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# INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed for those who live in Crowborough or who are planning to move to the area or visiting the area. It will acquaint people with what the town has to offer.

This guide has been published since 2006 and is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year of publication. Plus Publishing have been producing local guides for over 20 years.

In it you will find a wealth of local references, neatly gathered together in easy to find sections. It has a street map on the centre pages and a listings section at the back of the guide to help you find the telephone number of local schools etc.

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# A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY

## WILLIAM COBBETT GOT IT WRONG

*Crowborough – a place of health and beauty*

SOME believe William Cobbett must have taken leave of his senses when describing part of Crowborough as ‘verily the most villainously ugly spot I ever saw in England’.

The radical journalist and politician, known for his direct prose style, whose savage attacks on authority often landed him in trouble, was focussing on his passage through Ashdown Forest, an area designated these days as a place of outstanding natural beauty.

Cobbett died in 1835 and hardly anyone of substance since has drawn the same conclusion as the old tyrant did so controversially when travelling from Forest Row to Uckfield.



Ashdown Forest

By any standards, Ashdown Forest has been the jewel in Crowborough’s crown for successive generations of residents living in the East Sussex town. Long before Mr Cobbett drew upon his ugly denunciation of the Forest, local folk were taking exercise on the heathland and woodland that provides a glorious perimeter boundary to the old town. Indeed the rolling hills, forestry and heathland of buttercup yellow gorse that adorns the outer edge of the urban area did much to promote Crowborough as a health resort in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In those days, Crowborough was rather colourfully known as ‘Scotland in Sussex’. Had Mr Cobbett lived in the same era as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle he might have received short shrift for his controversial remark from Crowborough’s most famous resident, the creator of the Sherlock Holmes books.

Sir Arthur spent many happy times walking through Ashdown Forest during the 23 years he lived in the town at the beginning of the 20th century. Historical evidence is preserved of the importance of Ashdown Forest and other glorious swathes of countryside that surround Crowborough.

The 220 acres of Crowborough Common is clearly as important to the community today as it was in Elizabethan times. History shows that the people were granted formal rights to “air and exercise”



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on the Common in 1564 and their love of this open space remains undiminished by the passage of time. Not surprisingly, a plan to remove the right of public access to some of this land was thrown out by a public inquiry inspector in 2009.

‘Nature has been very bountiful in Crowborough’ declared Boys Firmin’s Guide, first published in the 1890s. The town’s history dates back to long before the times of Roman occupation. But it is the Roman road that links London with Lewes that has become a popular source of study for historians for many generations.

Hardly surprising then that Ashdown Forest once echoed to the bark of hunting dogs, especially those of Edward II and Edward III, raking their spurs over their mighty steeds when pursuing the sport of kings through the sun dappled glades of the 22-acre forest.

The discovery of tools and other remnants of the Stone Age and Neolithic times have been collected and preserved. An implement, known as a Neolithic fabricator, was discovered by workmen making alterations to Crowborough Rugby Club at Steel Cross. Roman iron works and rock shelters found in nearby Tunbridge Wells is further proof of Romano activity in an area once covered by dense forestry and undergrowth.

At the end of the 16th century, the forestry was partly cleared and turned into agricultural land. Wood coppicing and charcoal burning were common practices. As the population increased, more land was cleared for farming. A map drawn in 1597 shows the expansion of agriculture and its record of old and new woodland clearances known as assarts.

Blast furnace work, used for the manufacture of heavy guns, has been revealed in evidence discovered by the Sussex Archaeological Field Unit. Cannon balls have been unearthed and the illegal export trade in iron for ordnance is a grim chapter in local history.

Once more Crowborough Common was to play an important, if dubious, part in the everyday life of local folk when the heathland, positioned high above sea level, became a useful vantage point for spotting the advance of revenue men. This was the period when smuggling was rife in Crowborough and neighbouring Rotherfield, the latter populated by a high percentage of local villains.

Crowborough became the site of one of Britain’s first early warning systems. It was the location of a warning beacon, one of an elaborate network of beacons established in the region to warn inhabitants of impending enemy invasion. Employment of this early form of military intelligence



**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Statue**

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is demonstrated by a map published in 1576 by William Lambarde. The local beacon was established to warn the people of Ightham nearby. Two men kept watch at the beacon with instructions to ignite the early warning system should they detect an invading force.

