mayor of Crowborough



LEFT: Miss Montargis cuts the celebratory cake



RIGHT: Enjoying the miniature railway



LEFT: French visitors' tour the Country Park

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