

# Memories of the Battle of Britain

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Finlay's grandfather, Ivor is now 89 and he has memories of the second world war from his home in Maidstone. As a young teenage boy, Ivor used to watch the battles unfold in the skies above his head. With his best friend John, he used to make models of British and German planes. One day he witnessed a German plane being shot down by a British plane and as it landed in the golf course behind him, he went to inspect the crashed plane. He regularly took photos of the planes that crashed and collected parts of the plane. In this incident he tried to remove the propellers of the German plane!

With his models, photos and parts of the plane and shrapnel, he set up an exhibition with his friend and charged people to come and see it. He managed to raise quite a bit of money which he donated towards supporting the Russians.

His achievement was acknowledged by Clementine Churchill who wrote him a personal letter from 10 Downing Street to thank him for his efforts!