Travel to and from Crowborough has always been a bit of a journey since long before the motorways. Horace Walpole – not to be confused with Prime Minister Robert Walpole – wrote rather unkindly in 1749: “...If you love good roads, good inns, plenty of positions and horses, be so kind as never to go to Sussex”. His sentiments in terms of road use, if nothing else, have served the test of time as Sussex roads become choked by traffic.

One resourceful local figure commuted by horse to his London office, a six hour round trip. By the mid-19th century, the march of progress had truly begun. The railway arrived in 1868 when a line opened between Groombridge and Uckfield. Rotherfield station was opened, known later as Jarvis Brook, and today as Crowborough station.

The age of steam trains brought prosperity to the region. Joseph Firth opened a brickworks at Jarvis Brook, which became a popular source of employment. Crowborough, 35 miles south of London, gained a reputation for healthy living standards. Richard Jeffries, well known author and naturalist, moved to the area for health reasons in 1885. Another resident, a Dr Prince, who lived in Beacon Road, wrote of Crowborough in a book: “The open, airy and vivifying atmosphere, abounding in ozone...” The Beacon Hotel was built specifically to accommodate those in poor health. The Crowborough Beacon Golf Club was built in 1895 to give residents a more healthy lifestyle.

Remembrance Day was vigorously supported by the community when the First World War took such a toll on the local population and many more perished in the Second World War. A memorial, built by funds raised by parents and friends, pays tribute to local men who lost their lives “in defence of their country” between 1914-18 and between 1939-45.

Warren Camp was one of a number of Army camps built in Crowborough. It is still in use for training territorials. A service of remembrance is held annually for the Canadian soldiers of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, who lost their lives when a flying bomb exploded near the camp.

Light development, new houses, an improving shopping centre, new parks and a major and successful campaign to safeguard Crowborough Common suggest this lovely old town, with spectacular views to the South Downs, has maintained its reputation for providing decent living standards in an urban area surrounded by green and pleasant reserves of wildlife and plant life.

It is almost as if Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself is keeping a watchful eye on his beloved Crowborough from his vantage point as a statue in the town centre.

### **Key Dates**

- 1292 – Earliest written reference to Crowborough
- 1551 – Alexander Fermor built a fine new manor house, which was destroyed by fire in 1893.
- 1576 – Map produced showing Crowborough as an early warning beacon, one of a network in the south-east protecting the area from invasion.
- 1868 – The railway arrived.
- 1880 – The church of All Saints was built at Chapel Green.
- 1905 – Crowborough gained independence from Rotherfield.
- 1910 – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle elected captain of Crowborough Beacon Golf Club
- 1911 – Crowborough Constitutional Club founded. Celebrated centenary 2011.
- 1937 – Goldsmiths Recreation Ground given to the parish.
- 1986 – Freedom Leisure Centre opened
- 2000 – Queen Mother’s Garden opened at Canada Green to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 2008 – Crowborough Scout Group celebrated its centenary. It is the third largest in the UK.

# LOCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

AS campaigners continue to argue the case for the restoration of the Uckfield line train services to Lewes and Tunbridge Wells, which would open-up new travel opportunities for Crowborough rail users, Crowborough station continues to offer decent commuter train services to London Bridge. Off-peak services are one train per hour to London Bridge, via Oxted. Hourly trains run to Uckfield also.

The station at Jarvis Brook has a car park for 140 vehicles. Daily rates are £3.80; weekly £16; monthly £58; three-monthly £68; annually £540. The car park is open Mon-Sun 24 hours.



**Crowborough Station**

Crowborough, located on the edge of Ashdown Forest in an area of outstanding natural beauty, is 35 miles from London, seven miles from Tunbridge Wells, and within an hour by road of Brighton, Lewes, Newhaven and Eastbourne. The town is located on the A26 running between Tunbridge Wells and Lewes, and the nearby A21 to London. The motorway system can be accessed via Tunbridge Wells to the M25, and East Grinstead and Crawley to the M23.

Three airports are within easy striking distance of the town by car. London Gatwick is 20 miles distance and London Heathrow 55 miles. Stanstead Airport via M25-M11 is less than two hours from Crowborough.

