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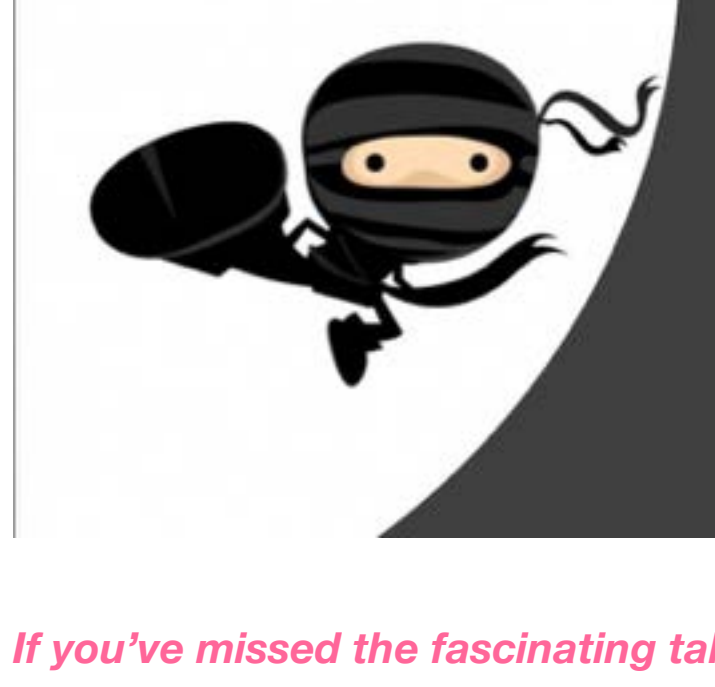
## Now here's a question . . .



*It's that time of year when Cranbrook School parents stick on their thinking caps to pit their wits against each other at the CSPA's annual Quiz Night. This year, it takes place on **Saturday April 25**, and the biggest question is: **Will you be there?** Contestants can come along in teams of 8-10 strong or individuals can join together to form teams on the night.*

Quiz master extraordinaire Rob Miller will be firing the questions during a fun evening of facts and frivolity that kicks off at 7pm in the School Dining Hall. Tickets are £15pp and include a delicious home-cooked supper.

[Book tickets](#)



## GET YOUR BRAIN IN GEAR

If you've missed the fascinating talks by **Andrew Wright** on how to get the best out of your brain, don't worry there are more to come. The self-confessed brain nerd is currently running a series of nine seminars designed to help you make the most of your grey matter and unlock your inner "Neuro-Ninja". **The next talk is on March 30, from 7pm-8pm in the Queen's Hall Theatre**, with the remainder following on April 28, May 12 and June 9.

The sessions are aimed at parents and students, with tickets costing £5 for adults (students are free) and [can be bought via the CSPA website](#).

[Book tickets](#)

## A flaming success

The CSPA's Burn's Night Supper – one of the highlights of our social calendar – set the sparks flying with a fabulous Caledonian celebration that attracted more than 120 guests and raised over £2,000 for CSPA funds.



The night was a tartan triumph thanks to a sterling drumming performance from CSPA secretary **John Harrod** and ace bagpiper **David Leckie** who piped in the haggis in fitting style, before the evening finished with spirited reels of Scottish dancing. This year's event was regarded as one of the best ever thanks to a number of notable contributions from our social committee. Specific thanks must go to **Tessa Teichmann-Derville** and **Helen Stevens** for putting together the excellent programme and attracting local advertisers, plus **Sally Duvoisin** and **Kristin Watt-Bonar** for securing raffle prizes that included vouchers for Bodiam Boating and Cook. Of course, we can't forget school chef **Graeme Edmonds** and his team for a fabulous haggis-led feast, along with the efforts of **CSPA volunteers** whose decorations lent such a festive flair to the dining hall. Make sure you check the CSPA website for [action shots of the evening's festivities](#).



## Shedloads of help



The school's sports teams and their loyal supporters can now enjoy a match made in heaven thanks to CSPA funds that are providing two new handsome sheds at the Astro turf and alongside the netball and tennis courts on Scott Field. Not only will they give helpers an excellent base from which to serve refreshments, but will surely help to encourage more parents wanting to come and support the school teams.

## CSPA officers re-elected

Following the CSPA's annual general meeting **Henrietta King** has been re-elected to serve her final year as chair. Vice-chair **Helen Stevens**, treasurer **Lorraine Cannell** and secretary **John Harrod** are also re-elected for another 12 months, along with the CSPA executive committee, which additionally welcomed new members **Kristin Watt-Bonar** and **Tessa Teichmann-Derville**.

## Remembering two brilliant boys



*The rain stopped and the sun shone in tribute to former Cranbrook School pupils **Joe Atkins** and **Freddie McLennan** during the special memorial football match held in their honour last December.*

Nearly 500 people turned out to pay tribute to the pair, who tragically died while travelling in Bolivia last summer, and helped to raise an amazing sum of £12,554 that is being split between two very worthwhile causes: the **Sam West Foundation** and **Football Beyond Borders**.

The CSPA's refreshments stand was busy from start to finish and we'd like to thank everyone who donated cakes, and volunteered to help at such an uplifting occasion that celebrated the lives of two exceptional young men.

## School goodies a-go-go

You can still bag our **special Quincentenary goods at special prices** with the biggest bargain being a box of six glasses for £15 and leather-bound commemorative coasters for £3 each or two for £5. Stylish woollen scarves in burgundy, gold and black, now an optional part of the school uniform, cost £28, plus natty silk burgundy ties are £25.

Order through the [CSPA website](#) ParentMail or via the **Second-Hand Uniform Shop**.



[Take me to the shop!](#)

## A uniform approach



Spring is in the air, so if you're having a new season clear-out, don't forget the **CSPA's Second-Hand School Uniform Shop** which welcomes donations of good quality second-hand uniform items (with the gold logo), along with sports equipment, GCSE and A-level books, plus other recommended school texts. **It is run by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Siobhan Hinds and Sarah Hues and over the last five months has taken over £500.** However, with your contributions we could push up takings even further. The shop opens on the first Saturday and Tuesday of each month, usually from around 9.30am-10.30am.

## Get spending to boost CSPA coffers

with The Giving Machine



with Amazon Smile



Don't forget to use the **Giving Machine** and **Amazon Smile** to ensure your spending raises money for the extra at the same time. There's no extra cost to you, but it makes all the difference to the CSPA's fund-raising efforts.

Simply register with [The Giving Machine](#) and [Amazon Smile](#).

and register **Cranbrook School Parents' Association** as your chosen charity. It's even easier if you download the apps which automatically ensure the donations are made.

[Instructions on the website.](#)

## STOP PRESS:

**Can you help to organise the CSPA's grand Summer Ball for June 2021?**

We are looking for volunteers to join the organising committee for our planned **Summer Ball on June 26, 2021**, which promises to be one of the highlights of the year. It follows the huge success of our Quincentenary Ball in 2018 which marked Cranbrook School's 500th anniversary and raised £20,000.

**Now we're hoping to do it all over again, but need your help to do so and we have to start planning now.**

Please contact **CSPA vice-chair Helen Stevens** if you can volunteer in any way, no matter how big or small.

[Contact and Join](#)

