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Fill up on festive goodies

Add extra sparkle to your Christmas shopping by snapping up **Cranbrook School themed goodies**. You can bag some of our special **Quincentenary items**, ranging from classy commemorative coasters for £3 each or limited edition beer glasses for £12. For anyone after a bargain, we have a special deal on our **special Quincentenary Beer** brewed by Old Dairy. We are offering a box of 12 for only the cost price of £20 as the suggested sell-by date was October 2018, but Old Dairy have assured us that the beer is still perfectly fine to drink.

Plus, don't miss the chance to celebrate the festive season with **Cranbrook School apple juice** at £3.50 a bottle, or three for £10.



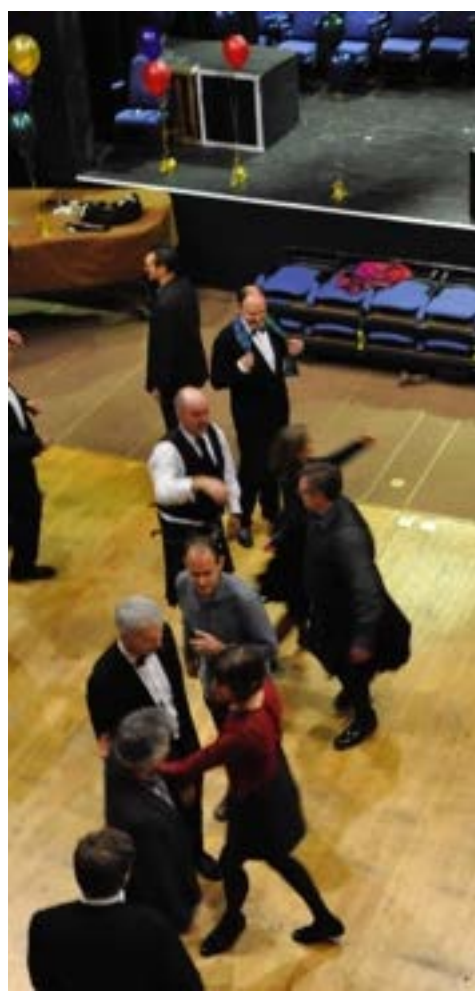
'Tis the season of giving – so remember The Giving Machine

Calling all Christmas shoppers . . . turn your festive shopping into a seasonal gift for Cranbrook School by using **The Giving Machine**.

It's an easy way to raise money at the click of a button whether you're stocking up on Xmas treats or splashing out on festive gifts, as a percentage will automatically be donated to the **CSPA**.

If you haven't already, sign up at thegivingmachine.co.uk, select **Cranbrook School CSPA** and whatever you spend online at the Giving Machine's partner stores, such as Amazon, Ocado, John Lewis and many more, a percentage will automatically be donated to Cranbrook School and the CSPA. Make sure you download the *Shop&Give* app on *iTunes* or *Playstore* to make it even easier.

If you shop at **Amazon**, go to [Amazon Smile](#) to raise funds for the CSPA. It's the same Amazon site, with the same products and prices; you simply need to register the **CSPA** as your chosen charity and Amazon will then donate a percentage of whatever you spend.



Get fired up for Burns Night Supper

Start your New Year with a lively Caledonian Ceilidh designed to set your feet tapping and pulses racing as tickets for our annual **Burns Night Supper are now on sale and cost £30 each**. One of the highlights of the CSPA social calendar, it's an evening of jigs and reels with Scottish country dancing preceded by a champagne reception and three-course feast that guarantees to keep the Celtic spirit flowing. The action kicks off at **7pm on Saturday January 26 in the Queen's Hall Theatre**. Don't miss it. [Book your tickets here](#).

Pull up a chair . . .

. . . and make it your own by sponsoring one of the seats in the **Queen's Hall Theatre for £45**, which will carry a plaque with your name. With nearly 100 waiting to be claimed, here's a chance to leave your own lasting impression. If you are interested contact CSPA chair [Henrietta King](#).



Apple Fair's lasting flavour

The fruits of everyone's labours paid off at **October's Apple Fair** when the CSPA stall notched up takings of **nearly £500** with brisk sales of Cranbrook School apple juice and other fruity goods. Our stall even enjoyed a visit from local celebrity and **Private Eye** editor **Ian Hislop**, known for his weekly appearances on satirical show *Have I Got News For You*.

Our thanks go to the team of volunteers whose efforts ensured a healthy apple turnover that made the day a success.



A race to the finish



There were winners galore at the CSPA's second annual Race Night as parent punters cheered on their steeds during an evening of fast-paced action. Parents queued up to place £1 bets before watching their chosen front-runners in a series of races played on a large screen. The action was fast and furious and triumphant patrons scooped their winnings, but the biggest winner of the evening was the CSPA which raised more than £200.

A big thanks to the enthusiasm of all those involved, especially Marina Kim who helped to lead proceedings, and Sally Duvoisin who rustled up a tasty veggie curry.

So where does the money go?



We don't just like to raise money at the CSPA - we like to spend it too!

Aside from significant contributions towards the Queen's Hall refurbishment and the redevelopment of the area outside the old DT block, we have also helped to purchase equipment for the Dissection Society plus the art and PE departments; funded mindfulness training for staff; paid for library books for the year 7s; and funded maths enrichment activities.

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Give us your views

How can we boost our fund-raising efforts?

Are there any events you want us to hold - and do you have fund-raising skills we could utilise?

We're all ears and keen to hear your ideas and suggestions.

We're also looking for volunteers to join our social committee to help turn our plans into action.

Contact CSPA chair Henrietta King if you can help.