Eurostar high speed passenger trains run from Ebbsfleet International, less than an hour by car via M25-M2; and Ashford International can be reached via M25-M26-M20. The services travel to Calais, Lille, Paris, Brussels and beyond.

Passenger car shuttle travel to Europe is available from the Channel Tunnel terminal at Cheriton, Folkestone. Passenger services by sea for day trips or travel of longer duration are available from Newhaven (20 miles distance), Dover and Folkestone.

Bus: Regular services run between Crowborough and Tunbridge Wells. Crowborough passengers can also travel to Tunbridge Wells or Brighton on Brighton and Hove Buses. The route is run by Stagecoach, Arriva and Brighton Buses. The service runs approximately every 30 minutes. Service 226 is the more local route from Rotherfield to Crowborough (Mon-Fri). Bus routes 271 and 272 have a special Saturday timetable catering for weekend shoppers.



# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

**Ashdown Forest**, a paradise for huntsmen chasing deer in Norman times, is now the largest free public access space in the south-east. Known the world over as the home of Winnie-the-Pooh, the forest is at the heart of the High Weald, designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Its wildlife is protected and nearly two-thirds of the forest, covering 6,500 acres, is heathland. The Forest Centre is one of the headquarters of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest. Bags of logs are sold from the Centre. Sponsored walks bring visitors to the forest. There are horse trails, model aircraft flying, orienteering and several areas located for picnics and other activities. Several commercial companies have used the forest for filming and Ashdown Forest has provided a backcloth to several television series and movies.



**Crowborough Country Park**

**Bateman's**, Burwash – 17th century house was once occupied by Rudyard Kipling. Set in the heart of the Weald, the house is surrounded by woodland. The rooms are much as they were when the great poet lived there. The garden, shop and tearoom are open in November and December.

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**Crowborough Common** offers the public full access to the 222-acre woodland and heathland, which includes areas belonging to the Crowborough Beacon Golf Club. Dog walking is encouraged but owners are warned to keep their pets under tight control when walking near the golf fairways and greens. The Common extends from its most northerly point at Beacon Wood to just short of the Crow and Gate public house. It is bounded on the north-west perimeter by the A26. The Common is 500 years old, extending back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I and William Shakespeare's birth.



**Ghyll Nature Reserve**

**Crowborough Country Park** has become an extremely popular local attraction since the town council acquired the site in 2008. Workmen have built seating for visitors in the heart of the woodland. They have built bridges over streams, and put the finishing touches to a wooden dipping platform, designed for children to study pond life. School visits encouraged.

The 16-acre park and nature reserve is situated at Jarvis Brook, next to the Osborne Road estate. It was once an old clay quarry. The reclaimed land consists of woods, ancient coppice, wet marshy areas, streams, glades, ponds, rock outcrops and slippages. Tracks through the woodland have been created and an ecological survey commissioned to identify gems of natural habitat and conservation areas. A ranger manages the park. The Friends of Crowborough Park arrange walks and talks with local schools and interested groups.

**Groombridge Enchanted Forest** – Set on the hillside overlooking Groombridge Place, the forest is a magical mystery tour for youngsters. Situated just four miles from Crowborough on the B2110, the forest offers exciting play areas, stunning views, unusual animals, fun activities, beautiful flowers, tree swings, plants, goats and deer. Try if you can to spot the cross bred zebardonkey, one of only two in Britain.

**Moorlands Garden**, Friars Gate, Crowborough, was once the heart of the Sussex iron industry, now transformed into a garden where formality and a gentle wilderness come together. Long herbaceous borders, ponds, streams and many fine specimen trees attract regular queues of visitors. The garden is open on Wednesdays, April-October, 11am-5pm. Admission: adults £4, children free.

**Penshurst Place** – Major visitor attraction near Tunbridge Wells. Rambling house of many periods, famous for its hall, known as the Baron Hall. The house and grounds open from April-November. The house and gardens are open at weekends from 11 February-1st April 2012. Gardens open from 10.30-6pm or dusk if earlier. House and toy museum open noon-4.30pm. Grounds are open weekdays.

**Scotney Castle**, Lamberhurst – Romantic garden making the most of water, a rocky quarry and the remains of a small medieval castle and moat. This is the focal point of the gardens, which feature spectacular displays of flowers, including rhododendrons, azaleas and kalmia. Estate open all year. Variety of enchanting walks through parkland, woodland and farmland.

**The Ghyll**, Crowborough – Local nature reserve opened in 2009. Wonderful wildlife habitat in a steep-sided wooded valley. A stream, running through the woodland, is a delightful feature of the nature reserve, which is managed by the town council and patrolled by a ranger. Rare flora, including ferns, moss and liverworts can be found. The 42-acre site stretches between Green Lane and Jarvis Brook recreation ground. The project is supported by volunteers belonging to Crowborough Conservation.

# HEALTH

As local residents looked forward to 2012, campaigners were celebrating good news that the Birthing Centre at Crowborough War Memorial Hospital was likely to escape closure.

No firm promise has been made to retain the popular unit in South View Road but the local 'Keep Our Birthing Centre' campaigners have been told that health bosses are planning to scale back health services in the south of the county.

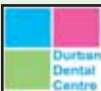
Terry Moon, Trustee of the Friends of Crowborough Hospital, said: "As I understand it, whatever option the trust chooses will not mean substantial changes for Crowborough."




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Crowborough War Memorial Hospital is a community hospital with a rehabilitation unit and intermediate care facilities. There is a 24-bed general medical ward, outpatients clinic, minor injuries unit and birthing centre.

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Plans have been discussed for building a new hospital, probably near Bexhill, but that scheme is extremely unlikely to come to fruition given the current financial situation.

Crowborough has several well-appointed health centres. They include the Surgery in Beacon Road; Saxonbury House, Croft Road; and the Brook House Centre, Crowborough Hill.



## OLYMPICS COMES TO CROWBOROUGH

THE London 2012 Olympic torch relay will pass through Crowborough on Tuesday, 17th July 2012.

The torch, en route from Land's End to the opening ceremony at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July, will have been on the road for 60 days when it arrives in the town.

Crowborough is part of the Brighton-Hastings section, taking in Brighton, Crawley, Copthorne, Felbridge, East Grinstead, Royal Tunbridge Wells, **Crowborough**, Lewes, Eastbourne, Pevensey Bay, Pevensey, Bexhill-on-Sea, St Leonards-on-Sea and Hastings.

By the finish, the torch will have passed through 1,018 places on a journey of some 8,000 miles. The flame will be lit in Olympia, Greece in May and then flown to the UK.

LOCOG chairman Lord Coe said: "Everyone is invited to plan their welcome and find out where they can go to be part of this historic occasion."

Crowborough is among 1,000 cities, towns and villages through which the torch will be carried by young runners.

Councillor Jonica Fox, chairman of Wealden District Council said: "We believe as many people as possible will take this opportunity to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay and the runners, who have been chosen to carry the flame on the way to the 2012 Olympic Stadium".

"It will be a tremendous thing for all ages, but particularly the young. We hope London 2012 will inspire them to take part in new sports and activities and encourage them to pursue their goals to achieve the very best."

# EDUCATION

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A recent Ofsted inspection produced a ringing endorsement of the progress Beacon has made in that period. The overall evaluation of 'good with many outstanding features' is a measure of Beacon's success in raising standards.

An established Sixth Form attracts students interested in traditional or vocational A/BTec level courses; a combination of both; level two courses; re-taking some GCSEs; or attending the college's Wealden Skills Centre.

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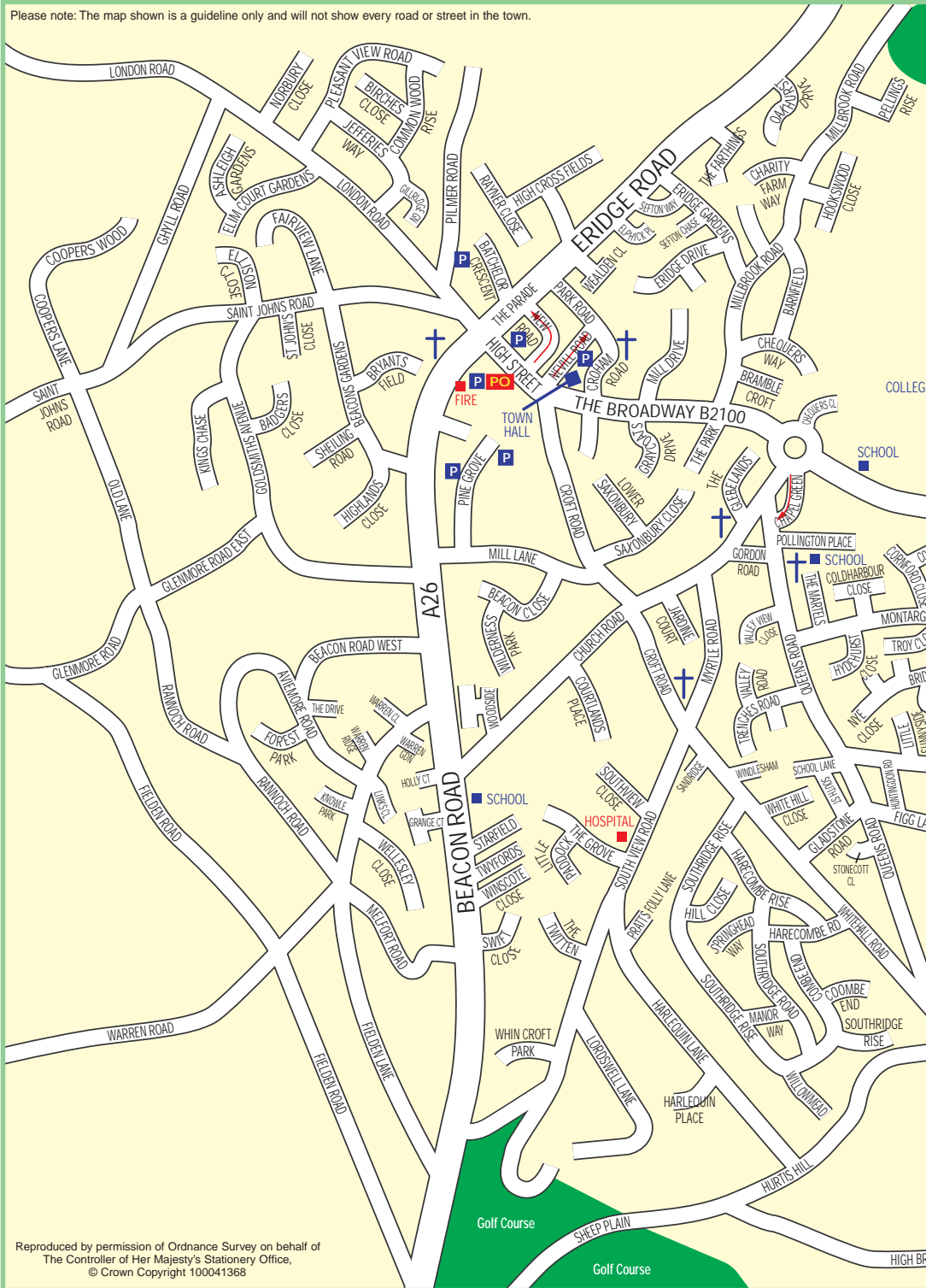
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Crowborough never stands in the way of coaches seeking to better themselves and the departed officials were soon replaced. The club welcomes players, both senior and junior. The club reached the 5th round of the FA Vase in 2007-08, three rounds further than they went in the same competition in 1993-94.

**Crowborough Rugby Club** has a magnificent new clubhouse. The building at the club's Steel Cross ground is the culmination of many years of planning and fundraising. The club's finance director, Richard Lambert, says: "We really are a community club and now thanks to the funding we received from TSELF, our clubhouse, which has been described as one of the nicest in Sussex, will provide facilities for the entire community."



**Crowborough Rugby Club**

Established more than 75 years ago, the club runs four senior teams, including vets, and welcomes more than 300 minis and juniors for coaching and playing in age groups ranging from U6-U16. In all, the club boasts a membership base of more than 1,000.

**Crowborough Hockey Club** is a family friendly club with five adult teams and a thriving junior section, based at the Wolfe Recreation Ground, Blackness Road. The club plays competitive and social hockey. It has three men's teams and two women's teams, a junior boys team and a mixed team.

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The club was formed in 1968. Sixteen players attended the first training session. Within a few weeks it had more than 30 playing members and the club has gained strength down the years through the vision and energy of its officials.

**Crowborough Cricket Club** is a friendly, sociable club with two Saturday teams playing in the East Sussex League. The club fields a third team on Saturdays and a Sunday X1. Based at the Wolfe Recreation Ground, the club is currently engaged in attracting more junior players. It runs age level teams at U15, U13, and U11 in the Border League. Kwik cricket is played at U11 level.

As the club prepared for the 2012 season, the clamour for a new ground was growing following reports that the Wolfe Recreation ground was becoming increasingly unsuitable. The threat from flying cricket balls for the occupants of a nearby playground, and the general poor quality of the cricket square has led to the increasingly urgency to find and fund a new venue.

**Crowborough Tennis and Squash Club** was founded in 1905. Players of all age and ability are welcome. The club has nine all weather hard tennis courts, three of which are floodlit. Junior players are welcome to participate in specialist coaching classes. The club runs four squash courts, one of which is a championship glass-back facility. Mini squash available for 5-11 age groups. Other activities at the club include dance, beauty therapy.

**Crowborough Beacon Golf Club** was once captained by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The year was 1910, fifteen years after the club was formed. Within five years the membership had risen to 300 and today the club is as strong as ever on velvety green heathland with spectacular views of the South Downs from the clubhouse and fairways. The club is rated one of the best courses in Britain. As a result it is popular with visiting golf societies.



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The Crowborough 10k, run annually in November, is their most prestigious annual event. Visit [www.crowboroughrunners.org.uk](http://www.crowboroughrunners.org.uk) for more information.

A boating lake, petanque club, and miniature railway complete the scene at the leisure centre, which also encourages youngsters to ride bikes on a concrete section of the facility.



## PROMINENT PEOPLE

**Tom Baker** – Actor, best known as the fourth Dr Who, once lived locally.

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** – Remembered for his creation of Sherlock Holmes. Lived in Crowborough from 1907 to his death in 1930. Lived at Windlesham Manor with his wife, Jane. Wrote many of his books at Windlesham. Sir Arthur belonged to Crowborough Beacon Golf Club. Sir Winston Churchill said of him: "I had a great admiration for him. I liked even more than his detective stories the great historical novels which, like Sherlock Holmes, have certainly found a permanent place in English literature."

**Sir Henry Fermor** – Generous benefactor for the town. Lived in Crowborough as a boy. Never forgot his roots. He gave £1,500 for a chapel or church and charity school to be built. He bestowed other monetary gifts on the community. The Sir Henry Fermor primary school is a permanent reminder of the great man's generosity. After his death a school house and chapel were built at Chapel Green from funds he provided.

**A.A. Milne** – Author of children's books and playwright, inspired by time spent in Ashdown Forest when writing Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner. Lived at Hartfield, Crowborough.

**David Jason** – Lovable Del Boy in the television sitcom Only Fools and Horses. One of Britain's finest actors. Lived in Crowborough during the 1980s.

**Tony Stratton-Smith** – Rock manager of Genesis. Once lived in Luxford Road. Famous guests invited there included legendary singer Neil Diamond.

**Adam Faith** – Pop singer, actor, and later financial columnist for the Mail on Sunday. Turned to acting in the late 1960s. Lived locally.

**Lulu** – One of Britain's best loved singers since 1960s. Former resident, she competed in television's Strictly Come Dancing in 2011.

**Eric Oliver** – Four times world motorcycle champion. Former resident.



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Your local community Special School for children with complex learning difficulties is in the process of building a hydrotherapy pool.

This exciting project has received significant funding from East Sussex but we need help in funds to fit out the inside with specialist equipment such as hoists, changing beds and flotation aids.

This valuable resource will be available for the Community to use

outside of the School day. Please help us to get this pool open during 2012 so our pupils can enjoy the freedom of movement and independence not achieved outside of the water.

If you would like to make a donation to the fundraising effort, would like to help out during session, or are a local organisation who would be interested in using the pool, please call:

**01892 663018** Contact: Lucy Stevens

**Sussex High Weald Alzheimers Society**

Crowborough Social Support Group  
 Meet: 2nd Wednesday of every month at  
 Hookstead Resource Centre  
 Goldsmith Avenue, Crowborough  
 Contact: Mrs Joan Brookbank  
 Tel: 01892 662002

**CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

**Crowborough Bridge Club**

All Saints Church Road, Crowborough  
 Contact: Adele Holder Tel: 01892 888001  
[www.crowboroughbridgeclub.co.uk](http://www.crowboroughbridgeclub.co.uk)

**Crowborough Choral Society**

Membership Secretary: Ms E Raymond  
 Tel: 01892 663192  
[www.crowboroughchoral.com](http://www.crowboroughchoral.com)

**Crowborough & District  
 Historical Society**

All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green  
 every 2nd Tuesday at 8.00pm  
 Chairman: Gareth Hockin  
 Email: [garethhockin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garethhockin@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.cdhistory.org](http://www.cdhistory.org)

**Crowborough & District Lions Club**

Meet 2nd Tues of each month at  
 Crowborough Social Club,  
 Croft Road  
 Crowborough at 8.15pm  
 Secretary: Mike Linney  
 Tel: 01892 653248  
[www.streatfield.plus.com](http://www.streatfield.plus.com)

**Crowborough Locomotive Society**

Crowborough Miniature Railway  
 Goldsmiths Centre,  
 Eridge Road,  
 Crowborough  
 Secretary: John Wood  
 Contact for further information and  
 dates via website  
<http://crowboroughminiaturerailway.com>

**Ramblers Association,  
 Crowborough**

High Weald Walkers' Group  
 Contact details on website.  
[www.highwealdwalkers.org.uk](http://www.highwealdwalkers.org.uk)  
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Meet 2nd & 4th Monday  
at the Crow and Gate  
Crowborough at 6.45pm  
Contact: Malcolm Sanger  
Tel: 01892 653791  
www.rotary1120.org/crowborough

**Crowborough U3A (University of the third age)**

Meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month  
at All Saints Church Hall from 2.00–4.00pm.  
Membership Sec: Mrs Elizabeth McKay  
Tel: 01892 610087

**St John Ambulance – Crowborough**

Meet at: St John Ambulance HQ  
Westbury House  
Park Road, Crowborough on Wednesdays  
Cadets (10 – onwards) 6.30pm–7.45pm  
Adults (18 – onwards) 8.00pm–9.30pm  
Tel: 01892 655288/07947734590  
Email: paul.strover@crowborough.sja.org.uk

**WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS**

**Brook Valley WI**

meet at Jarvis Brook Memorial Hall  
Crowborough Hill TN6 2EG  
4th Tuesday – 7.30pm

**Crowborough Vale WI**

meet at CCA Hall, Park Road,  
Crowborough 2nd Tuesday – 7.30pm  
Secretary: Mrs M Peake  
Tel: 01892 661444

**Mark Cross WI**

Meet at Mark Cross Village Hall  
3rd Thursday at 7.30pm  
President: Mrs J Padfield  
Tel: 01892 852897

**St John's WI**

meet at WI Hall, Ghyll Road,  
Crowborough TN6 1SU  
1st Wednesday – 2.15pm

**Rotherfield Evening WI**

meet at Village Hall, Rotherfield TN6 3LX  
3rd Monday – 7.45pm

For further information contact East Sussex  
Federation Of Women's Institutes  
Tel: 01323 442592  
www.esfwi.org.uk

**YOUTH ORGANISATIONS**

**Beacon Youth Club**

For ages 11–19  
Meet at Youth Centre,  
Beacon Community College Crowborough  
For details contact: Adrian Parker  
Tel: 01435 862894

**Clued Up Information Shop**

Free advice and information for  
young people.  
The Regent, The Broadway  
Crowborough TN6 1DA  
Tel: 01892 661990  
Email: cluedupinfo@yahoo.co.uk  
www.clued-up.info

**Southon Scout Troop**

www.southonscouts.org.uk  
www.lc.org.uk

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

**Crowborough Police Station**

Crowborough Hill, Crowborough TN6 2DA  
Non Emergencies: 0845 60 70 999

**Crowborough Library**

Pine Grove, Crowborough TN6 1DH  
Tel: 0345 60 80 196

**Crowborough Fire Station**

Beacon Road, Crowborough TN6 1AF  
Non Emergencies Tel: 0845 1308855

**Southern Water Services**

Tel: 0845 270 1508  
Emergency Tel: 0845 278 0845

**Job Centre**

88 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells  
Tel: 0845 604 3719

**Crowborough Tourist Information Centre**

Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough  
Tel: 01892 652907

**National Rail Enquiries**

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